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KEMH Alumni Inc Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome to the July issue of The Stork. In the last newsletter I wrote about the re-launch of the Edith Cowan Award of \$1000 which is for further study/conference attendance. We were thrilled to receive 11 submissions from many different areas of the hospital and it was decided that we would award \$2000 this year. All submissions detailed how the applicant would be helping to further excellence in the care of women, infants and their families. Hard decisions had to be made and we decided to award \$500 to four of the applicants.

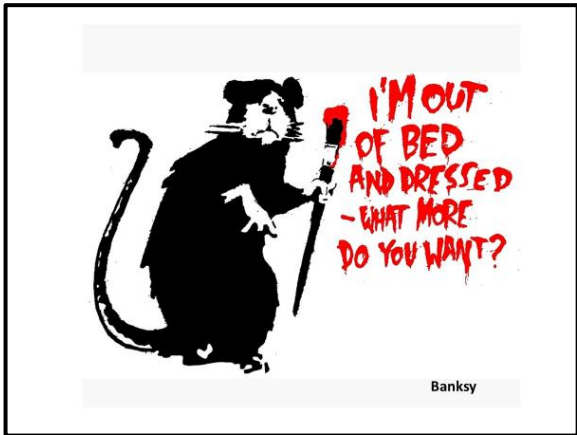
SOCIAL EVENT AND AGM – THURSDAY 27TH JULY

“Street Art - Banksy and Beyond” – this is a talk by Stephanie Watson, Art Gallery of WA Gallery Guide. This will be in the Clinical Staff Lounge, Level 2, A Block - (take front entrance lift to 2nd floor)
1800: Registration and refreshments provided
1830: Presentation
Entry: \$10 – all welcome
RSVP by July 24th 2023 to KEMH.Alumni@outlook.com

Please feel free to bring along a friend who may enjoy this social event



Alumni Members at King Eddies Day 6th July 2023



Banksy

PRESENTATION OF THE EDITH COWAN AWARD ON KING EDDIES DAY JULY 2023



Edith Cowan Award recipients and KEMH Alumni members July 6th 2023

EDITH COWAN AWARD WINNERS

Breastfeeding Centre – They will use the award to go towards an online course – “A Comprehensive Course in Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing” – for all current staff to update assessment and management of the babies in their care.

Jennifer Leverington from Maternal Fetal Medicine to go towards attendance at the Australian College of Midwives National Conference Sept 2023 to co-facilitate a workshop – “Midwives at the Centre of Preterm Birth Prevention” – and will use knowledge gained to improve care for women with high-risk pregnancies.

Neonates and Preterm Physiotherapy Group to go towards an online course – “The Hammersmith Neurological Examinations” – for all current staff to update assessment and management of the babies in their care.

Orla Peoples, Senior Social Worker, Social Work Department to go towards attendance at the Marce Society and Helen Mayo House Joint Perinatal Mental Health Conference. Knowledge gained would then be used in her role as Childbirth and Mental Illness Clinic Senior Social Worker.

KINGS BIRTHDAY 2023 HONOURS LIST OAM AWARDED TO KATE MCGURK



Our congratulations go to KEMH Alumni committee member Kate McGurk who has been awarded the Medal (OAM) of the Order of the Australia in the General Division, in the **King’s Birthday 2023 Honours list**. This is for the service to the visual arts through administrative roles.

Kate has been an active supporter of the arts in WA for many years and is currently a member of the KEMH Art Collection Committee and a volunteer with the Western Australian Historical Society. She was the Art Curator and Art Manager at KEMH from 2012 to 2019 is also a former President of the Art Gallery Society of WA.

These are just some of the many roles Kate has had, and projects she has been involved with that have supported the visual arts.

FUND RAISING

Thank you to all those have renewed their membership – your membership is a very important part of how we raise money to be able to support current staff of WNHS.

The fundraising committee are also holding a Fathers Day stall – on Wednesday the 30th August and Friday 1st September and will be offering for sale a variety of goods including Fun/funky socks, Bun in the Oven Cookbooks & Tea Towels.

Maybe you have an hour to come down and help with the stall – let us know – kemh.alumni@outlook.com - we are always happy to see members.

The cookbook and tea towels are also always available on-line through our web site - <https://www.kemhalumni.com.au/>



Prices range from \$6.00 to \$30.00

EFTPOS available

Excerpts from the **NORTH METROPOLITAN HEALTH SERVICE** Facebook page



International Midwives Day - Being a midwife is more than just a job, it is a highly regarded profession. The guidance, support and advice they provide to patients and families throughout the pregnancy and gynaecological journey is crucial, and something patients remember for the rest of their lives.



Celebrations were held across NMHS for **International Nurses Day**, which recognises the vital role nurses play in the community. We thank our nurses for the high-quality care they provide to our patients each and every day. They shape the patient experience with their care, compassion and respect. Our nurses are kind, professional and dedicated leaders whose commitment is truly outstanding.



In June the NMHS launched a statewide **Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Promotion and Prevention Plan for Infant Mental Health Awareness Week**. The Plan, which was launched by Hon. Ayor Makur Chuot MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region, aims to support services and organisations to implement practical strategies to promote mental wellbeing and prevent mental health conditions during the perinatal and infancy period. Research shows that the experiences and relationships we have in the earliest years of our lives, including before birth, impact on the development of our brains. The plan was developed through consultation and collaboration with those working across infant and perinatal mental health care in Western Australia, including research, clinical practice and community settings.