

# A note from the President Jacqueline Samuels



It only seems a few weeks since I wrote to you after our first Mothers' Day Royal Picnic at Entertainment Quarter, and here we are congratulating ourselves on our most successful second Royal Picnic. This year's Picnic was bigger and better; more people, more space, more sponsors and more profit. We are eternally grateful to all our sponsors who help us constantly and to those who have recently joined us.

The weeks before the Picnic were very busy. We had a press launch for Mother's Day, generously sponsored by Westfield Bondi Junction and once again Sam Roseman, one of our directors, held a glamorous cocktail party at her home sponsored by Harper's BAZAAR. Thank you Sam and thank you Harper's.

And you don't just have to eat and drink to be a supporter. You can even keep fit. A team of 130 runners joined the Half Marathon a few weeks ago and raised over \$100,000 for equipment in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit. If you play golf you can enjoy a day of golf in September to help with research into illnesses and diseases affecting premature babies. Contact our office if you would like to be involved in this event. To complete the social picture we are at the moment involved in the Secret Women's Business lunches. They are great fun and great fund raisers.

By far the most important news is about the medical achievements of our hospital. These achievements are the reason for the existence of the Foundation and the reason why every sponsor and giver should feel proud.

You can read in this Newsletter of the life-saving blood transfusion to an unborn baby by our leading specialist in maternal fetal medicine. This entailed two trips from Vanuatu sponsored by the Foundation. And the report of the first operation in Australia to alleviate nerve pain, performed by Prof Thierry Vancaille, assisted by a specialist from France who was sponsored by the Foundation. We can proudly boast that we are the only hospital in the Southern Hemisphere which performs this surgery.

We are proud of what we do and you should be proud of how you help us.

Keep up the good work!!

Jacqueline Samuels

## Mother's Day Royal Celebrations

The 2008 Mother's Day Royal Picnic was a great success for the Royal Hospital for Women, with over 15,000 people enjoying the festivities of the Picnic, held at the Entertainment Quarter, Moore Park.

The Picnic is a feature event of the Mother's Day Royal Celebrations, which is the main fundraising and awareness campaign for the Royal Hospital for Women Foundation.

Our very sincere thanks to the corporate partners who sponsored and supported events throughout the Celebrations (please see over the page for further details on these partners).

The Harper's BAZAAR Royal Cocktail fundraising event, hosted by RHW Foundation director, Samantha Roseman was another successful 'Royal Celebration' event. This special evening was made possible by the generous support of Harper's BAZAAR and their luxury partners.

Throughout the Celebrations, the Foundation sold versatile canvas tote bags (that were exclusively designed by Kit Willow) throughout the community and local schools.

All funds raised throughout the Mother's Day Royal Celebrations support the medical equipment and research needs of the Royal Hospital for Women, the only specialist women's hospital in NSW.

Our deepest thanks to all of you who donated, purchased merchandise and attended the Mother's Day Royal Picnic and supported this special hospital.

The Foundation looks forward to hosting a bigger and better Mother's Day Royal Picnic next year, and once again sharing with the community the special role that the Royal Hospital for Women plays in women and babies health.