



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

## **OUR MISSION**

**TO RAISE FUNDS  
THAT WILL SUPPORT  
ROYAL BRISBANE AND  
WOMEN'S HOSPITAL  
(RBWH) TO FURTHER  
MEDICAL RESEARCH  
AND PROVIDE OPTIMAL  
HEALTH CARE AND  
SERVICES.**

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2009 Retravision Golf Day (from left) Sharon Harper (Retravision), Ross Dight (Breville Group), Ian Mogridge, Margaret Turner (Retravision), Warwick Mason (Caboolture Retravision) and Gary Heslop.

Just some of our Royal Mum volunteers



The 2009 RBWH Foundation Research Grant Recipients with (front middle from left) Dr John Herron, Health Minister Stephen Robertson, Ms Penelope Wensley, Governor of Queensland, and Queensland Health Director General Mick Reid.



Premier Anna Bligh enjoys A Right Royal Affair



100 year-old Jane Petrie finds her name on the Royal Mums Honour Wall

# THE FOUNDATION OF ROYAL BRISBANE AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

RBWH Foundation was established more than 20 years ago as the charity arm of Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH), **Queensland's largest hospital.**

Government funding for public hospitals such as RBWH is often restricted by budgetary constraints, and available funding is being placed under further pressure as demand for hospital services increases in the face of an ageing population. RBWH Foundation's key purpose, therefore, is to raise money that will enable our doctors, nurses, researchers and allied health professionals to **achieve optimal patient outcomes** by providing them with knowledge, skills and technology which may not otherwise be afforded to them due to budgetary constraints. It is our aim that money generated through our fundraising activities and donations will enable the health professionals at RBWH to attend additional **training** programs, conferences and seminars, conduct vital **research**, provide additional **facilities** and **services** and purchase life-saving **equipment**.

RBWH is the busiest hospital in Queensland, treating patients not only from Brisbane but from all over the State and Northern New South Wales. While the hospital provides treatment and care for most medical conditions and health issues, including the largest cancer care service in Queensland, RBWH is particularly recognised as a leader in the fields of premature and seriously ill babies, burns and trauma care, emergency medicine, motor neurone disease, stroke, Parkinson's disease, kidney disease, inflammatory bowel disease, mental health (including - youth mental health, substance abuse, schizophrenia and dementia), health care in the aged and infectious diseases...just to name a few.

The hospital also conducts extensive clinical research in the majority of these areas, and is home to a number of major research centres including the Perinatal Research Centre, Neurology Research Centre and Burns, Trauma and Critical Care Research Centre.

The aim of research is, of course, to find **better treatments**, methods of **prevention** and **cures** for these conditions. Research, however, takes time and money and it can't be done without the generous support of individuals, community groups and businesses.

You can support this research, or help fund other initiatives of RBWH Foundation, by making a donation (see page 36 for a donation form), purchasing merchandise, such as the Royal Mums tribute book, attending our various events, organising your own fundraising event, leaving a bequest to the foundation in your will, or nominating the foundation as your workplace's charity of choice.

There are many other ways you can help RBWH Foundation, and we would be delighted to discuss these opportunities with you or your company. Simply contact the foundation on 07 3636 7588



Dr John Herron

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been a great year for the foundation despite the global economic crisis, and the consequent downturn in the Australian economy. To a large degree we have weathered the storm principally due to the dedicated professionalism of our small but dedicated team of fundraisers led by Acting General Manager Karen Gallagher.

We are pleased to report that RBWH Foundation achieved a positive financial performance in 2008/2009 with strong growth in support from individuals, corporates and community groups.

This performance was a direct result of stringent cost management and hard work.

Our investment in research at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital was also significant with \$1,804,353 being distributed through our annual research grant awards and special project allocations.

During the year, RBWH Foundation also extended its charitable status to 'Health Promotion Charity'. This new status enables the Foundation to raise funds for a range of other hospital activities and items outside of research. This includes key pieces of equipment, training and education programs for medical staff, facilities for patients and families, and awareness programs related to specific diseases and medical conditions.

Our key reason for achieving this new status is not to take our focus off research, but to ensure we are positioned to assist the hospital in doing whatever is necessary to optimise patient care and outcomes. Our chief interest is to ensure you receive the best treatment possible, should you become a patient.

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

A net surplus of \$425,460 was achieved for 2008/2009 due to a 37.2% growth in revenue over the previous year, a 17.9% reduction in fundraising expenses and a 17.8% reduction in administration expenses.

The net result could have been stronger if not for the realised loss on investments written off during the year, which was a direct outcome of the prevailing economic conditions.

## OUR HOSPITAL

2008/2009 was another busy year for Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

In 2008 alone there were 908,000 outpatient appointments, 22,600 surgical procedures conducted, 69,000 people treated in emergency, and 4,398 babies delivered.

The Foundation enjoys a very strong relationship with the Hospital executive and staff. I would particularly like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Keith McNeil for his support while Clinical CEO of the Hospital, and then in his new role of District CEO for the Metro North Health District. I would also like to thank Dr David Alcorn, who was the Acting Executive Director of the Hospital for a number of months prior to his official appointment to the role in September 2009.

Of course, we are extremely grateful to all the doctors, nurses, researchers and administration staff at the Royal, not only for their support of the Foundation but for the critical role they play in our community and caring for their patients.

Queensland Health has also been generous in its support of the Foundation over the past 12 months and I would like to thank the previous Minister for Health, Stephen Robertson, along with the Director-General, Mick Reid. We also welcome Deputy Premier Paul Lucas in his recent appointment to the ministerial position and look forward to working with him in the future.

## OUR SUPPORTERS

Being Queensland's largest hospital and the largest teaching hospital in the Southern Hemisphere means that not only does it treat the most patients, including the most critical



  
**RBWH**  
Royal Brisbane and  
Women's Hospital

Entrance

from around the state, but it is also looked to for leadership, particularly when it comes to the management of health conditions such as this year's Swine Flu outbreak.

While Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital is part of Queensland Health, funding from the government is limited and there is often no available dollars to pay for certain equipment, training and research that will ensure the Royal remains at the forefront of patient care and on the leading edge of new technology and treatment methods.

Our Foundation's role is to help fill the funding gap.

We are delighted that many individuals, businesses and community groups recognise this important role that we play, and assist us by making valuable financial contributions.

We are particularly delighted this year to have so much support from our 'Royal Mums'. This special program was established during the year as part of the 70th anniversary celebrations for the Women's Hospital, and it brings together women who have had children at the Royal since it first opened in 1938. The Royal Mums program was seen as our way of honouring these women, and in return many of these mums have made vital contributions to our Foundation by either purchasing merchandise, making donations or volunteering their time to assist with our various events and activities.

One of our biggest supporters is our Patron, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC, Governor of Queensland. Her Excellency has been extremely generous in giving her time to support a number of Foundation events and activities and we are particularly grateful for her attendance at the 2008 Butterfly Ball and the 2009 Research Grant Awards.

## OUR PEOPLE

After two years of changing leadership and relative instability, both our Board and management team remained extremely stable throughout 2008/2009 financial year.

Their enthusiasm, dedication and passion for the hospital and healthy future of Queensland has been exemplary and a major contributing factor to our positive financial performance and increased support.

