



KJ McPherson Education & Research Foundation Newsletter

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KJM Grants Presentation 2012

Metro North Paramedic awarded two Grants



Grants to the value of \$29,000 were awarded by the KJ McPherson Education & Research Foundation on 21 November 2012. The Grants Presentation ceremony was held in the auditorium at Kedron in conjunction with a trade display and attendance by the Foundation sponsors. Recipients from 2011 were the key speakers at the function. Topics included: Vehicle Relocation for Patient Extrication, Trauma Care Conference – UK, CQI - Ambulance Dispatch, How much air is enough? - Estimation techniques in assessing endotracheal tube cuff pressures

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.

For the first time in the history of the grants one paramedic has applied for and been awarded two separate and distinct grants. Congratulations are in order here to Mark Disney, an Intensive Care Paramedic at North Lakes QAS station.

Not only did Mark win the Patron's Research Scholarship as the inaugural winner of this grant, he also was awarded the QAS Research and Development Grant.

Mark's will use the scholarship undertake a Graduate Certificate in Public Health – Part Time Study, majoring in Health Research Methods, Epidemiology of infectious Diseases, Epidemiology, Control of Infectious Disease.

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\$3,000 QAS Research & Development Grant Sponsored by SDSI

This year's grant went to Mark Disney. Mark's project will compare the ability of advanced airway providers within the Queensland Ambulance Service to adequately inflate and assess the pressures of endotracheal tube cuffs by estimation techniques when compare to direct intracuff measurement via cuff manometer.

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Grant Recipients 2012

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 David Hill. David is an executive manager for QAS performance review processes and will undertake a study tour of the London Ambulance Service to gain an insight into the systems and processes used to measure and report daily activity and performance.

David plans to also visit other National Health Service ambulance locations in the UK to gain further insight into the management of ambulance recording and performance.



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

Awarded to Frank Carfora who has consistently demonstrated a commitment to developing his clinical knowledge and practice Frank is a student paramedic currently assigned to Northgate in the Metro North LASN.



Grant Recipients 2012 cont.

\$2,000

KJM Professional Development Grant Sponsored by Tynan MacKenzie

This year's grant was awarded to Mary-Anne Head who will use the grant to facilitate the continuance of her understanding of research methodologies and preparation of research project submissions. In particular, Mary-Anne will use the grant to gain further insight into developing Research study proposals to help her with her project as follows: Colour Coded drugs trial aims to reduce the number of drug errors. Mary-Anne is a paramedic educator from the Gold Coast LASN

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\$1,000

QAS Professional Development Grant Sponsored by Laerdal

This year's grant was awarded to Janeese Kenyon who will also use the grant to facilitate the continuance of her understanding of research methodologies and preparation of research project submissions. In particular, Janeese will use the grant to gain further insight into developing Research study proposals to help her with her project as follows: Colour Coded drugs trial aims to reduce the number of drug errors. Janeese is a paramedic educator from the Gold Coast LASN



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PA Student Scientific Grants

The PA Student Scientific Grant 2012 was awarded across the university paramedic programs. Successful students were:

Best 'Poster' Prize— Brenton Murphy, Scott Kelly, Emily White: Prehospital Antibiotics for the Management of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock

Best 'Paper' Prize — Daniel Clarke: Tranexamic Acid for the bleeding Trauma Patient in the Prehospital Environment - Earlier the better?

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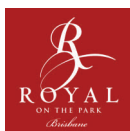
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How you can Help

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 24 May 2013 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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