

Royal News

Spring 2011



The Royal Gala Dinner

In recognition of the Royal's focus on "mothers and babies", this was the theme for our highly successful inaugural Royal Gala Dinner held at the end of August.

We were delighted that Westpac CEO and mother of four Gail Kelly agreed to be our guest speaker. She captivated us with wonderful stories about life in Africa as a young girl, and also spoke of how her experiences in her own family life have been important lessons in corporate life. The very talented Phil Kearns generously agreed to MC the event and kept everyone entertained.

Many of Australia's "corporates" supported the Royal on the night through sponsorship, donations and/or contributions towards the purchase of equipment from the Foundation's Wish List. The Newborn Care Centre has expanded by two beds this year (from 42 to 44) and this additional equipment, which includes cuddle chairs, neopuffs, Bili light meters, blood pressure monitors and saturation monitors will be put to very good use. It has been five years since there was an increase in bed numbers within the Newborn Care Centre and the new equipment will enhance the upgrade and refurbishment that is currently being undertaken within the Centre.

We would like to acknowledge our corporate partners, as their support was vital to the overall success of the Royal Gala Dinner:

- KPMG, IBM and EMC as our platinum partners,
- Allens Arthur Robinson, Message Stick, TPI, Macquarie Group and Gilbert + Tobin as our gold partners, and
- Citibank, Consolidated Media Holding, Gadens Lawyers, HP, Freehills, Microsoft and BMC Software as our silver partners.

The event was held at Tattersalls Club in Elizabeth Street and was sold, in fact, over sold several months before the night of the dinner. This gave the very energetic and dedicated Organising Committee a boost of confidence throughout the planning phase. Committee members included Foundation Directors Ian Jedlin, Stephanie Murray and Sheila McGregor who were supported by Bernadette Inglis and Elizabeth Henderson (Westpac), Jim Kelly (FTI Consulting), Elizabeth Avery (Gilbert + Tobin) and Penelope Hess, the Foundation's Chief Executive. We also had a very enthusiastic group of volunteers who helped us run the event on the night.

Our Vision

'Helping to provide care
in partnership with women'



Gail Kelly, Westpac CEO

Many of the "inputs" for the dinner were either provided free of charge or at a very generous discount including our photographer Sebastian Kriete, our jazz band, The Rick Ballan Quartet, and our sparkling and red and white wines from Oakridge Wines.

We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the guests, and many of our sponsors have indicated they are keen to support the event next year! Associate Professor Kei Lui, Director, Newborn Care Centre was at the dinner and said "It was so awe-inspiring to see the guests show such keen interest in the Equipment Wish List and make a commitment to supporting our premature and very sick babies. On behalf of all the staff in the Centre I would like to congratulate the Foundation for organising a very successful fundraising dinner".



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