I would like to thank each and every one of our unpaid Board members, our Foundation staff and our volunteers. Each has made a substantial contribution over the past twelve months and each are already geared towards

creating an even stronger future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Karen Gallagher on winning a national award from the Fundraising Institute of Australia for her 'Royal Mums' campaign. I would also like to congratulate Karen, the rest of the team and her collaborators for their work on our Royal Mums tribute book, *Royal Mums: A Collection of Memories (Volume 1)*. The book has been a runaway success and we are now considering a second edition.

## OUR FUTURE

We are extremely positive about continuing to achieve strong growth in 2009/2010 and the ensuing years, and thus increase the level of financial support we can provide to the Hospital.

To steward us through to the next stage of our development will be our newly appointed CEO, Peter Treseder. Peter was appointed at the end of the 2008/2009 and began in the role in July. He has a wealth of experience in fundraising for the health sector having been the CEO of Westmead Hospital's The Millennium Foundation for six years.

Peter has already been hard at work with the Board and staff to review existing activities and establish strategies for the future.

As part of these plans, the Foundation will be focused on repositioning itself as the all-encompassing charity arm of the Hospital, increasing our presence in and around the hospital, raising brand awareness in the community, driving support across all sectors, and maintaining a strong focus on cost efficiencies and financial management.

We cannot do this without your wholehearted support.

Our board believes that it has been a privilege to serve.



**Dr John Herron**  
Chairman



# Royal Mums

A Collection  
of Memories

Volume 1

RBWH FOUNDATION

# ARE YOU A ROYAL MUM?

The **Royal Mums** program was first launched in April 2008 as part of the celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the Women's Hospital.

The program was introduced as a way of paying tribute to all the women who had given birth at the Royal by including their name on a special **Honour Wall** that would be permanently displayed at the hospital. As it is impossible to access hospital records to put this honour roll of mums together, we had to put the call out for these women to register themselves as Royal Mums or for their friends or family members to register the mums they know (particularly if they are deceased).

Since the hospital first opened in 1938, there have been 490,000 babies born at the Royal, so there are obviously a lot of Royal Mums out there!

Over the past 12 months, the program has taken on a life of its own. To our amazement, **16,634 Royal Mums** had registered as of 30 June 2009, and the registrations are still coming through.

The **Honour Wall**, which initially listed all the names of Royal Mums who had registered before 21 February 2009, was officially unveiled at RBWH on Friday 8 May. It is now located on level six of the Ned Hanlon Building at RBWH and it will be updated at least once a year to include all newly registered Royal Mums and any new births. Registrations can still be made at [www.rbwhfoundation.com.au](http://www.rbwhfoundation.com.au) or by calling 07 3636 7588.

RBWH Foundation launched its first Royal Mums tribute book, **Royal Mums: A Collection of Memories (Volume 1)** in April 2009.

This beautifully presented book contains over 300 pages of Royal Mum photos and memories. It looks back at the history of the hospital and Brisbane across the decades, and demonstrates how attitudes towards giving birth have changed. It also shows how research and technology have positively impacted on survival rates of premature and seriously ill babies.

Jane Barry, book reviewer for the Courier Mail, said "This is a special, uniquely Queensland book which honours motherhood and the privilege of becoming a parent."

All profits from the sale of the book are being used to fund research at RBWH that will further advance healthcare for women and newborns.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our collaborators on the book - **Studio Impressions, made4media** and **the RAD Group**. We are extremely grateful for their generosity, time, creativity, energy, commitment and unbridled support. We would also like to thank the book's chapter sponsors namely Fergies Print & Mail, Kedron-Wavell Sub Branch RSL Inc, Café Citrus Bulimba, Samies Girl, Piazza Doro, Haymans Electrical & Data Suppliers, Retravision Northern Ltd, French Twist, Agapi Hair & Beauty, Breville.

There is no doubt that the Royal Mums program has breathed new life into our foundation. We are thrilled to have reconnected with so many of the women whose history is so emotionally linked with our hospital, and we look forward to building on these relationships and further developing the program into the future.



Some of the team behind the Northern Busway construction in front of RBWH.

# PARTNERSHIPS GIVE HOPE

RBWH Foundation highly values the support of our corporate partners - both small and large businesses who have recognised the important work of Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and supported us with donations, sponsorship, products and services.

There are some businesses, such as **Mullins Lawyers**, which have selected the foundation as their **nominated charity** for the year, raising money through a number of events and activities. There are other businesses that have organised specific events to raise funds and others which make the foundation the **beneficiary** of an existing activity. For some businesses, support could be as simple as organising a raffle in the office, requesting gold coin **donations** for a dress-down day or holding a staff morning tea.

One of our greatest supporters this year was the **Northern Busway Alliance (NBA)**. This Alliance is responsible for the construction of Brisbane's new Northern Busway and it consists of four major project partners, namely Translink, Abigroup, SMEC and Queensland Transport.

Over the past year, NBA, through the efforts of its staff, suppliers and contractors, has raised \$45,000 for vital monitoring equipment for the Perinatal Research Centre, \$32,000 for stroke research equipment and it is continuing its efforts to raise further funds for a new Skin Culture Lab to service burns survivors.

During the 2008/2009 financial year, we celebrated 23 years of support from **Retravisio Northern Ltd**. Over this time, Retravisio has raised \$242,000 for the hospital, primarily through its annual PGA Charity Golf Day.

Another major golfing event held during the year, with immense corporate support, was the **RBWH Food Services 3rd Annual Charity Golf Day**.

Held at North Lakes Resort Golf Club, this

year's golf day saw 25 companies from the food service industry come together to raise over \$31,000 for research at RBWH into stroke and prostate cancer. This brings the overall tally of funds raised from the event over the past three years to \$100,000.

RBWH Foundation sincerely thanks **Solomon Food Group** and **Comcater** for their support and sponsorship of the Food Services Golf Day.

The Mee brothers, owners of the **Iceworks** complex in Paddington, celebrated the opening of **Peak Dining** by holding a special dinner to raise money for the hospital's Neurology Research Centre. The event not only showcased culinary delights from around the world, matched with fine wines, it also raised an outstanding \$30,000.

**Wormald**, leading fire protection specialists, entered the second year of their five year partnership in support of the hospital's Burns, Trauma and Critical Care Research Centre. A number of other companies must also be acknowledged for continued support for this research centre including **AstraZeneca**, **Smith & Nephew** and **Edwards Lifesciences Pty Ltd**.

Finally, we wish to thank **Avant Mutual Group** for renewing its sponsorship of the foundation's annual Research Grant Awards ceremony and supporting a number of other activities at RBWH.

The businesses mentioned are just a few of our supporters from the corporate sector. We are grateful to each and every business that has made a contribution to RBWH Foundation over the 2008/2009 financial year and we hope to continue to develop our partnerships over the coming years as we strive to save lives, give hope and provide patients with the best treatment available.



Mercia Pitman (nee Geator), centre, with some of her colleagues at the Royal.

# ONE PERSON... BIG DIFFERENCE

A number of people make personal **donations** to RBWH Foundation as a way of saying 'thank-you' for the care received while at the hospital. Others give because they understand the importance of **medical research** and the hope it gives for the future. Some individuals give because they know RBWH plays a vital role in our **community**.

