

Bundaberg Health Services Foundation



2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT

THE TEAM THAT HELPS IMPROVE THE LIVES OF LOCAL PATIENTS

MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation form a body corporate and are appointed by the Governor-in-Council upon the recommendation of the Minister for Health.

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CHAIRMAN
Janet Tallon

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
Marilyn King

MEMBERS
Cr Lynne Forgan

Catherine Parker

Judyth Collard

Debbie Carroll (Director of Nursing and Midwifery Service, Wide Bay Health Service)

Beth Norton (Northern Cluster Manager Sunshine Coast — Wide Bay Health Service District)

Daryl Corpe

Jim Mullett

Peter Heath (Manager HPID Northern Cluster)

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The current term for each board member expires on 26 November 2010, with individual information having already been submitted to the Minister for Health's office.

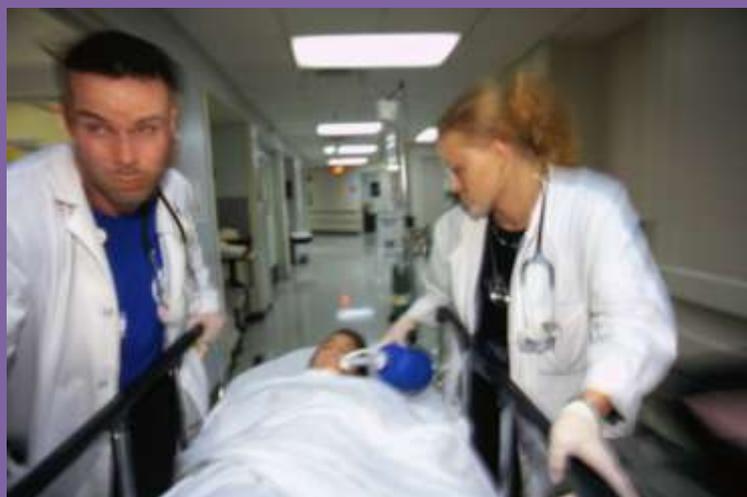
Timely re-appointment of board members will enable the Foundation to continue its active and energetic status of fulfilling its objectives in the coming year.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Bundaberg Health Services Foundation seeks to meet the needs of the people of Bundaberg and the North Burnett in a variety of ways.

- Our vision is to enhance the health and well being of our community through research, education, support, community partnership and shared resources.
- Our principal activity is to promote the prevention and control of diseases, both within public hospitals and the broader Wide Bay community.



YEAR IN REVIEW

The Bundaberg Health Services Foundation has had a period of vibrant growth in the 2009/2010 financial year.

The Foundation is becoming a dynamic not-for-profit organisation that is making a contribution to the quality of health care provision at Bundaberg Hospital and within the Bundaberg community.

Part-time managers are working with a dedicated team of volunteer board members to lift the Foundation's profile in the community.

Our new logo is helping change the face of health services throughout the Bundaberg district. It provides a distinctive, unique and modern symbol that easily identifies and promotes the Foundation.

The Foundation has experienced continued strong support during the past 12 months from individual donors, community groups and service organisations.

A band of volunteers has been established in the past six months and the Foundation relies on the support of these wonderful people who donate their time so freely and frequently.

It is these donors and volunteers who help ensure that the Foundation continues to deliver significant support in so many ways to patients, carers and their families, the community and health care workers.

All of these people have an enormous, positive influence on the Foundation and ultimately on the way local health care services are provided.

Their donation of either time or money is precious and we sincerely thank them.



During the past year, the Foundation has worked hard on lifting its profile to the local community, with considerable gains being seen in the return of donations and support.

Now in its 11th year the Foundation has spent over \$200,000 on medical equipment, training and facilities to improve the comfort of patients and their families.

During the past year alone \$28,000 was raised thanks to its loyal and wonderful donors.

By ensuring that operating costs are funded by other revenue streams, the Foundation has continued its quite unique commitment to guarantee that every cent raised by donors is spent on patient services and NOT administration costs.

Another commitment we have made is to ensure that all funds raised in the local community are spent in the local community.

The Foundation will continue to work on forming strong partnerships with local businesses and service organisations so that it continues to enhance local patient care and the provision of local health care services.

JANET TALLON

CHAIRMAN

FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES

The members of the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation have been very active in promoting the Foundation to the region and improving its profile with community groups, service organisations and local businesses.

The Foundation will continue to actively market its objectives during the forthcoming year.

