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The John James Memorial Foundation is a not-for-profit charitable organisation. It built what is now known as the Calvary John James Hospital in 1970 and operated it until October 2006, when the hospital business was sold to Calvary Private Healthcare Canberra Ltd. Following the sale of the business, the Foundation retained ownership of all of the hospital land and buildings, which is now known as the John James Healthcare Campus and it relies on rental income from the various tenants on the Healthcare Campus, including Calvary, for its ongoing operations. The Foundation is now an independent, broad based healthcare charity providing a range of programs and assistance to the people of Canberra and beyond and is very grateful for the ongoing support of a large number of Canberra based Specialists and GP's.

Front Cover

One of the top pools of Edith Falls, located approximately 60km north of Katherine, NT. Crocodile free and with stunning clear and surprisingly not too cold water, these falls provide beautiful swimming. The top pools are about a 2km walk from the parking area and are a must visit when travelling to the region. The red, green and blue colours of the country come to life just before sunset.



From the Chief Executive

The busy time continues for my small Foundation team! We have successfully organised and completed the first six volunteer specialist trips to Katherine in the Northern Territory, attended numerous thank you functions from the various charities we have assisted this year (with a few more to come yet) and undertaken the selection process and started planning for our next James Cook student visit from September to November 2008. Added to that there is the day to day property management and hospital issues and end of year financials and all I can say is I am extremely grateful for the dedicated support of my staff Wendy Keys and Wendy Baranovsky who are instrumental in keeping everything in order.

I was extremely privileged to accompany our first few volunteer teams to Katherine and have experienced first-hand the work they have done. By the time we complete our “pilot” program for 2008 we will have arranged for seven teams of volunteer specialists and nurses to travel to Katherine. The teams have spent their time undertaking a mix of clinic consultations in Katherine and in the surrounding remote communities, performing a number of surgical procedures and providing formal and ad-hoc in-service training for the local professionals. While an overwhelming majority of patients seen are Indigenous, there are also plenty of non-Indigenous patients. We see this as being extremely important as we are not seeking to discriminate with any patients we see and are happy to see anyone living in the region who is in need of specialist treatment. By the end of 2008 the doctors and nurses will have completed over 300 clinic consultations and 100 operating theatre procedures. The total value of these services, which are provided completely free of charge, is well in excess of \$600,000 – a fantastic effort for a small group from Canberra.

But perhaps the most pleasing aspect is that patients who otherwise have little chance of seeing a specialist have now not only been seen but where necessary had their procedures carried out. The staff at the Katherine Hospital has also had the opportunity to work with some of Canberra’s top specialists and hopefully have taken away some new skills from the procedures undertaken. Lastly without exception all of the team members have come away saying what a great time they had, that they felt they had really made a difference and asking when they can go next – an excellent endorsement of the program!

We have also been very pleased with recent media coverage of our program, with articles being printed in the Katherine Times, Canberra Times and the Canberra Doctor. The ABC TV’s Stateline Program (ACT and NT) will also be doing a story on one of our 2009 trips which will be extremely exciting for the Foundation. Reports and pictures from the first few trips are included in this newsletter.

We remain concerned, as no doubt are most of our Members, in relation to the current situation at the Calvary John James Hospital with staffing, equipment and facilities. We continue to speak regularly with hospital management and discuss this issue later in the newsletter.

Members should keep the evening of Wednesday 12 November free for our annual celebration dinner and keep an eye out for your invitation in the mail. Like last year the dinner will be at the Commonwealth Club with pre-dinner music provided by the ‘Gabriel Quartet’ and an extremely entertaining after dinner speaker. The dinner will showcase some of our major achievements during the year and seats are limited, so make sure you book early.

Peter Williams

Education Program



James Cook Specialist Elective Program

The Elective program is about to commence for 2009, with three excellent final year students: Cindy Oakenful, Claudia Collins and Renee Graham due to arrive in Canberra on 21 September 2008. The students will spend two months with a large number of our specialist Members who generously volunteer their time and expertise for the benefit of these students.

