



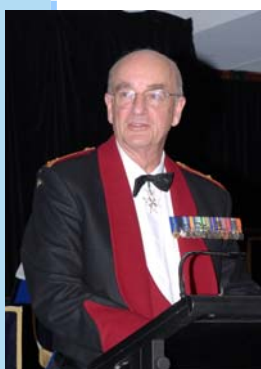
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KJM Patron's Day 2008

Overview Patron's Day Symposium:
'Sport and Environmental Medicine'



On 5 November 2008 at Royal on the Park, Brisbane, Mr David Melville APM, Commissioner Queensland Ambulance Service, opened the third Patron's Day Symposium organised by the Foundation. The symposium participants included QAS senior management and QAS managers responsible for providing clinical leadership and guidance to paramedics as well as researchers from a range of clinical and allied health areas from leading Queensland health care institutions.

In the opening session the Foundation Patron, Major General John Pearn AM, RFD, outlined his views about the possibilities for paramedic engagement in the delivery of out-of-hospital care across a broad spectrum of situations relevant to our diverse and dispersed communities in Queensland.

Commissioner Melville outlined the future service delivery model focussed on clinical and general leadership and role modelling.
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Award Recipients 2008



\$1,000

LHMU/AEA Outstanding Student Graduate of the Year Grant

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This was awarded to Sarah Windsor, the Student Paramedic who demonstrated exceptional personal and professional leadership qualities in all aspects of her paramedic studies.



\$1,000

QAS Professional Development Grant Sponsored by Laerdal

This year's grant was awarded to Brooke Sauer who will attend a Trauma Nursing Core Course.



\$3,000

QAS Research & Development Grant Sponsored by SDSI

This year's grant went to Joanne Stevens, Rob Shillam, Amanda Harper and Ross MacDonald to conduct research into what is best practice for the final assessment of Student Paramedics



Patron's Research Grant 2008

The recipient of the 2008 Patron's Research Grant is Anthony Smith of North Coast Region.

The generous support of Physio Control through the provision of sponsorship of \$15,000 enables the Foundation to offer this research grant annually.

Tony is interested in researching the *pharmacology of intranasal fentanyl in the pre-hospital treatment of patients with musculoskeletal trauma*

Patron's Dinner



Her Excellency, Ms Penelope Wensley AO, Governor of Queensland, attended the 2008 Patron's Dinner and was warmly welcomed by all. Her Excellency paid tribute to those who have lost their lives in ambulance service. She also spoke of the patron's Day activities as an active and evolving memorial to those past ambulance personnel.

The Patron's Dinner on 5th November 2008 was an excellent opportunity to recognise the contribution made by Queensland paramedics every day. The Mr Neil Roberts MP, the Minister for Emergency Services, outlined how the research grants that were presented will provide exciting opportunities for some dedicated paramedics.

Commissioner Melville spoke about the era of innovation in which we now all live and the need to maintain a capacity to meet community demands from the ambulance services.

MC for the evening, Kevin Ryan, kept the proceedings moving smoothly and musical entertainment was enjoyed throughout dinner, courtesy of Queensland Police Pipes and Drums and the 1st Field Regiment Artillery Band.

2007 Research Grant Report

At this year's clinical symposium Ian Unverzagt presented a report on the progress of his team's 2007 winning proposal: *The efficacy of mechanical ventilation of intubated patients in intensive care paramedicine*

Progress to date:

The project team has established and reaffirmed its study objectives, identified the time line and study measures, created data capture tools, further clarified intended outcomes and identified trial equipment and relevant case studies. Preliminary results were presented to the clinical symposium on 5 November 2008.



Farewell to John McPherson



On 1 February 2008, QAS honoured former Deputy Commissioner John McPherson who died after

a long battle with leukaemia.

Family, friends, colleagues and members of the Ipswich Community gathered for his funeral as QAS flags flew at half mast across the state.

Mr McPherson had 40 years of service with the Queensland Ambulance, beginning as a Driver in his early 20s in 1953. He went on to become a Superintendent at Thursday Island, Theodore, Kingaroy, Rockhampton and Brisbane.

In 1991, Mr McPherson became the Deputy Commissioner (Operations), QAS. He retired in 1994.

Mr McPherson and his wife Jean were long time supporters of QAS through the provision of grants and awards following the establishment of the KJ McPherson Education & Research Foundation, in memory of their son, who died in an air ambulance crash at Bundaberg in 1987.

At the time Acting Commissioner Neil Kirby acknowledge John's passing as a senior statesman for QAS:

"Many staff would give testimony to his leadership and guidance over this many years of service and, even throughout his retirement years, he has never been far from the Service", Mr Kirby said.

"Mr McPherson's continued and tireless work for the Foundation is testimony to his life-long dedication to his family and QAS. He is cemented as a significant contributor to the history of QAS and will be sadly missed.

John & Jean were also great supporters of the Queensland Cancer Council and have raised significant amounts of money for that Council over many years.



KJM Patron's Day - Symposium cont.

The symposium followed three main themes:

A) In Prehospital Clinical Practice Professor Lieutenant Colonel Craig Shramm's presentation [Pre-Hospital Management of Heat Stroke and Heat Stress](#) and Paramedic Ian Unverzagt's (2007 Patron's Research Grant recipient) [Pre-Hospital Mechanical Ventilation "Surviving to Handover"](#) provided some exciting new research findings. These will directly impact on practices for both first aiders and paramedics responding to these two situations.

B) Catastrophies—Big and Small featured two presentations:

Dr Richard Franklin - [Drowning in Australia—Can we make a difference?](#)

Prof Peter Leggat - [Developments in postgraduate disaster health and aeromedical retrieval education at JCU](#)

C) Injuries and Responses took us through the challenging issues of:

Prof Peter Fricker - [Elite Athletes & Their Injuries](#)

Paramedic Brett Rogers - [Saturday Afternoon Injuries](#)

Paramedic John Hinder - [Clinical Prompt Sheets](#)

Report from last year's recipients of the QAS Research & Development Grant - Paramedics Scott Harris & Matt Green's presentation on [New Models for Professional Mentoring for Paramedics](#) The afternoon closed with Prof Peter Fricker's presentation on [Sport and the Environment](#).



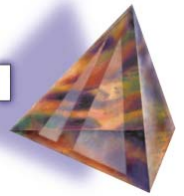
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How you can Help

There are a number of ways you can help. Here are some suggestions for your consideration:

- If you are from a corporation please consider becoming a sponsor. KJM sponsors enjoy a range of benefits including the opportunity to partner with us in supporting research activities and a range of publicity opportunities.
- Employees of Emergency Services can support KJM through salary contributions. It's an easy way to make a big difference.
- We welcome donations. Contributions of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

If you would like to contribute your time, we appreciate practical support in the lead up to and during our special events.

About the Foundation

Since the inception of the Foundation, over \$87, 200 has been granted to outstanding Queensland paramedics to further both professional development and educational opportunities. These grants embody the mission of the Foundation to support prehospital 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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