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KJM Patron's Day 2011



The 6th KJ McPherson Education and Research Foundation Patron's Dinner & Grants Presentation was held on 9 November 2011.

The Patron's Research Grant winner for 2011 was *Rebeca Costello*. Rebeca's project will involve developing a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) process focusing on the current Queensland Ambulance Service dispatch procedures.

Rebeca, known as Bec to her colleagues, joined Queensland Ambulance Service in 1999 after completing her university studies.

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Rebeca was quickly recognised for her tenacity and willingness to seek out new opportunities to further her skills. She has performed various communications supervisor relief since 2006, and moved to a secondment to QEMs Coordination Centre in 2010 as an AeroMedical dispatcher and then appointed to Communications Centre Supervisor in 2011.

In her time with the Queensland Ambulance Service Rebeca has also completed the following qualifications: Certificate III Ambulance Communication (Call Taking), Certificate IV Ambulance Communication (Dispatch), ED-Q Certificate (Quality Assurance Accreditation for the Medical Priority Dispatch System).

Rebeca's work in this role further developed her skills with in-depth case analysis and investigation. During this time Rebeca identified the need for a dispatch quality control process.

Rebeca believes that a well structured dispatch audit program will not only improve the educational outcomes for QAS staff but ultimately improve the clinical outcomes of those most important – Our Patients.



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United Voice Outstanding Student Graduate of the Year Grant

Sponsored by United Voice

Awarded to Carmen Jensen of Helensvale Station. Carmen has consistently demonstrated a high level of clinical knowledge and practice and her dedication has been demonstrated by her gaining the Group 77 Dux award on her graduation on 21st October this year.



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KJM Professional Development Grant Sponsored by Tynan MacKenzie

This year's grant was awarded to Brad Setch. Following on from his 2010 Patron's Research Grant (\$15,000) Brad has been awarded the KJM Professional development Grant for 2011 to facilitate the continuance of his project to find the best extrication techniques for patients injured in road accidents. Brad's project aims to reduce the time spent on the management of road crash patients at the scene. In this project he is working closely with QFRS and in enhancing road accident rescue strategies and techniques.

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Patron's Dinner

QAS Commissioner Russell Bowles chose the dinner as the most appropriate opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding contribution to and support of the Foundation by our patron Major General Professor John Pearn AO. Professor Pearn was presented with the QAS Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of this service. He has been instrumental in attracting and encouraging high caliber clinical presenters to the annual clinical symposium since 2005. Professor Pearn has effectively been the Clinical Symposium program director since that time.



Professor Pearn has taken a keen interest in the protocol and decorum underpinning the formalities that help make the Patron's Presentation Dinner the success it has been for the last six years. He has also been a key contributor to the nature and operation of the Foundation's professional grants processes and structures.

The Patron's Dinner was the last official Foundation function for retiring committee member Russell Linwood ASM. Russell will complete his membership of the Foundation Membership Committee at the December meeting. Russell had facilitated preparation and presentation of the Kenneth James Memorial Trust and KJ McPherson Education & Research Foundation awards from the time of his first involvement with the Trust which then became the Foundation. We all acknowledge the commitment and dedication of Russell as a member of the Committee and on behalf of the Foundation Committee sincerely thank Russell and wish him every success in his new life.



Medical Musos entertained KJM dinner guests at the 2011 KJM Patron's Dinner and Grants Presentation. A highlight of the dinner were two outstanding performances from flutist Dr Zhenya Welyczko and oboist Anna Schulz along with Dr Tania Trinh on keyboard who delivered highly professional musical interludes to the absolute delight of all present.



KJM Committee

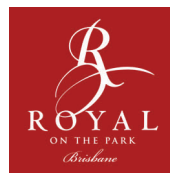
The audience was made up of QAS personnel, university guests, sponsors, other supporters, spouses and partners.

A key event of the night was the presentation of the 2011 KJM grants.

Musical entertainment was also provided during pre dinner drinks by the Queensland Police Pipes & Drums. The Brisbane trio Soul Therapy entertained guests and provided dance music to round off a enjoyable night.

A lucky door raffle created some fun and included prizes of accommodation and dinner for two at Royal on the Park Hotel, fire safety products kindly donated by QFRS, first aid kits donated by QAS Community Services Unit, a Navman, 2 KJM Charity Golf Day tickets and 4 bottles of wine.

Raffle Prizes donated by:



Grant Recipients 2011

Dr Peter Stephenson Overseas Study Grant



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. This grant is sponsored by Dr Peter Stephenson of Montserrat Hospitals.