Over the past financial year, many families have made donations to the foundation through our quarterly appeals. These appeals provide an extremely vital and continuous source of funding for the foundation, and through the newsletters that we distribute with each appeal we are able to keep donors up to date with activities at the hospital and the areas in which their donations are making a difference. We thank every single person that has made a donation through our appeals - whether it was a one-off donation, a regular gift, a large donation, or a donation of just \$2.00. **Every dollar helps** and we are extremely appreciative of your support.

There are a couple of particular individuals who merit special mention for their contribution in 2008/2009.

Firstly, RBWH Foundation would like to thank **Justice Margaret Wilson**. Ms Wilson made a very significant donation to the foundation in honour of her late aunt **Mercia Lillian Pitman** (nee Geater), and Merica's husband **Ken Pitman**, also deceased. Mercia undertook her nursing training at the Brisbane General Hospital between 1938 and 1942. She continued to work at the Royal after her training and eventually rose to the position of Sister in charge of theatres. It was at the hospital that she also met her husband Ken Pitman, who was an engineer at the hospital for more than 15 years. Mercia retired in 1983 after 45 years at the Royal. Sadly she passed away in 2008, 14 years after her beloved Ken died in 1994.

Obviously the Royal played a major role in both Mercia and Ken's lives, and it is because of how much the hospital meant to them that Justice Wilson made such a significant contribution from the proceeds she received from her aunt's estate.

**Sasha Maggiolo** and her family also continued their incredibly valuable support through the year.

Sasha had a motorbike accident on 11 May 2007 and was given a 1% chance of survival. Her injuries were horrific: a liver severed in two, a ruptured main artery, broken leg, knee and shoulder, plus a fractured vertebrae and ribs. Sasha spent 100 days in ICU with an open and packed abdomen. She set the record for the most blood transfused into one patient at RBWH (a total of 398 units of blood and blood products), and endured 15 surgeries.

Sasha is now doing amazingly well given everything she has been through, and she is totally committed to **giving back** to the RBWH team that gave back her life.

This year, Sasha held her first annual **Sporting Chance Lunch** with the committed help of Gloria and Giuseppe, proprietors of **Dell'Ugo's** Italian Restaurant in New Farm. Together they raised an amazing \$12,000.

Sasha's fundraising efforts have been topped up with generous donations from her father Gilberto Maggiolo with all money being used to enable doctors and nurses at RBWH's Intensive Care Unit to attend conferences and training programs in critical care.

Finally, the foundation would like to thank **Jak Vaessen**. Jak is an extremely committed fundraiser, raising money for various charities around Queensland, with a particular focus on RBWH Foundation.

During the 2008/2009 financial year, Jak generously donated items that were used in various raffles and auctions and his business, Agapi Hair and Beauty, located in Spring Hill, was also a chapter sponsor of the Royal Mums tribute book. And, as if all this generosity wasn't enough, Jak also rallied his clients and friends to join him at the 2009 **Royal Red & Gold Benefit Dinner** which raised over \$23,000 for motor neurone disease and cancer research at RBWH.

We would also like to make special mention of those people who donated their time throughout the year, **volunteering** at various foundation events and activities. Your efforts, time and passion are invaluable and extremely appreciated.

Once again, RBWH Foundation sincerely thanks each and every person who has made a contribution during 2008/2009.



From left: Dr John Herron, Chairman of RBWH Foundation, Dr Tracey Bjorkman, Mrs Jan Herron, Master Yi Lai, Abbess of Nan Tian Temple (Australia and NZ branches), Master Chueh Shan, Abbess of Chung Tian Temple, Ms Jenniwaty Luhur.

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT GOES BOTH WAYS

While RBWH plays a **vital role** in the community, so does the community play a vital role at RBWH.

There are many community groups throughout Queensland, both large and small, which have given important support to RBWH Foundation over the past financial year. Listed below are just some of those organisations:

Aspley Art Group Inc.  
Banyo Sports & Recreation Club.  
Brookside Ladies Tuesday Club.  
Coorparoo Order of the Eastern Star.  
Gold Coast and Hinterland  
Equestrian Group Inc.  
Ines Populin Memorial Fundraising  
Group of the Burdekin.  
Kalinga Ladies Bowling Club Inc.  
Kedron Wavell Sub Branch RSL Inc.  
King's Old Collegian's Association.  
Lions Club of Ashgrove – The Gap Inc.  
Meals on Wheels Chermside.  
Parkland Village Residents Committee.  
Poona Community Progress Association.  
Prep CR Mountain Creek State School.  
Queensland Association of Fire Investigators.  
RAOB GLQ GLE, Ken Law Lodge No 21.  
Redcliffe Peninsula Lioness Club.  
Redlands RSL.  
Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium Inc.  
Rotary Club of Toowoomba North Inc.  
St Lukes Theatre Society.  
Zonta Club of Blackall Ranges Inc.  
Zonta Club of Roma Area.

The **Asian/Chinese community** has played a key role in the growth of RBWH Foundation over the years, and we continued to garner strong support from this community in the 2008/2009 financial year.

Support from this sector was largely championed by **Ms Jenniwaty Luhur** who sits on the RBWH Foundation Board. Thanks to Ms Luhur's tireless

