

A note from the President Jacqueline Samuels



Dear members of the Royal Hospital for Women family, whether you are donors, staff or patients, it is good to have the opportunity to say a few words to you again and to express the enormous gratitude the RHW Foundation Board feels to all those who help us in so many ways.

It is a great honour and privilege to be the President but it does run quite a risk. Many of our fund raising activities involve the consumption of calories! Our five Secret Women's Business Luncheons held at the award winning Quay restaurant do involve the most delicious food. You can read more on these events in the newsletter.

We were also recently supplied with a sumptuous morning tea at the Mercure Sydney. This event was organised by Monique Sartor and Ann Salem to raise funds for a ventilator machine for the Newborn Care Centre (NCC).

We were graced by the presence of our Vice Regal Patron, Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir who delighted all by moving around to all the tables and greeting many (some of whom she told me were her cousins). It was a very happy occasion and we congratulate Monique and Ann, who only met each other this year while their premature babies were patients in the NCC .

That is what is so heart warming about our work. So many of our patients express their gratitude to the hospital, which has helped them, by helping the Foundation. What better endorsement could one have of the quality of care they received at the 'Royal'. Of course you don't have to organise an event to help us. You can purchase a Right Royal Baby Star for \$50 or make a donation to the Foundation (both of which can be done by completing the form on this newsletter).

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the festive season ahead and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Jacqueline Samuels
President.

Sydney Water Donation

Staff from Sydney Water visited the Royal Hospital for Women in August to make a \$5,000 donation to the Newborn Care Centre (NCC). The donation was made possible through Sydney Water's 'Giving Through Safety' program.

Sydney Water Managing Director, Dr Kerry Schott said "The Giving Through Safety Program aims to encourage a strong safety culture among staff and contractors by linking dollar amounts to safety targets".

The team was inspired to give to the Royal Hospital for Women as a result of a team member, Laura Whalan having a very personal connection to the NCC.

NCC staff members were on-hand to give the Sydney Water group a tour of the NCC and gratefully accept the \$5,000 donation.

"Donating money to charity is an excellent way to encourage a stronger safety culture among staff members. Knowing that their diligence can make a difference to others gives staff an extra incentive to look out for each other and complete their work safely" said Dr Schott.

The donated money by Sydney Water will be used to purchase monitoring equipment in the NCC, which has an ongoing need to replace such items regularly.

Team from Sydney Water presents cheque to the RHW Foundation and NCC staff members

