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President's Message

We are now in the Noongar season of Kambarang, which is known as the "second spring" and the season of birth. It is marked by warming weather, the end of the rains, and the full bloom of wildflowers, especially yellows like the Australian Christmas Tree (Mooja).

My garden is certainly growing – including all the weeds I have been ignoring! I am having another try to make my own compost. A previous attempt ended up with green slime – not very nice!! Think I may have a better chance this time and I am getting advice from someone who knows what they are doing. My garden will certainly enjoy it.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

NOVEMBER SOCIAL EVENT

A presentation by Marsha Sullivan – “Man’s Best Friend - *Tails of the Dog Refuge*”.

This will be on Thur 20th November in the Clinical Staff Lounge at KEMH. Door open at 6pm and presentation at 6.30pm. Light refreshments provided.

Cost \$10 and all welcome.

FUNDRAISING

The ALUMNI will once again have a Christmas stall at the KEMH staff Christmas Markets on 10th December, 11.30 – 2pm.

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 Christmas as well as for anyone who is retiring or has had some link with KEMH. Both of these are always available on-line through our web site - <https://www.kemhalumni.com.au/>

We are also selling socks and marmalade.



BENTLEY PINES LUNCH



A lovely lunch was enjoyed at the Bentley Pines in September. As always the service and food were of a very high standard and lunch was enjoyed by all.

THE ROSE GARDEN



Pregnancy and Infant Loss Rememberence Day on the 15th of October was marked by an event held in the Rose Garden at KEMH. Those in attendance could choose to write the name of their infant on a butterfly and to place that in the garden.

The day was warm and sunny and the roses were all in bloom providing a very beautiful setting.

Excerpts from the NORTH METROPOLITAN HEALTH SERVICE Facebook page



Congratulations to King Edward Memorial Hospital Clinical Nurse Specialist Jess, Employee of the Season.

Jess was recognised for her exceptional kindness, empathy and compassion when delivering care to her patients through the Pregnancy Choices and Abortion Care team.



A world-first initiative developed at KEMH has led to a significant reduction in preterm and early birth rates, improving the outcomes for thousands of women and their babies across the country.

The dedication and hard work of clinical staff harnessing new knowledge to prevent preterm birth and shape new research has led to around 4000 fewer early births in Australia since the program began in WA in 2018. Preterm birth which is defined as birth after 20 weeks and before 37 completed weeks of pregnancy, remains a leading cause of death and long-term disability in children worldwide. Congratulations to Professor John Newnham and the Preterm Birth Prevention Clinic team at King Edward Memorial for all their incredible work and results.



North Metropolitan Health Service Go the Extra Mile (GEM) awards.

The annual awards recognise and celebrate individual and collective achievements across North Metropolitan Health Service.

Some of the 2025 GEM Award winners were:

Driving Innovation: Sexual Assault Resource Centre, Women and Newborn Health Service

Outstanding Leader: Anita Coutinho, Women and Newborn Health Service

Improving Consumer Experience: Kelly Caspersz, Women and Newborn Health Service

Strengthening Partnerships: Kaylene Bowes-Smith, Women and Newborn Health Service



A warm welcome was given to 19 newly qualified nurses and seven midwives who recently began their careers across the Women and Newborn Health Service.

For the first time a gynaecology oncology newly qualified registered nurse program was introduced.

Over the next 12 months these newly qualified nurses and midwives will experience a variety of clinical practice opportunities, providing career pathways at King Edward Memorial Hospital, Osborne Park Hospital and the WA Country Health Service.