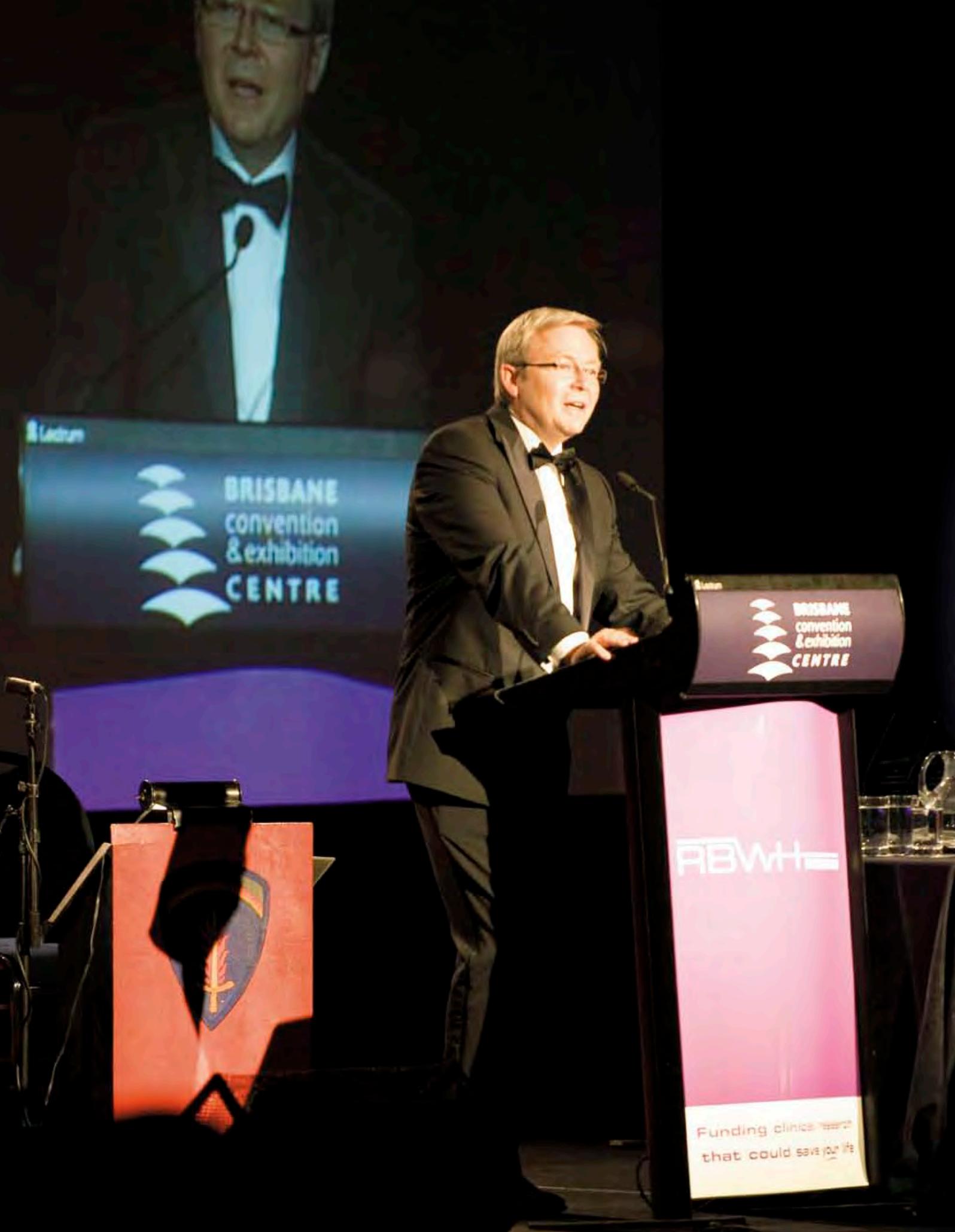
commitment to raising funds for the hospital, and in particular the Brain Research Advances in Newborns (BRAIN) Project being conducted by the hospital's Perinatal Research Centre, pledges and donations to this project increased significantly throughout the year.

The BRAIN Project was also the beneficiary of a \$5,000 donation presented at the Annual **Buddha's Birthday Festival** by the Loving Care Group of the Buddha's Light International Association of Queensland (BLIAQ). This annual event is organised by the Chung Tian Temple, BLIAQ and the Loving Care Group of BLIAQ.

**The National Fire Industry Association (QLD)** held its 8th Annual Fireball in 2008, with all funds raised from the night being donated to RBWH's Burns, Trauma and Critical Care Research Centre. RBWH Foundation is extremely grateful for its support over the past eight years and we look forward to continuing this partnership into the future.

RBWH Foundation was also very grateful to be part of the **2008 IGA Lord Mayor's Carols in the City**. This event is an annual tradition in Brisbane, and the foundation is extremely grateful to Wendy Francis and the other event organisers for giving us the opportunity of participating.

Finally, we'd like to extend a special thank-you to a very loyal supporter of RBWH Foundation, **Noelene Bassnett**, who, with her group of volunteers, has been raising funds for the hospital for the past 20 years. Through their various charity auctions and stalls over this time, they have made a very significant contribution to the foundation.



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd addresses the audience at A Right Royal Affair.

# RIGHT ROYAL OCCASIONS

During the 2008/2009 financial year, RBWH Foundation organised a number of fundraising events ranging from fun runs to black tie balls.

Perhaps the biggest highlight of the year was our **Right Royal Affair** held in November 2008.

This gala dinner was staged to celebrate the **70th Anniversary of Royal Women's Hospital** and was attended by special guests **Prime Minister Kevin Rudd** and **Premier Anna Bligh**.

Over 400 guests joined in the celebrations, including many of the staff, past and present, from the hospital's women's and newborn services, representatives of the business community, foundation supporters, and many of our Royal Mums. Music on the night was provided by the **Queensland Pops Orchestra**, and Channel 9's **Bruce Paige** was our host. Other special guests who took part in the night's proceedings were Noela Jones, the first baby born at the hospital, and ten-year-old twins, Hannah and Abigail Grant, who kicked off the night with a very Royal fairytale.

Prime Minister Rudd presented five special **Royal Awards** to recognise Excellence in Health Care in the area of women's and newborn services over the past 70 years. Recipients of these awards were Dr David Cartwright, Dr John Campbell, Dr Ifor Thomas, Mr Warwick Caldwell and, as a group, the nurses and midwives that have helped deliver and care for the 490,000 babies that have been born at the hospital since it opened in 1938.

Another prestigious event staged by RBWH Foundation in 2008/2009 was the **Butterfly Ball**.

Held in October, this Ball was a night of fashion, glamour and entertainment with over \$120,000 being raised to fund the Brain Research Advances in Newborns (BRAIN) Project being conducted by the hospital's Perinatal Research Centre.

The night was hosted by **Marie-Louise Thiele** and featured an opera performance by **Marina Posa** and a spectacular fashion show by award-winning designer, **BORA**.

RBWH Foundation would like to thank the many people who helped make this night a success. These include Margaret Drew and the stylists at Hare's Hair, Pam Tamblyn model management, Michelle Pollitt from Absolutely Fabulous Events, Mark Keegan from Staging Dimensions, and Penny Williams, Marcus Bell and the team from Studio Impressions.

Thank you also to the event sponsors, namely Magnitude Private Wealth, Emirates, Brisbane BMW and BORA, and to all the other businesses and individuals that donated prizes and raffle items to help us raise funds on the night.

Of course, the Butterfly Ball would not have been possible without the support of the Asian/Chinese community, and we would especially like to thank Ms Lyna Chen and Ms Jenniwaty Luhur.

A slightly less glamorous, slightly more energetic, yet equally as important event on our fundraising calendar was the 21st Annual **Royal Run for Research** held on Sunday 13 July.

Organised in conjunction with the RBWH Physiotherapy Department, and proudly supported by Rebel Sport, the Run took place in Brisbane's City Botanic Gardens with over 350 people competing for a range of prizes. All participants were also treated to a free breakfast and we would like to thank all the businesses that donated products for the day.

Finally, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to each and every individual who attended one of our fundraising events throughout the year. Events are a vital part of every charity's fundraising endeavours, and we realise how many balls, dinners and other activities occur in Brisbane and throughout Queensland each year. That's why we are so grateful that you chose to support our functions, as without you these events would not be successful and we certainly would not have been able to raise the vital funds that we have throughout the year.



Staff at RBWH embrace all things pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Week.

# AT THE HOSPITAL

Like the emergency department, the maternity ward, ICU, the admissions desk, and all the other wards and health services, RBWH Foundation is definitely an integral part of the hospital.

We actively support many of the hospital's activities, we create our own events to raise funds and engage staff, and we actively promote the importance of the medical staff's work and recognise their achievements.

One of the major events on the hospital's calendar is the annual **RBWH Health Care Symposium**. RBWH Foundation was once again a major sponsor of this important event which was held from 13 to 17 October 2008. Over 1,500 people attended across the week with the program's focus being on obstetrics and fetal diagnosis.

