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KEMH Alumni Inc Newsletter

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President's Message

It is now Djeran - the autumn season, marking the transition to cooler weather with the first rains and the start of the courtship and marriage season for some groups.

I am enjoying the cooler nights for sleeping, and my garden is certainly looking happier without the really hot weather.

We have a wonderful Social Event coming up in May – a private viewing - behind the scenes at the Holmes a Court Collection.

Our president in 2018, Anne Rae, provided a summary outlining the objectives of the KEMH Alumni. These objectives remain the same in 2025 and I am reposting them so that everyone can see clearly what we represent and what you are helping to do as members.



OBJECTIVES OF THE KEMH ALUMNI

- *To provide a forum for past and current members of staff to meet, exchange ideas and socialise.
- *To foster a spirit of loyalty, promote the general welfare of KEMH and WNHS by supporting the organisation's goals.
- *To strengthen the ties between alumni, the community, and the organisation.
- *To maintain contact with past staff and ensure the history of KEMH and the WNHS is maintained and updated.
- *To raise funds for subsidised educational and social activities for member of the alumni.
- *To assist in raising the profile of the WNHS and KEMH in regard to recruitment and retention.
- *To establish a scholarship fund to assist in education and professional development of persons associated with King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women.

FUNDRAISING

The ALUMNI will once again have a stall before Mothers Day on Wed 30th April, Thurs 1st and Fri 2nd May – in the main foyer inside the front entrance to the hospital on Bagot Road.

Help with fundraising stalls is always appreciated so if you have an hour to spare on that day please get in touch – kemh.alumni@outlook.com

The **Cookbook** and **Tea Towels**, as always, are good gifts for Mothers Day as well as for anyone who is retiring or has had some link with KEMH. Both of these are also always available on-line through our web site - <https://www.kemhalumni.com.au/>

We are also selling socks – including bed socks – aprons and marmalade.



When sending his apology for not being able to attend our last social evening, Jeff Tompkins sent this picture of himself and friends, Noel French and Ronnie Hagan in January and stated that “We’re all doing pretty well!”

Excerpts from the NORTH METROPOLITAN HEALTH SERVICE Facebook page



The inaugural 'Emergency Management of Obstetric Emergencies' course was recently held at the SCGH Simulation Centre. Emergency physicians, obstetricians, midwives, anaesthetists and neonatologists led interactive workshops and high-fidelity simulations for emergency and prehospital staff to further their skills on managing obstetric emergencies.

Not only did the course bolster knowledge and skills for clinicians who don't see obstetrics commonly, it also brought together a diverse group of clinicians to improve teamwork and collaboration across disciplines.



Celebrations and activities were held across our sites to shine a spotlight on some of the remarkable women making a difference across our organisation.

Edwina Rudy, a research nurse at the Woman and Newborn Health Service (WNHS), was awarded Woman of the Year. The award recognises WNHS women who make a significant and positive difference to the wellbeing of patients, colleagues and community.

Edwina has been with WNHS for an impressive 41 years!



King Edward Memorial Hospital is home to a special clinic reducing preterm births attracting global interest for its focus on making every day count during pregnancy.

The Preterm Birth Prevention Clinic is staffed by a specialised, multi-disciplinary team, including specialist obstetricians, midwives and a clinical psychologist – all working together to reduce the rate of preterm birth



Our International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC) provide gold standard in lactation care to help establish breastfeeding routines and address milk supply and feeding issues.

Based at the Breastfeeding Centre of WA, they provide care for women giving birth at KEMH as Helpline care to women all across WA, regardless of where they gave birth.