

Grant presentation ceremony

On Wednesday 25 November the KJ McPherson Education & Research Foundation (the Foundation) held its annual grants presentation ceremony at Brisbane City Hall. Grants to the value of \$30,000 were awarded at the ceremony, which was held in conjunction with the day-long Leadership Symposium and trade display, attended by Foundation sponsors.

Keynote speakers included the Minister for Health, the Honourable Cameron Dick MP, Robert Mullins (UQ), Dr Mark Loane (Vision Eye Institute) Prof Neil Kin & Prof Michael Rosemann (QUT) – all inspiring attendees with their presentations.

Patron's Research Grant



The \$15 000 Patron's Research Grant was awarded to Wayne Loudon of North Lakes Station for his project An investigation of the diagnosis and stratification of ischaemic and haemorrhagic hyper-acute stroke in the pre-hospital environment.

Dr Peter Stephenson Overseas Study Grant



This \$5000 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 Prue Sneddon.

Prue is an Intensive Care Paramedic at Ipswich Station and she plans to use her grant to attend the Social Media and Critical Care Conference (SMACC) 2016 conference in Dublin, Ireland".



Spectrum Data Systems International QAS Research and Development Grant



This year's \$3000 grant went to Greg Reaburn. Greg's project involves "Researching a combined skill set of a paramedic and Physician's Assistant that can straddle 3 sectors of health care: Prehospital care, Primary care and Hospital care".



United Voice Outstanding Student Graduate of the Year Grant



The \$1000 Graduate of the Year grant was awarded to Matthew Cividin. Matthew commenced induction at Kirwan Station (Townsville LASN) in 2014. He initially commenced at Kirwan Station as a Graduate Paramedic in his Phase 3.

Matthew then successfully progressed through to Phase 4. we saw the same quality of work and dedication to the community as I had seen through his Phase 3. Matthew had the unerring capability of assisting their progress and providing information on what to expect

Matthew has recently been accepted on the Endeavour Ship. This will provide him with “a unique, challenging and inspirational experience”. Matthew’s voyage will provide him with the opportunity to “increase self-awareness, develop teamwork and leadership skills and create a strong sense of community responsibility”.



PA Professional Development Grant Sponsored by Paramedics Australasia



This year’s \$2,000 grant was awarded to Daniel O’Brien who will use his grant to attend the ANZAHPE 2016 Conference in Perth in March 2016



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This year’s \$1,000 grant was awarded to Mark Costello. Tim will use his grant to attend the Specialist Training in Aeromedical Retrieval on 20-22 November 2015.



PA Student Scientific Grants



The \$2,000 PA Student Scientific Grant 2015 was awarded across the university paramedic programs. Successful students were: Best ‘Poster’ Prize— Rachel Kluck(UQ): Intravenous paracetamol as a prehospital alternative to opioids for acute pain.

Runner-up Best ‘Poster’ Prize— Anthony McErvale, Kellie Schuller, Sasha Schuller, Janine Summons(USC): Point-of-Care Troponin Testing for non-STEMI: IS it feasible in the prehospital setting?

Best ‘Paper’ Prize was shared between David Armour: Implementation of Adenosine for Supraventricular Tachycardia in the Pre-hospital Setting and Luke Moreton: Implementation of Adenosine for Supraventricular Tachycardia in the Pre-hospital Setting.

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.

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