One of the other highlights of the program was the presentation of numerous awards, including those for lifetime achievement. One of the recipients of these awards was RBWH Foundation Board member, Professor Lawrie Powell, who was recognised for his substantial contribution to gastroenterology, liver disease and to the advancement of clinical research.

Also in October 2008, the hospital was decked out in all things pink for the foundation's annual **Breast Cancer Awareness Week** campaign. Wards, offices, and all areas in between got into the spirit of the week, theming their work areas with pink decorations, bras, and awareness messages about breast cancer.

The foundation even ran a competition for the Best Dressed Workplace within the hospital, with the winners being ward 9AS. Other highlights of the week included Dress Yourself Pink, the Decorate a Bra competition, a competition for the highest fundraiser and a cupcake sale.

The last day of Breast Cancer Awareness Week was when the hospital held its annual **Race to the Roof**, of which the foundation was once again the beneficiary. Cardiac scientist Harley Cross won the race climbing the 12 flights of stairs from the hospital main lobby to the helicopter pad in just 1 minute 20.9 seconds.

RBWH Foundation was thrilled to welcome our patron, **Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AO, Governor of Queensland**, to the hospital in February to undertake an official tour of the campus before joining us in the education centre to present the **2009 RBWH Foundation Research Grant Awards**.

The annual research grants ceremony, which is proudly sponsored by Avant Mutual Group, was attended by over 200 staff from across the hospital campus along with Stephen Robertson MP, Minister for Health, Mick Reid, Director-General of Queensland Health and, of course, the Governor. 23 Strategic Initiative Research Grants were presented, three Nursing Research Initiative Grant Awards, and John McFarlane presented the Sir Ian McFarlane Awards for Excellence in Nursing Clinical Practice in honour of his late father.

In April/May, the foundation conducted its annual **Mother's Day Appeal** and one of the highlights of this appeal over the last few years has been **97.3FM's** live radio broadcast from the hospital.

Staff members popped down to watch Robin Bailey and Terry Hansen in action and join us for breakfast. A number of Royal Mums also made the special trip in for the broadcast, as the event was followed that morning by the official unveiling of the Royal Mums Honour Wall.

RBWH Foundation is incredibly grateful to 97.3Fm for its outstanding on-air and fundraising support for the Annual Mother's Day Appeal.

Apart from events and activities, RBWH Foundation has a continuous presence at the hospital an office in the lobby of the Ned Hanlon building which is open to the public and is where supporters can make donations and purchase items such as the Royal Mums tribute book.

As another way of raising funds on an ongoing basis, we have our regular **raffles** conducted at the hospital. We would like to thank all the generous businesses and individuals which donated prizes for these raffles including Bunnings Warehouse at Stafford and Cannon Hill, Retravisation Northern Ltd, Strathpine Quilters and Charity Quilt Group, John and Elsie May Coulthard and Ben and Ruby Starnes.

Apart from funding, RBWH Foundation also provides the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Maternity with various **handmade items** including rugs, toys and knitted clothes especially for the tiniest of premature babies born at the hospital. We would like to thank all the ladies who knit, sew and crochet these items all year round. We appreciate your hard work, as do all the mums and bubs that benefit from your generosity.

Finally, RBWH Foundation would like to thank all the staff members at RBWH who participate in our **Workplace Giving** program.



Sir Ian McFarlane

# LASTING TRIBUTES NEVER FORGOTTEN

Many families chose to make an **In Memorium** donation to RBWH Foundation as an lasting tribute to their loved one.

People often do this by asking friends and family to make a donation **in lieu of flowers** at the time of the funeral. Some simply make a donation of their own, and others choose to remember that someone special by making a donation on the **anniversary of** their death, on their birthday, at Christmas or at another special time.

This selfless choice is often a reflection of the deceased's life, interests, values or is simply a thank you for the care your loved one received during their stay at RBWH.

One family which opted to have In Memoriam donations made to RBWH Foundation in 2008/2009 was the McFarlane family.

**Sir Ian McFarlane**, the founding Chairman of RBWH Foundation, passed away from cancer on 22 October 2008 at the age of 84. His family requested donations to the foundation in lieu of flowers at the time of his funeral.

Sir Ian McFarlane had a long history with the foundation. After becoming the inaugural Chairman, in 1985, he remained in the role until his retirement in December 1993. Even after his retirement he continued to make regular and extremely generous donations.

Sir Ian also personally donated funds to support nurses at the hospital, and the annual **Sir Ian McFarlane Award for Nursing Excellence** will be continued in his honour.

John McFarlane delivered his father's eulogy and described Sir Ian's considerable talents as such: "He will, of course, always be visibly remembered for being a pioneer with exceptional perseverance and capacity to challenge, lead and inspire towards new horizons. Yet to many, however, and more importantly, it has been his practiced talismans of integrity, honour and commitment to community in which he finally rests."

His commitment and contribution to RBWH Foundation and the hospital will certainly be remembered for years to come.

Another special donation made in memory of a loved one was made by Louise Wallace and her husband, Dr Michael Fish.

Louise and Michael's precious baby daughter, **Eleanor Fish**, was born at RBWH on 23 December 2008 when Louise was just 28 weeks. Sadly, Eleanor lived for just a few short hours.

The donation they have made in loving memory of Eleanor has been used to purchase two vapotherm subnasal oxygen humidifiers for the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery. A plaque has been placed on these machines to honour Eleanor.

Below is a list of all the people for whom In Memoriam donations were made in honour of during the 2008/2009 financial year:

Ashleigh Kate Devlin  
Barry Hunter  
Bob Hopper  
Caroline Lorrainne Greig  
Darryl Cooper  
Edwina Pilch  
Eleanor Fish  
Florence Jeffery  
Geoffrey Thiess  
Helen 'Lorraine' Ingle  
Hilda Symec  
Ian Coombe  
Irene Muller  
Joan Smith  
John Wyllie  
Lachlan Hornery  
Martin Eising  
Mr Keith Cooper  
Mrs Bev Robertson  
Norman Bennett  
Patrick Cuskelly  
Sir Ian McFarlane  
Sonja Fay Rowan

Each of these people will never be forgotten by RBWH Foundation, and the contributions made in their honour will serve as their **lasting tributes**.

# MAJOR DONORS

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Mrs Hsiu Mei Yang  
Mr Jacky Yeh  
Ms Wu Chi Yeh  
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## **Bequests were received from the estates of:**

Alan Patrick Bird  
Phillip Henry Butler  
Hazel Alice Cox  
Dorothy Annie Foreman  
Florence Sybil Johnstone  
Robert Edward Lovell  
Dorothy May Lundie  
Edna May Russell  
Geoffrey John Shepherd



# MAJOR RESEARCH CENTRES

RBWH Foundation provides ongoing support to the following major research centres based at RBWH:

- Perinatal Research Centre
- Neurology Research Centre
- Burns, Trauma and Critical Care Research Centre
- Centre for Clinical Nursing
- Gastroenterology Research Laboratory
- Endocrinology Research Laboratory
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease Research Group
- Kidney Research Laboratory
- Betty Byrne Henderson Women's Health Research Centre

Each centre is critical to ensuring that our patients receive the latest and best treatment options to ensure optimal health outcomes. Following are just a few examples of major initiatives funded by RBWH Foundation in the 2008/2009 financial year.