The successful applicant for this grant was Tim Anderson. Tim is currently officer-in-charge at Woodford QAS where he frequently attends to patients who are involved in traffic crashes and farm accidents and those who suffer life threatening traumatic injuries. Tim plans to enhance his paramedic skills and gain further insight into the management of patients who have been injured by attending the Trauma Care conference in the United Kingdom in April 2012. Also he will also visit the North West Ambulance Service in the UK. His aim is to evaluate the issues that confront the NWAS and to gain a greater understanding of the similarities and differences of this service as compared to the QAS.

Tim's career began with the QATB in Brisbane in August 1979. He has served at a number of stations on the north side of Brisbane including performing in the roles of Ambulance Officer, Skills Maintenance Officer and is currently an Advanced Care Paramedic with Extended Care practice.

In 2006 Tim achieved a lifelong goal by gaining the Bachelor of Health Science. He has also been involved in his community wherever he has lived by being a member of service clubs including Apex Club's as is currently a member of the Woodford Community Bus Management Committee.



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QAS Research & Development Grant

Sponsored by SDSI

This year's grant went to Rod Sheather. Rod's project will look into the ability of paramedics to accurately administer the Australian Triage Scale.

Rodney Sheather has proved himself a dedicated paramedic over many years. Not only has he served in a number of ambulance leadership roles ranging from Officer-in-Charge, Educator, Director Operations and Assistant Commissioner.

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QAS Professional Development Grant

Sponsored by Laerdal

This year's grant was awarded to Warren Kellett. Warren will be investigating Managing Geographically Dispersed Teams. Warren known as Bumper to his colleagues joined Queensland Ambulance Service in 1989 as a Cadet at Rockhampton Station. During Warren's career of 22 years of has fulfilled the roles of Air Attendant, Intensive Care Paramedic, Flight Paramedic, Officer-in-Charge and Area Director.



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**\$2,000****PA Student Scientific Grants**

The PA Student Scientific Grant 2011 was awarded across the university paramedic programs. Successful students were:

Best 'Poster' Prize— **Bridget Campbell & Arkin Mackay of USC**—themed: Blood Lactate: Can Pre-Hospital measurement improve triage?

Second Place - Best 'Poster' Prize — **Trish Vernyik & Harrison Byrnes of ACU**—themed: Efficiency of Intranasal Fentanyl as an Adjunct to other Narcotic Analgesics in the Pre-Hospital Setting

Best 'Paper' Prize — **Mark Tuppack of QUT**—themed: The Pre-Hospital and Hospital Management of Right-Ventricular Myocardial Infarction

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Queensland Police Pipes & Drums



Musicians



KJM Clinical Symposium 2011

Trauma, Tragedy & Triage

Overview Patron's Day Clinical Symposium:

On 9 November 2011 at Royal on the Park, Brisbane, the 7th Patron's Day Clinical Symposium organised by the Foundation was held. The Welcome Address was given by Kelvin Anderson Director-General of the Department of Community Safety. 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. Among the guests was Michael Brooke of St John New Zealand and Paul Holman of Ambulance Victoria

The symposium followed four main themes:

Session 1

Reaching Out – Response beyond our borders

Christchurch Earthquake Overview - Michael Brooke, Operations Director, St John Ambulance NZ

"You got to want to be in-charge" Challenges for ambulance emergency managers - Paul Holman ASM, Mgr Emergency Management Section, Ambulance Victoria and Chair, Council of Ambulance Authorities Emergency Management Committee

Session 2 Nature & Nurture

"Suicide is Painless: The Assassin's Hand and Other Interesting Facts." - Dr Katherine Isoardi

Overseas Study Tour Presentation - Joanne Plant

Session 3 Rapid Access, Extrication & Specialist Care

Vehicle Relocation for Patient Extrication - Brad Setch & Daryl Rush

Panel Discussion – Patient Extrication: The mechanics and clinical considerations

Session 4 Where to from Here

Changing technologies: Changing futures - Prof Sohail Inayatullah

Two iPod prizes were donated by Fairchild Multimedia Pty Ltd. Warren Kellett won the lucky draw prize of an iPod for completing and returning the symposium feedback survey form and the other was won by Nathan Hogg for being the quickest to complete folding a cardboard ambulance moneybox. Tynan MacKenzie gave away 2 bottles of wine as lucky draw prizes to Helen Eyles & Scott Cooper

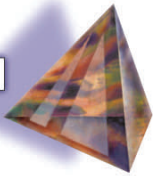


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A montage of sponsors and supporters

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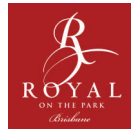


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How you can Help

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 Department of Community Safety can support KJM through salary contributions. It's an easy way to make a big difference. We welcome donations. All 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.

DON'T FORGET

Lock in Friday 25 May 2012 in your diary now for the next KJM Golf Day. See the webpage (below) for booking details closer to the time.

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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