The program aims to give the students a valuable one-on-one learning experience with the specialists, as opposed to the more general placements they have completed in hospitals as part of their course work. In addition to the many specialists who volunteer their time, organisations including the Canberra Eye Hospital, Canberra Fertility and Sydney IVF also open their doors to the students. The Foundation would like to thank all of the organisations and specialists for giving their time to these students, who will take the skills and experience they gain back to rural and remote areas of Australia.

James Cook Indigenous Relocation Scholarships

The Foundation is currently exploring the possibility of providing relocation scholarships to talented Indigenous students who are seeking to enroll in James Cook's Bachelor of Medicine course. JCU receives applications from a number of Indigenous students each year, who would otherwise be accepted into the course, but who do not have sufficient funding to relocate themselves (and often their families) to Townsville in order to undertake the course. This usually means the student simply ends up missing out on the opportunity to undertake the studies. Given it seems one of the best chances of getting skilled health workers out into remote communities is to upskill people with ties to those communities, the Foundation hopes this program will assist in removing barriers to people from remote areas getting the skills their communities need.

We hope to have this program operating from 2009.



THE JOHN CURTIN
SCHOOL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR) at the Australian National University

The Foundation has recently approved a grant of \$102,000 to the JCSMR to fund a post graduate research scholarship for an exceptional PhD candidate over three years. The student will study in one of the JCSMR's core research areas of: cancer, diabetes, vision, hypertension, asthma or epilepsy.

The Foundation is proud to make this very real contribution not only to the successful student, but also to the vital medical research being undertaken by the JCSMR. For more information on the outstanding work of the JCSMR please visit their website at: www.jcsmr.anu.edu.au



Australian National University (ANU) Students

Discussions are also underway with the School of Medicine at the ANU which will hopefully give later year ANU medical students the opportunity to accompany our Specialist Volunteer teams to Katherine in the Northern Territory. The visits will provide them with an extremely valuable insight into remote health care and the issues that arise and may also whet their appetite to return to these areas to spend some time following their graduation.

The Foundation has proposed to pay for the airfares and accommodation of the students who would be subject to a competitive selection process. We look forward to this program getting underway in 2009.

Calvary John James Hospital Partnership



The Foundation is aware of concerns raised by doctors and others regarding the current state of facilities, equipment and staffing at the Calvary John James Hospital. Certainly everyone who works at the hospital would have noticed there has been little by way of improvement to the existing surgical, medical and maternity facilities and equipment, which was so obviously required at the time the hospital changed hands in 2006. As a result, these facilities are currently in need of significant upgrade. In addition, as would be quite obvious to all those working in the hospital, Calvary are finding it difficult to recruit and retain staff, a position being exacerbated by an Australia-wide shortage of practicing nurses.

A recent article in the Canberra Times which implied the hospital was under some financial pressure as a result of the level of rent being charged by the Foundation, failed to mention the current rent amount was actually proposed by Calvary as part of their offer to purchase the business. There have also been disappointing suggestions that the Foundation is “responsible to the community” for upgrading the facilities at the hospital, when this is very clearly not the position. Calvary made their offer to purchase the hospital business in 2006 fully aware of its financial position and the necessary capital funds that would be required to bring all of the facilities up to a high standard. They were also aware that in terms of the lease proposed they would be fully responsible for that required expenditure.

The Foundation has at all times fully complied with its obligations as landlord including recent completion of a major upgrade of the fire services systems at a cost of \$450,000 and despite having no obligation to do so, over the past two years has donated \$250,000 toward the purchase of surgical equipment to be used at the hospital. The Board of the Foundation also recently approved commencing discussions with Calvary with a view to the Foundation providing a package of charitable benefits to the hospital totaling in excess of \$2m, to be applied during the 2008-09 year toward:

- ▶ A re-fit of the Aubrey Tow ward and reception/entry area to a value of \$1.75m;
- ▶ Three further equipment grants of \$100,000 each; and
- ▶ Staff initiatives valued at around \$100,000, including bonded scholarships for nursing students and other programs to attract new staff and encourage staff retention.

However the provision of this package of benefits is contingent upon Calvary providing a range of financial and other information to confirm their ongoing commitment to the hospital business. Despite a number of requests, this information has not as yet been forthcoming.