## PERINATAL RESEARCH CENTRE

During 2008/2009, the Perinatal Research Centre (PRC) officially launched the five-year Brain Research Advances In Newborns (BRAIN) Project which aims to prevent or reduce major causes of death and disability in the unborn and newly born baby.

The expected outcomes of the project are to:

1. Identify whether stillbirth late in pregnancy can be prevented using a new approach to fetal monitoring;
2. Discover methods to "rescue" the brain after exposure to low oxygen levels in the baby; and
3. Examine how the brain heals itself after injury and attempt to enhance these natural mechanisms to assist the brain to remodel itself reducing the long term impact of disability in the child.

## BURNS, TRAUMA AND CRITICAL CARE RESEARCH CENTRE

The Burns, Trauma and Critical Care Research Centre (BTCCRC) was established to further advance and improve the level of treatment and care given to burns and critically ill patients. It began as a collaborative venture between RBWH Burns and Intensive Care Units and this year incorporated the Department of Emergency Medicine along with the trauma and intensive care sections of Renal Medicine.

In the past year, the centre was successful in gaining grants, being published and being invited to present at conferences and specialist education in areas such as antibiotic

resistance and infection control in the critically ill, pharmacokinetics and drug distribution in the critically ill, management and outcome of critically ill, trauma, head injury and long stay ICU patients, critically ill patients with renal dysfunction, management and outcome of burns patients encompassing pain control, myocardial dysfunction, exercise and metabolism and fluid and nutritional management post burn, anaesthesia and emergency medicine.

The Queensland Skin Culture Centre is also in the process of being established in the Professor Stuart Pegg Adult Burns Unit, the only adult multidisciplinary unit managing major burn injuries in Queensland.

## NEUROLOGY RESEARCH CENTRE

A new Neurology Research Centre (NRC), supported by RBWH Foundation, was officially established at RBWH during the 2008/2009 financial year.

The centre boasts a well-respected and accomplished group of physicians, nurses and therapists - each expert in their own field who have come together to work as one in order to better treat, understand and prevent diseases of the brain and nervous system.

The key areas of focus for NRC are stroke, motor neurone disease, epilepsy and movement disorders such as Parkinson's disease and Huntington's disease.

## ENDOCRINOLOGY LABORATORY

A team of researchers, led by Dr Robin Mortimer, in conjunction with Pathology Queensland, this year made an important breakthrough in understanding how thyroid hormone is delivered from a mother to her unborn baby during pregnancy. Thyroid hormone and iodine are essential for normal foetal development to occur, particularly in the first three months of pregnancy. A thyroid hormone deficiency, due to a lack of iodine in the diet, is the world's largest cause of preventable brain damage.

The group has identified a placental protein, transthyretin (TTR), which binds strongly to thyroid hormone and is produced by the placenta. TTR is secreted into the maternal blood in the placenta, where it increases uptake of maternal thyroid hormone back into the placenta by up to ten times. The research group will now attempt to look at what factors influence thyroid hormone uptake by TTR and will particularly focus on the effects of maternal disease, drugs and environmental chemicals.

# OTHER RESEARCH AREAS

Whilst they are significant, the major research centres detailed on the previous page are not the only departments at RBWH which boast leading edge clinical research programs.

Being the largest hospital in Queensland means that RBWH needs to stay ahead of the field in all areas of medical treatment and patient care. To do this, clinicians need to actively participate in research as well as ongoing training and development. RBWH Foundation currently funds a number of these projects, but there are many more that are in desperate need of additional support.

The following paragraphs outline the research areas of interest of just a few notable departments at RBWH.

The hospital's Nutrition and Dietetics Department has a major interest in three key research areas including nutrition support (malnutrition, critical care, burns, cancer and food service), chronic disease management (obesity management, maternity, gastroenterology, acute aged care, renal disease, heart failure and stroke) and education. Researchers in this department also collaborate on state-wide projects.

In the Pain Centre, the research program is not only directed at drugs and advanced techniques used for pain control, but also the use of physical therapies for rehabilitation and the impact of psychological stresses on patients with chronic pain.

The Cancer Care Service based at RBWH is the largest in Queensland, treating all forms of cancer. Over the last ten to fifteen years, members of this service's medical team have been dedicated to researching and perfecting a multidisciplinary approach to cancer patient treatments. There are also a number of researchers in specialist fields throughout the hospital who are focussed on finding better ways to detect specific cancers and improve treatment methods. Currently there is research work being carried out in the areas of bowel

cancer, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, head and neck cancer and lung cancer.

RBWH's Cardiology Department is active in research. The department is heavily involved in clinical trials encompassing a wide range of conditions from acute coronary syndrome to atrial fibrillation. There is also investigator-driven research being conducted in a number of areas such as the evaluation of alternative models of cardiac rehabilitation, investigating novel approaches to assessing chest pain, understanding the influence of cardiac genetics and investigating the use of anticoagulant therapy in acute coronary syndrome.

The hospital's Infectious Diseases Department has had a particularly busy year in 2008/2009 due to the outbreak of H1N1 (Swine Flu). The department actually has a diverse range of research interests including anti-microbial therapies and resistance, parasitology and its overlap with other disciplines, as well as zoonotic infections and HIV/AIDS, in particular the current project involving a survey of renal disease in a cohort of HIV patients.

Finally, RBWH's Mental Health Services has a rapidly increasing focus on research, particularly since the establishment of the Mental Health Centre for Analysis Research and Evaluation in 2004. Mental Health Services incorporates the Hospital Alcohol and Drug Service, the Eating Disorder Service and the Older Persons Mental Health Service. The latter service is extremely active in research with a focus on dementia, anxiety and depression in the Older Person. The Director of this service is also undertaking a research program which looks at the behavioural and psychological symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.

