

# Saving Lives

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Wayne, a  
frontline Clinical  
Nurse Consultant  
in the ED

HERE FOR YOU

## When you need us most



**THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC** has forced change and challenges on all of us, but especially our healthcare workers. Imagine social distancing in an Emergency Department when close teamwork matters the most. Despite these challenges our Hospital staff – doctors, nurses, cleaners – continued to provide safe and compassionate healthcare to patients. Wayne, a frontline Clinical Nurse Consultant in the ED says:

*“Patients put their utmost trust in our hands so we do our absolute best to provide the care they need regardless of how difficult the situation.”*

Prince of Wales Hospital staff like Wayne are attending to our many community health needs despite the testing circumstances and are there for you when you need them most.

However, our Hospital staff are not the only ones who rose to the challenge and showed compassion and kindness. Our generous supporters came together to donate over \$290,000 since the beginning of the crisis to support our frontline workers and we cannot thank them enough.

## GIFT IN WILLS

### The gift of a lifetime

We are grateful that these generous supporters remembered the Foundation in their Wills:

- Estate of the Late Alfred Cowen
- Estate of the Late William Jory
- Estate of the Late Cathy Faust
- Estate of the Late Annette Serisier
- Estate of the Late Bill and Shirley Sullivan

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## A MESSAGE

# From Our Chair

**WELCOME** to the first edition of Saving Lives 2020. The delay of this edition is of course due to the impact of the coronavirus and I would like to acknowledge our Foundation Team for their dedication to our cause and for working hard to keep the Foundation running during these challenging times.

This dedication was evident with the success of International Nurses Day held in May. I am sure that you saw the coverage of our celebrations on Channel 9 and other stations. I would like to thank everyone involved, including our Team and Hospital staff for making this day such a great success.

And whilst the next 12 months will be a challenging time for many not-for-profits, there are some exciting developments for the Foundation as we work with the Hospital to establish the new Virtual Care Centre and the construction of the Acute Services Building. To support these developments, the Foundation will run various fundraising activities including a virtual challenge that will take place in September – so look out for more information soon.

Finally, we look forward to opening our Annual Grant Rounds in September to support all Hospital staff with research, education, innovation and providing the best in patient care at Prince of Wales Hospital.

None of the above would be possible without our dedicated supporters who give so generously to make a difference for the Hospital, the staff and most importantly for our patients and their loved ones.

*George Kemp, Chair*

# Prince of Wales Hospital Cancer Survivorship Centre

**THE RECENTLY OPENED** Prince of Wales Cancer Survivorship Centre is helping people from all over NSW to better live with and beyond cancer. The space is a sanctuary for patients to access support during and after cancer treatment.

Located conveniently adjacent to the Nelune Comprehensive Cancer Centre, the new centre provides holistic cancer survivorship programs considering all aspects of a cancer survivors journey. It also offers a dedicated place for survivors to meet, share their knowledge and experiences with each other.

*Our Foundation is extremely proud to have helped fund this vital centre through our generous supporters.*

We know that the services and opportunities provided by the centre are helping those in our community living through a cancer journey.

The Foundation is now focusing to upgrade the garden area adjacent to the centre to provide a natural non-clinical and safe outdoor environment for those going through cancer treatment and follow up services. To support this vital initiative please visit [www.powhf.org.au](http://www.powhf.org.au).



## PATIENT STORY

**A SURFBOARD ACCIDENT** in the living room! Meet well known journalist and recent Prince of Wales Hospital patient Caroline Overington. Aiming to stay healthy and keep moving during the pandemic, Caroline's dancing attempt to the sound of her whirring NutriBullet ended with a

serious cut on her leg when she accidentally stepped on her son's surfboard fin. Not one to be overly excited about a Hospital visit during COVID-19, Caroline was pleasantly surprised when she was attended to immediately by the calm and caring Prince of Wales Hospital Emergency Department staff. Her doctor – a local Bondi surfer – was familiar with fin cuts and could relate well to her injury. The location of the accident –

the living room – however, raised a few eyebrows and required further explanation.

We are glad to hear that Caroline has since recovered well, will keep her distance to surfboards and has expressed her gratitude for the amazing and compassionate care received at our Hospital.



# What's On...?

## REGIONAL AND RURAL PATIENTS NOW HAVE ACCESS TO 24-HOUR CRITICAL CARE

**NSW TELESTROKE SERVICE** is a state-wide virtual service hosted at Prince of Wales Hospital and serviced by a roster of specialist stroke physicians who provide remote specialist assessment, diagnosis and treatment planning for patients with a suspected stroke. Operations commenced in March 2020 and there are two sites running (Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour Hospitals). Plans are in place for a further 23 referring sites to be implemented over the next two year. As virtual health services like Telestroke increasingly show impact, the Foundation is looking to partner with progressive philanthropists and companies to build capacity for Randwick's new Virtual Care Centre in the Acute Services Building currently in construction and due to be opened in 2022.



## WE'VE RELOCATED

**THE FOUNDATION** team has moved. You can now find our friendly staff at the engagement desks at the Barker Street and High Street entrances of the Hospital as well as on Level 3 High Street East. We are also excited to finally welcome back our much loved market and food stall holders. Get your Gozleme fix every Friday and Dumplings or BBQ on Thursdays at the High Street entrance of our Hospital.

## MATER PRIZE HOME LOTTERY UPDATE

**IN 2009**, Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation supporters were introduced to Mater Foundation's Mater Prize Home Lottery program as a way to raise funds, support research and patient care at Mater QLD and Prince of Wales Hospital. Thanks to the generous support from members of this program, this partnership raised over 13.5 million in vital funding for Prince of Wales Hospital. Changing times have meant that the Foundation will no longer be a part of the Mater Prize Home Lottery. We wish the Mater Foundation QLD all the best.



## POWER UP...

**FOR OUR NEW VIRTUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT**, we are encouraging families, individuals, and communities to walk 30km in one week and raise \$300 for our healthcare superheroes. Or why not supercharge your walk by speeding through the challenge and opting for 30km in one day or dress up as your favourite superhero? For more information, please contact at Helen at [helen@powhf.org.au](mailto:helen@powhf.org.au)

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