



# KJMNewsletter

KJ McPherson Education and Research Foundation

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## KJM Patron's Day 2014

Grants to the value of \$30,000 were awarded by the KJ McPherson Education and Research Foundation on 18 November 2014. The Grants Presentation ceremony was held in the Brisbane City Hall in conjunction with Leadership Symposium and trade displays and attendance by the Foundation sponsors. Keynote speakers including the Minister for Health, the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, inspired attendees with their presentations. Recipients from 2013 presented on their projects at this function.

Grants were awarded in every sponsored category with the recipients committing themselves to special projects for professional development to further enhance their capacity to serve as paramedics.

The **Patron's Research Grant for 2014** was awarded to **Anthony Smith of QCESA** for his project to investigate "Competency assessment for entry to practice of final year paramedical students?"



Sponsored by Physio Control.

## \$5,000 Dr Peter Stephenson Overseas Study Grant Sponsored by Dr Stephenson of Montserrat Day Hospitals

The grant provides an opportunity for a QAS operational officer to undertake an overseas professional development opportunity with information shared with their peers on return.

The successful applicant for this grant was **Ben Lawson**. Ben is an Intensive Care Paramedic / Acting Officer-in-Charge at Toowoomba Station.

Ben plans to use his grant to attend the "SMACC 2015 conference in Chicago, USA".



## \$3,000 QAS Research and Development Grant Sponsored by Spectrum Data Systems International

This year's grant went to **Wayne Loudon**. Wayne's project is to observe and review the International Pre-hospital stroke pathways including the possibility of London, Germany and Toronto (these centres have well developed pathways).



Great state. Great opportunity.  
And a plan for the future.

### **\$1,000 United Voice Outstanding Student Graduate of the Year Grant Sponsored by United Voice**

This year's Outstanding Student of the Year grant was awarded to **Deborah Gibb**. Officer Gibb has recently completed her Diploma and was awarded Dux for her group.

Officer Gibb has consistently performed to a high standard throughout the Diploma program and consistently achieved excellent results for all assessment items.

Officer Gibb has consistently displayed the attitudes and behaviours expected of a QAS paramedic to a high level and has served as a role model within her station for qualified and graduate paramedics alike.



### **\$2,000 KJM Professional Development Grant Sponsored by KJM**

This year's grant was awarded to **Anthony Laing** who will use his grant to attend the 10th Annual Spark of Life International Conference – Melbourne 2015, presented by the Australian Resuscitation Council



### **\$1,000 QAS Professional Development Grant Sponsored by Laerdal**

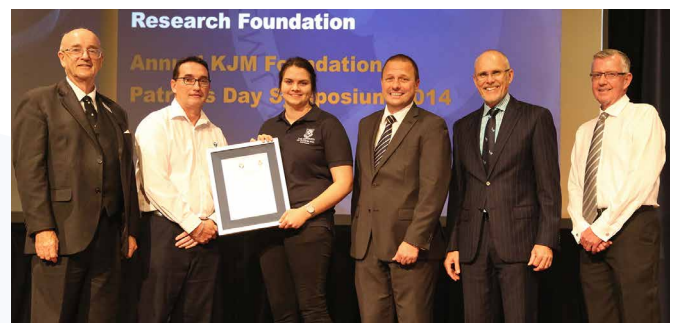
This year's grant was awarded to **Tim Watkins**. Tim will use his grant to attend the EMS Today conference – Baltimore – February 2015 and visit various EMS Services



### **\$2,000 PA Student Scientific Grants Sponsored by Paramedic Australasia**

The PA Student Scientific Grant 2014 was awarded across the university paramedic programs. Successful students were:

**Best 'Poster' Prize – Rachel Kluck:** Point-of-Care Troponin Testing for non-STEMI: IS it feasible in the prehospital setting?



**Runner-up Best 'Poster' Prize – Cheniel Steinscherer:** Point-of-Care Troponin Testing for non-STEMI: IS it feasible in the prehospital setting?





**Best 'Paper' Prize – Cameron Leman:** Life Threatening Australian Marine Stingers: A Systematic Review of Prehospital Treatment Options



**Runner-up Best 'Paper' Prize – Matilda Phillips:** Examining the efficacy of adrenaline in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest



PA is the leading representative association for professionals engaged in the delivery of out of hospital emergency medical systems. PA provides a national platform for policies and representation to enhance the quality of out of hospital emergency patient care in Australia.



## About the Foundation

Since the inception of the Foundation, over \$160,450 has been granted to outstanding QAS paramedics to further both professional development and educational opportunities. These grants embody the mission of the Foundation to support pre-hospital care research and education and reflect the Foundation's commitment to ensuring better outcomes for patients.

This outcome is possible as a result of the generosity and commitment of our donors and sponsors.

## Who was Kenneth James McPherson?

Kenneth James McPherson DSM (known as Jim) lost his life tragically in an aerial ambulance crash along with his colleagues and the patient in 1987. Jim was known for his compassion and respect for patients and for his commitment to the development of clinical skills.

To continue his legacy, Jim's family decided to establish a Foundation so his vision and commitment would not be lost.

We welcome your donations and offers of in-kind support.

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