Although the financial and management responsibility for the hospital and therefore its future now sits solely with Calvary, the Foundation still sees the hospital as a very important community asset. The many staff, doctors and patients from Canberra and surrounds who rely on the hospital are testament to that. We continue to hope that by actively seeking to maintain our partnership and good working relationship with Calvary, we can assist in ensuring the Calvary John James Hospital remains the premier private hospital in Canberra.



Specialist Volunteer Program

The Foundation's Specialist Volunteer Program has commenced very successfully, with the completion of six team visits to date and with one further to come by the end of September 2008. The program aims to supplement the current specialist outreach services provided out of Darwin by:

- ▶ Providing specialist consultations for people in the Katherine health region, with a focus on remote communities;
- ▶ Undertaking theatre procedures as necessary; and
- ▶ Providing in-service education opportunities for the health professionals resident in the Katherine region.

The Foundation brings together suitable teams of specialist doctors and theatre nurses and organises and pays for all travel, accommodation and incidentals, medical registration and credentialing in the Northern Territory.

By the end of 2008, teams arranged by the Foundation will have completed well in excess of 300 specialist consultations and 100 theatre procedures. The total value of services provided free of charge to patients in the remote Katherine region by the Foundation and the specialist teams will be in excess of \$600,000.



Megan Hassall, Dr Al Burns and Dr Chris Roberts undertaking a knee arthroscopy in Katherine Hospital

Correspondence from the Northern Territory Health Minister, the General Managers of the respective Royal Darwin and Katherine Hospitals, the current Darwin based outreach specialists, the local Indigenous Health Boards and importantly the patients, is that the Program is providing a very valuable and important service. It is also very pleasing that all volunteer team members have returned with extremely positive comments about the organisation and trip in general and most have already offered their time to go again.

It seems likely that as further team members and funding becomes available that a logical expansion of the program will be to provide services at the Gove (Nhulunbuy) Hospital and surrounding remote communities. In addition we remain in contact with various Queensland based organisations and

it may be we are able to assist them in the provision of ENT services into the Cape region in the not too distant future.

The Foundation would like to sincerely thank all of the Specialist Doctors and Nurses who have participated in the volunteer teams. We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the staff of the Katherine Hospital, Sunrise Health Board, Katherine West Health Board, Royal Darwin Hospital and all of the specialists and staff involved in the outreach program and the senior staff of NT Health, Mr Peter Campos and Dr David Ashbridge who were instrumental in getting the program off to such a successful start.

Orthopaedic Trip – May 2008

The first volunteer team, comprising Orthopaedic Surgeons, Drs Al Burns and Chris Roberts, Anaesthetist, Dr Peter Yorke and Calvary John James Hospital nurses Angela De Paoli and Megan Hassall travelled from Canberra to Katherine on Sunday 18 May 2008. Monday began with an outpatient clinic at Katherine Hospital, which was repeated again on Tuesday. A relatively early finish at 4.30pm on Tuesday allowed for some sight-seeing at the beautiful Edith Falls, just north of Katherine.

Wednesday dawned with Al Burns and Angela De Paoli travelling to Beswick (approximately 100km south of Katherine) and Chris Roberts and Megan Hassall flying by charter to Ngukurr (about an hour by plane east of Katherine). Both groups enjoyed their time in these remote clinics and were kept busy seeing patients throughout the day, most of whom had been waiting some considerable time for a specialist consult. They did however find some time to tour the local surrounds guided by the friendly clinic staff. While Al and Chris were at these remote clinics, Peter Yorke spent the day in theatre with Darwin based General Surgeon, Dr David Read.

The whole team then spent Thursday and Friday in theatre carrying out a variety of operations from fractures to knee arthroscopies. In doing so, they performed the first ACL reconstruction in Katherine Hospital and the first endoscopic carpal tunnel decompression in the Northern Territory – with thanks to Bill Walker at Arthrex and the Calvary John James Hospital for supplying the necessary equipment. In total for the week, the team carried out almost 100 patient clinic consults (including a number of Emergency Department staff consults) 14 theatre procedures and added a few new cases to the waiting list for the visiting Orthopaedic surgeon from Darwin.



Dr Al Burns, Angela de Paoli and Megan Hassall at Edith Falls

Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) Trip – June 2008

The next trip commenced on Sunday, 1 June 2008 and included ENT Surgeon, Dr Gerry Crisp, Anaesthetist Dr Mark Skacel, Vascular Surgeon, Dr David Hardman and Calvary John James nurses Debbie Simpson and Narelle O'Rourke.