Presentations about the Foundation's aims have been made to a number of community groups including: Independent Retirees, Seniors Network, Council on the Ageing, Prostate Support Group, Zonta, Arthritis Support Group, Bundaberg Mature Women, Inner Wheel Club of Bundaberg Sunset, Bundaberg Cancer Men's Support Group, Hinkler Lions, and several Rotary Clubs including Bundaberg East, Rotary Club of Bundaberg, Bundaberg City Daybreak, Sunrise Rotary, West Bundaberg and the Childers Rotary Club.

A half-hour presentation and interview on local Community Radio 94.7FM also proved successful in reaching a wide audience.

EXPO EXPOSURE

As part of Seniors Week from August 16-23, 2009 the Foundation once again participated in the Seniors Healthy and Active Expo, which took place on Thursday, August 20 at the Bundaberg Civic Centre.

The Foundation was promoted through its display, newly prepared pamphlets and logo. Hundreds of local seniors learnt more about the Foundation's aims and activities and ways they can become involved in a local health care team that saves local lives. The display was a success with many enquiries.

The Foundation also participated with displays and talks at the Masonic Lodge Health Expo and the Gin Gin Neighbourhood Centre Health Expo.



EDUCATION

Once again the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation has supported hospital staff to upgrade their qualifications by funding educational programs.

WINNIE MAY SCHOLARSHIP

The Foundation continues to host and manage the Winnie May Scholarship on behalf of the descendants of Dr Thomas Henry May, the founding father of Bundaberg Hospital. The awards honour Dr May's niece nurse Winnie May.

The Foundation is proud to be associated with the annual scholarship which has historical ties to the city and its health care development. Patients are ultimately the overall scholarship 'winners' when the nurses complete their studies and implement their skills in these highly specialised fields to further improve patient care.

The 2010 Winnie May Nursing Scholarship Dinner was held on June 19. This year, in a break with tradition, three Scholarships were offered. The major one of \$5000 was again funded by family descendents Jocelyn May and the late Yvonne May.



Descendents of Dr Thomas May - Robert Smyth And Yvonne May (second right) - with 2010 Winnie May Scholarship recipients Michelle Blackwell, Nicole Blunt and Carleen Ellis.

The remaining two (one for \$3000 and one for \$2000) were offered in honour of the late Wing Commander Frank Wilson, grandson of Dr May.

Mr Wilson, who passed away in February 2010, was a long time benefactor of the Winnie May Scholarship and the Bundaberg Hospital.

Six nominations were received with the \$5000 scholarship awarded to Nicole Blunt who will undertake a Master in Nursing Science – Nurse Practitioner at the Queensland University of Technology.

Other recipients were Michelle Blackwell (\$3000) who will undertake a Master of Health Science – Nurse Practitioner at the Queensland University of Technology and Carleen Ellis (\$2000) who will study a Post-Graduate Certificate of Nursing Science (Renal Nursing) at the James Cook University.

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Board members at the 2010 Winnie May Scholarship Dinner Janet Tallon, Catherine Parker, Peter Heath and Marilyn King.

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The descendents of the May family have contributed more than \$55,000 since 1994 to ensure these Scholarships continue.

To recognise the medical excellence of Dr May and his family's ongoing financial commitment to nurse training, the Foundation has lodged a submission to the Minister for Health calling for the new building at Bundaberg Hospital to be named in honour of Dr May.

PAEDIATRIC STAFF TRAINING

The Foundation also helped paediatric staff submit a grant application through the Woolworths Fresh Food Kids Hospital Appeal. The Hospital was awarded \$5170 which will allow two nurses to undertake an Advanced Paediatric Life Support course, one nurse to undertake a Care of the Seriously Ill or Injured Child Conference, and two others to complete a Cancer Council Queensland Oncology workshop.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation marches into a very dynamic future, we have started this year, to undertake significant forward planning in a bid to ensure we have a clear and defined goal and plan to achieve it

A planning day was held in March to initiate this process with all board members involved.

The day was facilitated by Stephen Hart, Chief Executive Officer of the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation.

As a result three sub-committees have been established which will move the Foundation forward over the next five years:

- A Fundraising Committee
- A Patient Accommodation Committee and
- A Funding Request Committee.

RURAL PATIENT ACCOMMODATION



For some years now the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation has been working with Queensland Health to find a suitable piece of land on site at Bundaberg Hospital for a rural patient accommodation complex.

When patients from the rural hospitals in the Wide Bay Health Service area, including Monto, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Eidsvold, Mt Perry, Gin Gin, Childers and Biggenden, have to be transferred to Bundaberg Hospital for treatment there are currently very limited accommodation options.



The Foundation is actively working, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Bundaberg East to make this facility a reality.