Department	Investigators	Project
Internal & Obstetric	Assoc Prof Leonie Callaway (Chief), Dr Robin Mortimer, Prof Paul Colditz, Dr Barbara Lingwood	Body composition in infants born to mothers with gestational diabetes.
Neurology	Assoc Prof Pamela McCombe (Chief), Dr Robert Henderson	Assessment of disease progression in Motor Neurone Disease.
Mental Health	Prof Stan Catts	Evaluating early psychosis intervention - making a case for prevention in youth mental health.
Infectious Diseases	Prof David Paterson	Acinetobacter baumannii at Australia's doorstep.
Inflammatory Bowel Disease Laboratory	Assoc Prof Radford-Smith	Identification of novel susceptibility genes for ulcerative colitis.
Medical Imaging	Prof Alan Coulthard (Chief), Assoc Prof Steven Rose, Dr Craig Winter, Dr Katie McMahon	A pilot feasibility study for improved neurosurgical planning and post operative assessment in patients with cerebral tumours using clinical functional MRI and diffusion tensor tractography.
Conjoint Gastroenterology Laboratory	Dr Daniel Worthley (Chief), Prof Barbara Leggett, Dr Vicki Whitehall	DNA methylation throughout the human colorectum is affected by age, region and pathology.
Renal Medicine	Prof Robert Fassett	Effects of astaxanthin on arterial stiffness. Oxidative stress and inflammation in renal transplant patients (Xanthin Trial).
Gynaecological Oncology	Dr Amy Tang (Chief), Prof Andreas Obermair	Prognostic value of preoperative CA125 in ovarian tumours of low malignant potential.
Conjoint Gastroenterology Laboratory	Dr Kevin Spring	Impact of epigenetic loss of the secreted protein IGFBP7 and oncogenic BRAF mutation in colorectal cancer.
Intensive Care Medicine	Dr Anthony Holley (Chief), Dr Andrew Udy, Assoc Prof Rob Boots, Dr Jennifer Paratz, Dr Steven O'Donoghue, Dr Alex Douglas, Mr Jason Roberts, Dr Catherine Hunn, Prof Jeff Lipman	Assessment of the microcirculation in shocked critically unwell patients during the first 24 hours of resuscitation.
Conjoint Endocrinology Laboratory	Dr Kelly Landers (Chief), Dr Kerry Richard	Transport of thyroid hormone by placental transthyretin.
Neurology	Assoc Prof John O'Sullivan	A double-blind, placebo-controlled crossover clinical trial of desmopressin for the treatment of orthostatic hypotension and nocturia in Parkinson's disease.
Infectious Diseases	Assoc Prof Anthony Allworth (Chief), Prof David Paterson	In-vitro induction of macrolide resistance in staphylococcus aureus and streptococcus spp. By exposure to sub-MIC concentrations of azithromycin.
Physiotherapy	Dr Leanne Bissett	Tracking changes in scapular position in acute post-stroke hemiplegia patients: an observational study.
UQ Centre for Clinical Research	Prof Nick Fisk	Establishment of ambulatory outpatient research floor within the Centre for Clinical Research.
Intensive Care Medicine	Assoc Prof Robert Boots (Chief), Dr Jennifer Paratz, Dr Anthony Holley, Dr Steven O'Donoghue, Dr Judith Bellapart, Dr Joel Dulhunty, Mr Jason Roberts, Mr Paul Jarrett, Prof David Paterson, Prof Jeff Lipman	Does inhaled Heparin prevent ventilator associated pneumonia?
Conjoint Endocrinology Laboratory	Dr Kerry Richard	Regulation of human placental iodide transport.
Conjoint Gastroenterology Laboratory	Dr Vicki Whitehall	Pilot study to investigate potential molecular targets mediating resistance to cetuximab in patients with advanced colorectal cancer.
Radiation Oncology	Dr Catherine Bettington	A multi-centre validation study of the predictive value of Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS) in determining location of first recurrence in glioblastoma following conventional therapy: with an adjunct exploratory study into utility of FLT-PET.
Renal Medicine	Prof Robert Fassett (Chief), Assoc Prof Jeff Coombes, Assoc Prof John Gowardman, Dr Vincent D'Intini	Effects of acute renal failure on arterial stiffness.
Intensive Care Medicine	Dr Andrew Udy (Chief), Assoc Prof Rob Boots, Mr Jason Roberts, Prof Jeff Lipman	Glomerular hyperfiltration in at-risk patients on admission to the Intensive Care Unit (GHAU) study.
Nutrition and Dietetics	Dr Lynda Gillen (Chief), Dr Alison Mudge, Dr Angela Vivanti, Mr Jack Bell, Dr Peter Davies, Ms Julie Adsett	Assessing nutritional status and intakes in heart failure patients.
Nursing	Adj Prof Joan Webster (Chief), Prof Glenn Gardner, Ms Kerrie Coleman	Effectiveness of pressure ulcer screening tools for the prevention of pressure ulcers.
Nursing	Mr Raymond Chan (Chief), Ms Sally Jones, Ms Ann-Marie Butler, Mr Michael Bishop, Ms Alana Fraser, Ms Dawn Bedwell, Ms Alanna Geary, Adj Prof Joan Webster	The effects of an orientation program conducted by a multidisciplinary team on self-efficacy and anxiety of newly registered cancer patients.
Nursing	Dr Peter Lewis (Chief), Ms Anne Webster, Dr Michael Rudd, Prof Glenn Gardner	A randomised controlled trial comparing aqueous cream and bees wax cream in the provision of relief from post-burn itch.



# ADDITIONAL FUNDING GIVEN

Throughout the 2008/2009 financial year, RBWH Foundation has provided funding for a number of items and activities at the hospital that are not necessarily research related.

These include:

- Staff attendance at the American Burn Association Conference
- Staff attendance at the 2008 Australia New Zealand Burns Association Annual Scientific Meeting
- Staff attendance at ACCN and ANZICS Asia Pacific Critical Care Congress
- Staff attendance at Digestive Diseases Week Conference
- Staff attendance at Advanced Ventilation and NIV Conference
- Staff attendance at National ICU Congress
- Advanced staff training in specialist commercialisation laboratories
- Advanced staff training in emergency management of severe burns
- Staff attendance at the Australasian Symposium on Critical Care Nephrology
- Sponsorship of the annual RBWH Health Care Symposium and the following associated awards:
  - Clinical Science - Best Oral Presentation
  - Clinical Science - Best Poster Presentation
  - Clinical - Best Oral Presentation
  - Clinical - Best Poster Presentation
  - Basic Science - Best Oral Presentation
  - Basic Science - Best Poster Presentation
  - The Cecilia Brazil Nursing Research Award
  - The Allied Health Research Award
  - The Professor William Egerton Award for Surgical Research
  - The Sir Ian McFarlane Medal - Best Overall Research Presentation
- Purchase of specialist software for the Leg Ulcer Clinic
- Running costs associated with the laboratories in the Clinical Research Centre including rent, maintenance, some salaries, consumables and chemicals
- Employment of a biostatistician
- Purchase of two Vapotherm Precision Flow humidifiers for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Purchase of specialist transport cot for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Purchase of transcutaneous monitoring device for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Purchase of Bilisoft phototherapy system for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Purchase of two physiological monitoring systems for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Purchase of six fetal movement monitors for Perinatal Research Centre
- Purchase of Intellivue MP 50 Monitor for Neurology Research Centre - Stroke Research
- Purchase of EEC and cart for Neurology Research Centre (Stroke Research)
- Purchase of Sigma 2-6 lab table top centrifuge for Neurology Research Centre (Stroke Research)
- RBWH Foundation Fellowship
- Sir Ian McFarlane Nursing Excellence Awards
- Department of Anaesthesia Founder's Award



## **Dr John Herron**

KSG, KCHSJ, MB, BS (Qld), FRCS, FRCSE, FRACS, FAMA

### **Chairman**

Dr Herron started his career at the then Royal Brisbane Hospital as an RMO and Surgical Registrar before heading overseas to obtain his Edinburgh and London surgical fellowships. He returned to Brisbane in 1963 following his appointment as the first Clinical Research Fellow of the Queensland Cancer Fund with attachment to the Queensland Melanoma Project. He gained Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and was appointed to the Visiting Staff at Princess Alexandra Hospital. In 1974 he became Senior Surgeon at the Mater Adult Public Hospital and remained in that position until being elected as a Senator for Queensland in 1990. In 1996 he became Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. In 2002, he was appointed Ambassador to Ireland and the Holy See. On his return from overseas in 2006, Dr Herron became Chairman of the Australian National Council on Drugs. Dr Herron and his wife Jan have six daughters and three sons.