The week began with an outpatient clinic at Katherine Hospital for Gerry Crisp and an anaesthetic clinic for Mark Skacel, who would be assisting a local doctor on the Tuesday and Wednesday with a sizeable backlog of circumcision cases. Tuesday saw further clinic consulting and by the end of the day Gerry had seen almost 30 patients over the two days – a good result given the generally accepted half to two thirds turn up rate on scheduled appointments.



Dr Gerry Crisp examining a young patient from the Beswick Community, just south of Katherine



Dr David Hardman being “examined” at the Boroloola Clinic

On Wednesday the whole team travelled to the remote community of Boroloola, about two hours by charter plane south east of Katherine. Gerry saw around 15 patients and David a further five before a little local sight-seeing and the flight back to Katherine. Thursday was spent in theatre by the whole team from 8am to 9pm, which was followed by enjoying the cuisine of the local petrol station – the only place still open in Katherine selling food!

During the week David conducted several educational seminars on diabetic wound treatment, which by all accounts were extremely well received and in total for the week, Gerry completed almost 50 clinic consults and nine procedures with David adding a few more consults and operations in between seminars.

Paediatric Dental Trip – July 2008

The first of two consecutive paediatric dental trips, this team comprised Paediatric Dental Surgeon; Dr Peter Wong, Paediatric Dental Registrar; Dr Susan Hsieh; Anaesthetist; Dr Phil Morrissey; Theatre Nurse; Elaine Guy, Dental Assistants; Veronica Clarke, Serena Broso.

Westmead Hospital are currently assisting the Commonwealth Government with the provision of dental staff for procedures arising from the intervention health checks. Although the work done by the Foundation teams has no relationship with the Australian Government Intervention program in the Northern Territory, we were very pleased to have Westmead offer some of their staff to assist us with our Program.

Monday of this trip saw Dr Susan Hsieh (from Westmead) and dental assistant Serena Broso travelling to the remote Minyerri community where they stayed until Thursday 31 August undertaking a large number of consultations and minor procedures.

While Susan was in Minyerri, Dr Peter Wong and the rest of the team were kept extremely busy in Katherine completing 23 theatre cases and extracting well in excess of 100 teeth from children, most of whom had been flown in from remote outlying communities.

In addition to providing anaesthetics for Dr Peter Wong, Dr Phil Morrissey also assisted local GP anaesthetists in furthering their education and experience on several other procedures, including an emergency caesarian on which Dr Peter Wong also assisted!

The team sampled various of the sights around Katherine including the Gorge and the Cutta Cutta Caves, however the standout was the night time crocodile tour of the Katherine River where they saw a great many “Freshies” – the (relatively) harmless freshwater crocodiles (that still have many rows of mean looking teeth) which inhabit the river year round.



Dr Peter Wong operating on a young patient in Katherine Hospital

Specialist Volunteer Program

Obstetrics and Gynaecology Trip – July/August

Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Drs Elizabeth Gallagher and Janelle McDonald travelled to Katherine, but only for a short stop-over as their week was to be spent travelling nearly every day to a different remote community clinic to undertake consultations.



L-R: Liz Gallagher, Janelle McDonald, Phil Morrissey, Serena Brosio, Susan Hsieh and Veronica Clarke at Katherine Gorge

During the week Liz and Janelle racked up a massive amount of “frequent flyer points” visiting six remote communities: Kalkarindji, Lajamanu, Timber Creek, Yarralin, Ngukurr and Minyerri as well as conducting an outpatients clinic in Katherine Hospital.

Nearly 70 patients were seen in total for gynaecology consultations as well as completing 10 to 15 chart reviews with the local GP, which means these patients have now been removed from the (very long) waiting list for specialist appointments.

Twelve of the ladies seen were booked for subsequent surgery; nine at Katherine Hospital (these theatre cases will be carried out by our final team visit in September 2008) and three at Royal Darwin Hospital.

The visits to the remote clinics were made particularly successful through the assistance of the Royal Darwin Hospital via outreach nurse, Lesley Stewart and specialist outreach registrar Dr Karen Leeman. Their “local” clinical knowledge during the visits (and the follow up work they will do) was invaluable.