A tour of the North and South Burnett, where these rural hospitals are located, was undertaken in September 2009 by the Foundation chairman and manager. There was tremendous support from not only the patients and community, but also businesses, community groups and the North Burnett Regional Council.

While we appreciate that the process to allocate land on site at Bundaberg Hospital will be a lengthy one, we have started a process to establish an interim accommodation project within walking distance to the hospital.

It will hopefully provide rural patients with a safe, convenient and affordable accommodation option. The Foundation will continue to work with QH to ascertain where land might be available and to start the fundraising that will be required to fund a new, purpose-built facility.



ADMINISTRATION

The Bundaberg Health Services Foundation has continued to commit to its policy of keeping administrative costs to a minimum.

In a bid to create a business interest that earns funds to pay for administration costs, the Foundation undertook research to access what opportunities existed within the hospital.

In February 2010 the Foundation established a new barista-style coffee bar in the Bundaberg Hospital staff dining room for use by staff. It is now operating successfully thanks to a willing band of volunteers.

You don't have to be a doctor or nurse to be part of the team that saves and improves the lives of patients – these volunteers are making a great contribution by giving their time to the Foundation.

A number of volunteers took part in a Barista Training Course and now volunteer on a roster basis for about four hours per shift. The Foundation continues to hold training sessions and recruit other volunteers to ensure it runs at minimal costs.

Barista volunteers include members of the local service clubs, partners and friends of hospital staff, retired staff and members of the public. We would like to acknowledge the contributions of these people who donate their time and skills to the Foundation's vision.

The Coffee Bar is growing in popularity among hospital staff members who are appreciating the opportunity to buy "real" coffee four days a week.



- As another revenue raiser, the Foundation also sells ex-QH computers to staff, various community groups and members of the public to raise revenue.

- Managing our invested funds in a bid to maximise our interest based return has been challenging this year with the Global Financial Crisis. With improved interest rates we are looking forward to better outcomes in the coming financial year.

- The Foundation board is continually investigating other business opportunities to boost funds.



DONATIONS

Since the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation has taken over the control of donations in cash or kind from the Hospital Executive, the partnerships with regular community donors has grown in strength - in particular the Combined Lions Club's annual Truck Drive for Kids and the Give Me Five for Kids fundraiser by local radio station Sea FM.

As the Foundation has also worked to raise its profile in the community there have been many other community groups and businesses donate funds for medical equipment.

Hundreds of palliative care patients, day surgery patients and their carers are benefiting daily from a generous \$5082 donation from Bundaberg's Tyrian Masonic Lodge which was handed over to the Foundation in November 2009.

Of that donation, \$2582 went towards buying a variety of items, including wheel chairs, pressure reducing cushions, transfer benches, shower stools and fold over toilet frames to assist patients to stay in their own homes in comfort.

The Day Surgery Unit was the recipient of the other \$2500, to purchase a larger screen television that can be viewed from all areas of the waiting lounge. This television is providing patients with a distraction while waiting for surgery and for their carers who are waiting for them to recover from their medical procedure.

Palliative care patients also benefited from a \$1390 donation from Inner Wheel Club of Bundaberg Sunset which was presented to the Foundation in April.



A \$5082 donation from the Bundaberg Tyrian Masonic Lodge to Foundation chairman Janet Tallon and Carol Francis from Palliative Care at Bundaberg Hospital.

Again the donation had gone towards purchasing a variety of items, including wheelchairs, to assist patients to stay in their own homes.

The need to help sick children continues to attract many thousands of dollars in donations.

Westpac staff raised \$2150 to donate at Christmas to the Special Care Nursery.

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The Truck Drive for Kids has been a fantastic initiative of the combined Lions Clubs – Moore Park, Bargara and Bargara Lioness. Paediatric patients at Bundaberg Hospital are incredibly grateful to have received so much equipment over the past four years – with \$45,000 raised during that time.

This year the Special Care Nursery used the \$7000 donation to help purchase a phototherapy unit and neonatal resuscitation equipment. Both these pieces of equipment were urgently needed.

Sick children at Bundaberg Hospital will also benefit from a sizeable donation from Sea FM's Give Me Five For Kids fundraiser held in June.

There also have been in-kind donations such as a 42 inch high definition television with set top box in perfect condition which was donated by a local family and is now on the Hospital's medical ward.

Bargara Lioness members have also donated hand-made bonnets and trauma teddies.

To date the Foundation has donated over \$200,000 to support public health services throughout local communities, in accordance with the Foundation's objectives.

Many thanks to all who supported us throughout the year and special thanks to our major supporters.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A copy of the audited financial statements of the Foundation is attached. The statements have been certified by the Queensland Audit Office.