



# KJ McPherson Education & Research Foundation Newsletter

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## KJM Grants Presentation 2013

Grants to the value of \$29,000 were awarded by the KJ McPherson Education & Research Foundation on 3 December 2013. The Grants Presentation ceremony was held in the auditorium at the Queensland Combined Emergency Services Academy at Whyte Island in conjunction with a trade display and attendance by the Foundation sponsors. Recipients from 2012 were the key speakers at the function. These included a clinical presentation by Dr Steve Rashford ASM and Kate Pemberton, overseas study tour to the London Ambulance Service by David Hill, and "How much air is enough?" by Mark Disney.

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 2013 was awarded to Richard Galeano for his project on *"Evaluating the health and work-life balance of paramedics in the Queensland Ambulance Service"*



**\$5,000**

**Dr Peter Stephenson  
Overseas Study Grant  
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**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 Nathan Daley. Nathan is an Advanced Care paramedic from Cunnamulla Station.

Nathan plans to use his grant to attend a course on *"Clinical Acute Care in the Resource Poor Environment"*.



## Grant Recipients 2013

**\$3,000**

### **QAS Research and Development Grant Sponsored by Spectrum Data Systems International**

This year's grant went to Jamie Rhodes. Jamie's project asks "*Does the attendance of an Intensive Care Paramedic at an adult cardiac arrest in Queensland improve patient outcome?*" In accordance with the judging criteria Jamie's project is entirely compatible with the QAS Research agenda and a complementary presentation on a similar subject was a feature of the clinical agenda for the Mini Symposium in conjunction with the Grant Presentations.



**\$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 Michael Porter. Michael has performed exceptionally well in all aspects of his course from an academic and practical perspective. He demonstrated excellent leadership during the Bundaberg flood disaster evacuating patients.



## Grant Recipients 2013 cont.

**\$2,000**

### KJM Professional Development Grant Sponsored by Tynan MacKenzie



This year's grant was awarded to Belinda Flanagan who will use the grant to facilitate her research project entitled *"Epidemiology of Birth Before Arrivals requiring Paramedic care in Queensland"*. Belinda fits her research project into her full life as a mother, a nurse, a paramedic and a lecturer in the Paramedic Sciences at Sunshine

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**\$1,000**

### QAS Professional Development Grant Sponsored by Laerdal



This year's grant was awarded to Alannah Brown. Alannah will use the grant to attend the 2014 Paramedics Australasia International Conference on the Gold Coast.



**\$2,000**

### PA Student Scientific Grants

The PA Student Scientific Grant 2013 was awarded across the university paramedic programs. Successful students were:

Best 'Poster' Prize— Chantahl Stedman: Cardiac Auscultation

Runner-up Best 'Poster' Prize— Richard Colson: The Use of the Combitube Airway in Pre-Hospital Cardiorespiratory Arrest



Best 'Paper' Prize — Brodie Pearce: Medical Mythology: The Tall Tale of the Trendelenburg Tilt as applicable to Pre-Hospital Practice  
Runner-up Best 'Paper' Prize — Rebecca Whalley: Supraventricular Tachycardia

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.







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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.



## 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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