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From Left-Right:

- | Professor (GPCAPT) Alexander McFarlane, Head, Centre for Military and Veteran Health – University of Adelaide Node
- | MAJGEN Jeffrey Rosenfeld, Surgeon General Defence Health Reserves
- | His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR Governor of South Australia
- | PTE Liam Haven, 16 RWAR, Australian Defence Force

Research Paper Day

Thank You An inspirational day that confirmed our plans of making it an annual event. We would particularly like to thank our sponsors and event partners without whom the day would not have been the great success it was.

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To register your interest in the 2010 South Australia Defence and Veteran Research Paper Day email the Foundation at info@foundationdawpark.org.au

The Foundation hosted its Inaugural Defence and Veteran Research Paper Day in the historic SPF Hall on The Repat campus. The day was special from many perspectives with some particular highlights, including the formal opening of the day by our Patron, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR Governor of South Australia, the Bacchanalia String Quartet performing the piece ANZAC composed by notable South Australian composer Mr Grant Sheridan, who was present for the occasion, and an inspirational presentation by Private Liam Haven, a Middle East Veteran who suffered injury and loss of vision caused by an improvised explosive device while he was serving in Iraq.

The day was made possible through great sponsors, a brilliant and diverse Scientific Committee, team members and volunteers. ■

The Scientific Committee were

Chair: Clinical Associate Professor (Colonel) Susan Neuhaus CSC
 Dr John Costi, Chair, Research Management Committee, Repatriation General Hospital
 Professor (Group Captain) Alexander McFarlane, Head, Centre for Military and Veteran Health – University of Adelaide Node

Winning Papers / Presentations



- 1 Best Scientific Paper Award**
Dr Morton Burt, Endocrinologist, Southern Adelaide Diabetes and Endocrine Services, Repatriation General Hospital
- 2 Best Defence and Veteran Health Paper**
Dr Dan Billing, Defence Science and Technology Organisation



Board News

Farewell to Peter Bridge

After 8 years on the Foundation Daw Park Board, Peter Bridge tendered his resignation. Peter has played a key role in the organisational restructure of the Foundation over the past three years. On resigning Peter commented "I am leaving the Board in very capable hands. My time on the Board has been a wonderful experience and I will seek to continue my association with the Foundation so I can watch it grow to its full and significant potential". Thank you Peter for your passionate commitment to the Foundation and The Repat.



From Top-Left-Right:

| Peter Bridge | Hon Alexander Downer
| Associate Professor (Colonel) Susan Neuhaus CSC

New Appointments:

Alexander Downer and Susan Neuhaus

Chairman, **Commodore Bob Willis, RANR** is delighted to announce that former Foreign Minister, The **Hon Alexander Downer** has accepted the Board's invitation to become an Ambassador of Foundation Daw Park; and that **Associate Professor (Colonel) Susan Neuhaus CSC** has been appointed to the Board. In addition to providing endorsement of the Foundation, Mr Downer and Associate Professor Neuhaus will help to develop local, national and international support, and particularly raise awareness about Foundation Daw Park's role in funding medical research associated with Veterans (old and young) and community. ■

2009 Annual General Meeting

10.00 am Monday,
16th November, SPF Hall,
Repatriation General Hospital

Formal papers and announcement will be sent to members mid October. Membership applications for 2010 are still being accepted, please phone the Foundation on (08) 8275 1039 and speak to Sal for further information, or visit our website.

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What A Night!

The 2009 ANZAC Commemoration Gala Ball was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Adelaide on Saturday, 18th April. 300 guests experienced a wonderful night of ceremony, excitement and fun. The theme was the "Times and Music of Vietnam" and the ambience and décor of the Ballroom reflected that theme. Anne Wills and her sister, Susan, wielded their magic by reuniting to "entertain the troops" as they did in the Vietnam era bringing a touch of nostalgia and some considerable sparkle and fun to the evening.

A moving speech from our Guest Speaker for the evening, Colonel Susan Neuhaus, 3rd Health Battalion, who had recently

returned from deployment to Afghanistan, started the ball rolling.

