



# The STORK



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## KEMH Alumni Inc Newsletter

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### President's Message

Welcome to the April issue of The Stork – the year seems to be off to a flying start.

The Alumni took part in the International Women's Day event held at KEMH and re-launched the **Edith Cowan Award** which is for **further study/conference attendance**.

- This award will provide **up to \$1000** for conference attendance/further study that supports and enables excellence in care to women, their infants and families.
- **All current staff members** of the Women and Newborn Health Service are **eligible to apply** for the award.

Submissions close 5pm Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Email - [KEMH.Alumni@outlook.com](mailto:KEMH.Alumni@outlook.com) - for further details and an application form.

**Know someone you think could be interested?**

Please let them know about this award and encourage them to apply.



Anne Rae and Jenny Kennedy at our International Women's Day stall

### MAY SOCIAL EVENT

#### Heroes, Villains & Vagabonds

**A History of Perth** presented by Richard Offen - historian, author and broadcaster.

He has many stories to tell about a variety of Perth characters who have contributed to our city as we know it today.

Clinical Staff Lounge, Level 2, A Block KEMH  
Refreshments provided at 6pm prior to the talk starting at 6.30.

*Perhaps you could bring along a friend who has not yet had the opportunity to enjoy one of our social events?*

## KEMH ALUMNI STALL

An opportunity to buy Mothers Day gifts

**Wed 26th April & Friday 28th April 2023**

**1000 – 1600 hours in the Front Foyer**

**Fun/funky socks, succulent pots, Bun in the Oven Cookbooks & Tea Towels**



**Prices range from \$6.00 to \$30.00**

**EFTPOS available**

## **MARCH SOCIAL EVENT**

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 20 Alumni members and friends toured the Harry Perkins Institute for Medical Research. We learnt about the current research being conducted there and also saw some of the laboratory areas - a very interesting visit. The Harry Perkins Institute not only conducts it's own research, it also provides lab space for other researchers.



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

Staff at KEMH's Labour and Birth Suite were dressed in their finest green for St Patrick's Day to help some of the newest medical staff, who recently moved from Ireland, feel more at home. The team were very happy to pose for a photo to wish all of their Irish colleagues a happy St Patrick's Day and congratulate all those who had St Patrick's Day babies at the hospital.



Congratulations to King Edward Memorial Hospital Discharge Coordinator Caroline, who is the latest Women and Newborn Health Service Employee of the Month. Caroline was nominated for her passion and dedication to the role.

Her colleagues said Caroline constantly innovates and adapts models of care to meet the needs of patients.

## **Employee of the Month**

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Congratulations to Women and Newborn Health Service (WNHS) Nurse Co-Director Nicole Flendt for being awarded the 2023 Woman of the Year Award at WNHS. Awarded on International Women's Day Nicole was recognised for being a caring and considerate leader who is always the first to roll up her sleeves and help others. The Woman of the Year Award is an initiative of the WNHS Staff Wellness Committee.



Two winners at the 2023 WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards were KEMH Labour and Birth Suite Clinical Midwife Christine O'Connor who received the Excellence in Midwifery Award and KEMH Graduate Midwife Gabrielle Tapper who received the Graduate Midwife of the Year award.

Other nominees were Enrolled Nurse Petra Munro in the Excellence in Enrolled Nursing category, Midwife and researcher Zoe Bradfield in the Excellence in Research category and Midwife Paula Wells in the Excellence in Midwifery category.



In celebration of International Women's Day, NMHS is proud to announce that women hold some of the most senior roles, including (pictured left to right) Dr Jodi Graham, Diane Barr, Tanya Adair, Dr Shirley Bowen, Dr Theresa Marshall and Lara Moltoni.

We are pleased to say that more than half of our executive team are female.

NMHS recognises the importance of providing opportunities for women to progress their careers and encourages them to strive for leadership positions.



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