## **Hamish J L Doley**

BSc, BCom, CA, FFin

### **Deputy Chairman**

Hamish is a Partner of the KPMG Middle Market Advisory Practice, based in Brisbane, and has been a Chartered Accountant since January 2002. Prior to obtaining a Bachelor of Commerce at University of Queensland, he completed a Bachelor of Science, which led to his interest and support for medical research. He currently advises private businesses, predominately based in Queensland, including Boards of other not-for-profit organisations. Hamish has been involved in other community initiatives, such as the Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF), where he advised arts organisations in Brisbane.



## **Professor Lawrie W Powell**

AC, MD, PhD, FRCP, FRACP

Professor Powell originally undertook his postgraduate training at the then Royal Brisbane Hospital before heading overseas to undertake further study and hold various positions at hospitals in London, America and Denmark. Back in Australia, he was awarded a personal Chair by University of Queensland in 1978 and then, in collaboration with Professor June Halliday and Professor Graham Cooksley, he established an internationally recognised liver research group. In 1990, Professor Powell was appointed Director of Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR) where, amongst other achievements, he was instrumental in the successful development and planning of the \$64 million Cancer Research Centre. Professor Powell has received numerous national and international awards in recognition of his research contributions and has held many prestigious positions including President of the International Association for the Study of Liver (1986 to 1988). Professor Powell is currently Director of the Centre for Advancement of Clinical Research at RBWH, honorary Senior Principal Research Fellow of QIMR and Professor Emeritus at University of Queensland.



OUR BOARD

## Jenniwyat Luhur

Assoc Dip (Music)

Ms Jenniwyat Luhur is a Director of Maximus International Pty Ltd. She is also Vice President of the Buddha's Light International Association of Queensland. Jenniwyat was awarded 'Volunteer of the Year' in 2002 by the then Royal Brisbane Hospital and Royal Women's Hospital Health Service District, in recognition of her contribution to the hospitals and health district through raising funds for medical research.



## Peter Fardoulys

AM, LFAIB, JP, Dip Mech & Elec Eng, Chartered Builder  
(Hon Prof Building & Construction Central Queensland University)

Peter has been the Managing Director of Peter Fardoulys Constructions since 1976. He is also a board member of Opera Queensland (1981 to 2008) and the Crèche & Kindergarten Association of Queensland (1967 to 2008). He is a past National President of the Australian Institute of Building. In 2005, Peter was appointed Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to the building industry and to the community through arts, medical, children's and church organisations.

## Kieran Keyes

BNSc RN MBA AFCHSE CHE

Kieran was the Executive Director of Corporate Services at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital until 8 May 2009 after which he moved to Townsville to become a Director with the Business Capability Team. Kieran began his career in the health industry as a registered nurse and maintained his registration through ongoing (albeit part time) clinical practice. He has been in senior hospital or corporate health administration roles for more than 10 years in both North Queensland and Brisbane. He is an Associate Fellow of the Australian College of Health Service Executives and participates in the college's ongoing education program. Kieran provided the Board with a direct link to the Executive of the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. Kieran resigned from RBWH Foundation Board on the 8 May 2009.



## John J George

John George has owned and operated a number of retail and wholesale businesses in the Australian fresh food sector since 1980. He is, however, best known for his role as Managing Director and co-founder of Australia's largest supplier and manufacturer of chilled food products, Mrs Crocket's. Since the mid-90s, John and his brothers have been involved in expanding the family property investment, management and development business which forms the basis of what is now known as The George Group. John has also served as the Chairman for the Board of the Centre for Food Technology and also on the Board of the Queensland Institute of Technology.

## Bruce Humphrys

Bruce Humphrys is the Managing Partner of Brisbane-based law firm HopgoodGanim Lawyers. Bruce began his legal career with the firm in 1979 and has been the Managing Partner since 2001, responsible for leading the firm's 24 partners and 200 employees. Under Bruce's leadership, HopgoodGanim has experienced significant growth to become one of Queensland's largest independent law firms and, as consistently recognised by independent adjudicators, one of Australia's most successful legal practices. Before his current role, Bruce was one of the firm's lead partners within the commercial property group. During his career as a property lawyer, he was involved in many of South-East Queensland's largest property development projects.



## For the year ended 30 June 2009

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Revenue	<b>3,549,578</b>	2,587,931
Event expenses	<b>(165,186)</b>	(37,819)
Fundraising expenses	<b>(870,864)</b>	(1,061,008)
Research administration and clinical trials	<b>(616,080)</b>	(642,697)
Administration expenses	<b>(171,397)</b>	(208,498)
Merchandising expenses	<b>(50,477)</b>	(38,819)
Research grants	<b>(1,188,273)</b>	(1,624,361)
Operating surplus/ (deficit) before investing activities and income tax	<b>487,301</b>	(1,025,271)
Financial income	<b>412,941</b>	427,537
Financial expenses	<b>(474,782)</b>	(188,261)
Net financing income	<b>(61,841)</b>	239,276
Operating surplus/ (deficit) before income tax	<b>425,460</b>	(785,995)
Income tax expense	-	-
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year	<b>425,460</b>	(785,995)

The income statement is extracted from the audited financial statements of RBWH Foundation for the year ended 30 June 2009. The full financial statement can be viewed on RBWH Foundation's website, [www.rbwhfoundation.com.au](http://www.rbwhfoundation.com.au)

# INCOME STATEMENT

## For the year ended 30 June 2009

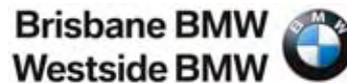
	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,969,297	1,145,600
Trade and other receivables	776,502	723,630
Inventories	86,440	6,996
Other assets	4,705	3,835
Total current assets	<u>2,836,944</u>	<u>1,880,061</u>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Other financial assets	4,602,027	4,886,089
Property, plant and equipment	41,536	53,199
Total non-current assets	<u>4,643,563</u>	<u>4,939,288</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>7,480,507</u>	<u>6,819,349</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	893,824	695,964
Employee benefits	44,884	37,727
Provisions	347,316	265,005
Total current liabilities	<u>1,286,024</u>	<u>998,696</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Employee benefits	9,555	8,075
Provisions	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	<u>9,555</u>	<u>8,075</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>1,295,579</u>	<u>1,006,771</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>6,184,928</u>	<u>5,812,578</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves	127,225	180,335
Accumulated surplus	6,057,703	5,632,243
	<u>6,184,928</u>	<u>5,812,578</u>

The balance sheet is extracted from the audited financial statements of RBWH Foundation for the year ended 30 June 2009. The full financial statement can be viewed on RBWH Foundation's website, [www.rbwhfoundation.com.au](http://www.rbwhfoundation.com.au)

RBWH Foundation would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for providing items for raffles, auctions, gift bags, prizes for various activities and refreshments for certain events. We would also like to thank those businesses and individuals who provided discounts on products and services or special offers for our Royal Mums and RBWH staff, as well as those that sponsored tickets that enabled Royal Mums to attend our Right Royal Affair at no charge. Finally, we would like to thank the individuals that gave their time to host our various events or speak at them.

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