Our live and silent auctions together with the "Diamonds are Forever" raffle raised over \$36,000; a great result.

The night would be incomplete without the reciting of The Ode and the playing of The Last Post and The Rouse. Our sincere and special thanks are extended to Brigadier Tim Hanna AM, for reciting The Ode and Bugler, Guy McRedmond, from the South Australian Detachment RAN Band.

It was an exciting, colourful and memorable night of commemoration and celebration for all. One that would not have been possible without the funding and support of our wonderful sponsors. ■

Thank You



From Left-Right-Bottom:

| Denise Tattersall and Geoff Tattersall, General Manager, Repatriation General Hospital (RGH)
| Associate Professor (Colonel) Susan Neuhaus CSC and Chris Jenner, Executive Director, FDP
| Alisha Fisher, CEO, Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Jeff Fisher





From Left-Right:

| **The Foundation's Executive Director, Chris Jenner, receives the donation from Pat McKenzie, President of the Daw Park Players**

Thank you Daw Park Players

for providing the funds needed for the purchase of a computer and associated equipment to benefit patients visiting the Occupational Therapy Unit of the hospital. The equipment will be used for therapies assisting with the treatment of a range of conditions, including stroke and brain injury. The Daw Park Players heard we were seeking help to fund this project and generously provided us with a cheque for the total cost, \$7,202. The equipment package includes internet and email access enabling patients to stay in touch with friends and family.

We sincerely thank the wonderful and well-known Daw Park Players' Committee for providing the funds for this project. ■



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Telethon Channel 9 Distinctive Homes and Land Lottery

The lottery was launched on 20th July and winning tickets will be drawn on 9th December. Tickets are **\$10 each** or a book of **4 for \$30!**

Prizes

- First ticket drawn: house and land package at 333 Jindabyne Street, Lakeside – valued at \$300,000, or you can choose \$225,000 cash
- Second ticket drawn: house and land package at 334 Jindabyne Street, Lakeside – valued at over \$300,000, or you can choose \$225,000 cash
- If the winning tickets are part of a book buy, then each winner also receives a bonus of \$9,000 homemaker package consisting of \$3,000 each in vouchers from Le Cornu Furniture, Stratco and Sony Centre.

Phone Sal at the Foundation on (08) 8275 1039 to reserve your tickets; or visit our website www.foundationdawpark.org.au to order and buy a book of tickets. ■

June Morning Tea for Supporters

LTCOL Stanley Papastamatis, Commanding Officer, 3rd Health Support Battalion, was Guest Speaker at our June Morning Tea hosted by our Patron, Graham Cornes. LTCOL Papastamatis spoke on "The role of today's medico's in areas of conflict and the importance of ongoing research". Toby Hunt, a 2009 Grant recipient spoke on the subject of his research, "Lightening the load of breathing in people with lung disease." Both topics were highly relevant and of interest to our listeners and to our mission. Questions and answer time was followed by a delicious morning tea sponsored by ScooterWorld – the mobility people. ■



Advance Notice | 2009 Remembrance Day Business Breakfast

The Foundation is hosting its third Remembrance Day Business Breakfast, in partnership with the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce (AICC) with support from the Defence Teaming Centre and we invite you to come along for a very special program.

Date: 10th November 2009

Time: 7.15 am for 7.30 am – 9.00 am (sharp)

Venue: The Banquet Room, Adelaide Festival Centre

Key Note Speaker

Professor Peter Buckskin's presentation 'United in Battle and United at Home' will cover the role of Indigenous People and Torres Strait Islanders in our Military History; from WW1 to present conflicts.

For further information please visit our website, or phone either: Chloe Watts (AICC) on (08) 8221 7004, or Sal Coltman (Foundation) on (08) 8275 1039. ■

Consider A Gift To Foundation Daw Park

When you give a gift in your Will to Foundation Daw Park you enhance the Foundation's ability to fund medical research for Veteran and community health at The Repat.

