

A message from the President



Dear Supporters,

In writing my inaugural 'message' to you as President of the Royal Hospital for Women Foundation, I would like to thank my predecessor, Jacqueline Samuels for her past commitment, and the Foundation's board of directors for their trusting support as we move forward into 2010.

The article in this Newsletter titled 'What a wonderful legacy' gives recognition to Jacqueline who generously gave so much of her time over so many years.

Looking back to early 2009, there were certainly many fundraising ideas that we were keen to embrace. The Mother's Day Royal Picnic held at Entertainment Quarter was attended by over 10,000 Mums, Dads and children. It was a fun day for the children and pampering for the Mums was high on the agenda!

The Secret Women's Business lunches held at Quay Restaurant, were very popular with guest speakers such as comedian, Julia Morris, one of the Royal's specialists doctors, Dr Julee Oei, business woman, Marliynne Paspaley, actress and author, Tara Moss and well known broadcaster, Tracy Grimshaw. Actor, Jack Thompson was our special guest for the inaugural Secret Men's Business Dinner, also held at Quay Restaurant.

We are ever mindful of the financial support we receive from these events. It gives the Foundation the incredible opportunity to help fund important research and also purchase much needed medical equipment that, for example, Baby Lucy McDonnell needed during her very long stay in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit. There is a remarkable story about Baby Lucy in this Newsletter. We could never achieve such results without the generosity of so many sponsors and donors.

We recognise what a challenging year it has been for all fundraising, with the financial impact of the GFC and the overwhelming generosity of all Australians to the Victorian bushfire appeals. We are very grateful to those sponsors and donors who have stayed with us through this period. As the year has progressed, Australians seem to be feeling more positive and, at the same time, we are in the planning phases of our 2010 fundraising calendar. We look forward to continuing our unique and very successful fundraising events in 2010. We hope you can join us at some of them. I encourage you to keep abreast of all the latest news and future events via our website.

On behalf of the directors and staff of the Royal Hospital for Women Foundation, may you have a happy and safe holiday season with family and friends. I look forward to sharing with you early next year our exciting 2010 program that will ensure our fundraising for such an exceptional hospital continues with outstanding success.

Warm wishes

Sheila McGregor
President

Butterflies and QED Customised Skincare...



QED Customised Skincare in Bondi Junction is one of our younger sponsors. The CEO, local pharmacist, Shoshana Eisner tells, "The Royal holds a very special place in our hearts. Our youngest, Raphael is a graduate of the special care nursery. They thought he may suffer brain damage, or worse from about 20 weeks gestation. The care we were given both prenatally and after he was born was just extraordinary. Now he is an amazingly healthy, bright five year old When we decided to launch the range I developed, we felt it was a great opportunity to give back. A portion of all our profits will be donated to the Royal Hospital for Women Foundation."

Butterfly Project is a fundraising initiative of QED Customised Skincare. All their holiday gifts will be adorned with a gorgeous turquoise butterfly and \$2 from each pack sold will be donated to the 'Royal'. Shoshana and her qualified beauty therapists invite you to take advantage of this natural opportunity to indulge your family and friends with a 'Customised' gift, and in return, support a very special hospital.

QED Customised Skincare is located in Westfield Bondi Junction on Level 4. Visit their website www.qedskincare.com