Giving a gift through your Will is a very strong gesture of trust in our organisation which we value highly. ■



| **Unit Nurse Manager, Pam Taylor with the ECG machine donated by Foundation Daw Park Patient and staff member Brenda Mangelsdorf**

New ECG Machine for the Diabetes and Endocrine Unit

The Doctors and Staff at the Southern Adelaide Diabetes & Endocrine Services Unit at The Repat have expressed their sincere appreciation for the \$10,000 grant made available by the Foundation for a much needed electrocardiograph (ECG) machine which is now in use in their Unit. The machine has already proven to be an invaluable aid in patient examination prior to undergoing investigative tests. In addition it is playing an important role in assisting in examination of patients taking part in clinical research. ■



Chris Jenner Executive Director

Executive Director's Message

My message in the Autumn newsletter reflected on the difficult times generated for everyone by the downturn in the global economy. Over the ensuing months we have had our challenges, but have stayed focussed on our mission and goals, introducing new programs and creating new opportunities to raise funds. It has been a tough, but rewarding period in many ways and we thank our donors and sponsors who have continued to support us through this period.

Healthy Veterans | Healthy Community

You will have already read on the front page about our successful Inaugural Defence and Veteran Health Research Paper Day. The contribution and commitment of our Scientific Committee, the Foundation Team, and our volunteers was outstanding. We were very proud to have had researchers attending and participating from the three South Australian Universities, the Centre for Military and Veteran Health, RAAF Institute of Aviation Medicine and DSTO-Edinburgh. The event provided an opportunity to promote South Australian research relative to defence and Veteran health, to nurture and build relationships across research areas and to announce the establishment of our new Defence and Veteran Health Fund.

Defence and Veteran Health Fund

The Defence and Veteran Health Fund is complementary to – and in addition to – the fundraising we do for medical research and patient care projects based at Repatriation General Hospital. South Australia has become the “Defence” state, and as you will no doubt have heard via the media, we have 7RAR Battalion and families moving to South Australia, in particular to our northern suburbs. We believe our new fund will provide

an opportunity for South Australians to acknowledge and thank both old and young Veterans by supporting research related to their health and wellbeing.

Events and campaigns

Our corporate events keep on building our profile, brand and mission across the business, health and research sectors. I would like to highlight this year's Remembrance Day Business Breakfast on **10th November** with Key Note Speaker Professor Peter Buckskin. I encourage you to come along to hear him present on the role of Indigenous People and Torres Strait Islanders in our Military history. It promises to be a very special morning.

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Our website is constantly being updated. If you would like to become a member, participate in events, want the latest news, or wish to donate or buy a lottery book, seek information on how to make a bequest, it is all possible via our website. And... we are also on FaceBook!

In closing, thank you to all our supporters and sponsors, you are important to the life of the Foundation. Medical research is expensive, but imperative. Please continue to support our cause with your donations and gifts. ■

Acknowledging our Business and Community Partners



From Left-Right:

Ian King, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR Governor of South Australia, Jim McDowell

BAE Donation of South Australia's Most Famous Drop!



At a recent visit with our Patron His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR Governor of South Australia, Mr Ian King, Chief Executive, BAE Systems UK and Mr Jim McDowell, Managing Director, BAE Systems Australia presented the Governor with six bottles of South Australia's iconic Penfold's Grange Hermitage for the Foundation to use in our fundraising activities.

Our sincere thanks have been expressed to BAE for their generosity and support. We at the Foundation are delighted and look forward to creating opportunities to raise funds specifically for medical research associated with the health and wellbeing of defence personnel and Veterans. ■

In Memoriam Gifts We gratefully acknowledge gifts recently given in memory of the following:

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| Mr Ronald William Barratt | Mr Elliott du Rieu | Mr Arthur Murray Ledo | Mr Howard [Sam] Starling | Mr Maxwell Roy Venables |
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Our care for our fellow man includes the hope that our efforts in this life may bring benefits to others long after we are gone.

For more information on the Foundation, what we are doing, what's happening and when, please visit our website: www.foundationdawpark.org.au