Paediatric Dental Trip – August 2008

In the week immediately following the first paediatric Dental visit our second dental team comprising Paediatric Dental Surgeon; Dr Fiona Bell, Paediatric Dental Registrar; Dr Helen Fung, Anaesthetist; Dr Don Lu, Theatre Nurse; Elaine Guy, Dental Assistant; Alicia Southwell travelled to Katherine.

With the Monday of this week being a public holiday in Katherine, the whole team spent the next four days in theatre working hard to complete 23 theatre cases, including well in excess of 100 tooth extractions.

Dr Helen Fung who is a Paediatric Dental Registrar based at Westmead Hospital in Sydney also spent some time consulting in the remote Beswick community clinic, undertaking many consults and minor procedures.

Although there is no connection between the Foundation’s program and the Australian Government Intervention program, the team was able to assist NT Health in completing the treatment for a number of children identified with dental problems as part of that program.

Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) Trip – September 2008

For the Program’s second to last team visit, ENT Surgeon; Dr Peter Chapman, ENT Registrar; Dr Tim Makeham; and Anaesthetist; Dr James French travelled to Katherine to continue the ENT work commenced by Dr Gerry Crisp during the team visit in June. All three of these doctors had already spent time during 2008 in various parts of the Northern Territory as part of other programs and we were extremely grateful they also volunteered their time again for our program.

Unfortunately due to staff shortages, Calvary John James Hospital advised they would not be able to provide nursing staff for this team, which threatened to cancel the trip, however Katherine Hospital was eventually able to come to our rescue, finding sufficient theatre nurses.

The team arrived on Monday evening and on Tuesday began with a half a day of consulting in Katherine Hospital and the other half in the relatively nearby, but still remote Binjari community. After a further half day of consulting in Katherine Hospital on Wednesday around 30 patients had been seen with a number of patients being added to the theatre list.

The remaining two and a half days were spent by the team in theatre, completing 16 theatre cases. While Peter and Tim were consulting, Dr James French was able to provide some in-service training for local staff and assisted on several other theatre cases. This has really been a feature of all of the trips to date, with the local staff being very appreciative of the opportunity to update or learn new skills from our visiting specialists.

Obstetrics & Gynaecology Trip – Planned late September 2008

The team for our final trip for 2008 will comprise Dr Phil Mutton and nurse Janine Northcott. It is expected the team will undertake a range of consulting and operating over four days, including a number of theatre cases identified during our previous Gynaecology trip.

Following completion of this trip, the Foundation will be conducting a full review of the program’s first year of operation, before commencing planning for eight to ten trips during 2009.



Dr Phil Morrissey (right) prepares a young patient for surgery

Operations Update

The 2007-08 calendar year was the first for the Foundation where there was no impact from hospital operations or extraordinary items. Total revenues for the year were \$4.4m comprised almost exclusively of rents and interest. Total expenses for the year were \$2.2m of which \$1.1m relates to property expenses, \$450k to salaries, insurances and professional advisers and \$650k being applied directly to our charitable activities during the year.

Total assets of the Foundation grew from \$54m to \$56m which corresponds with the net increase in cash funds for the year. Liabilities remained static at just under \$8m as we have yet to commence capital repayments on our long term loan. Repayment of the long term borrowings commences in March 2009, with the debt of just under \$7m to be fully repaid by 2015.

The 2007-08 results were in line with budget and represent a measured commencement of our new activities as a broad based health promotions charity. The surplus of \$2.2m, as discussed previously in the Calvary partnership article was earmarked for application in the 2008-09 year towards various charitable initiatives at the Calvary John James Hospital however final allocation of this funding is dependent on further information from Calvary.

Assuming the \$2.1m grant to the hospital proceeds, the 2008-09 budget forecasts a small surplus of around \$200k, with other operational income and expenses remaining broadly the same as for 2007-08.

Members News

We are very pleased to welcome the following five new members to the Foundation who have joined us in recent months:

Dr Gerry Crisp

Dr Damian Smith

Dr David Rangiah

Dr David Duke; and

Dr Peter Wong

We look forward to a long association with these members and note Gerry and Peter have already

volunteered their time as part of our specialist program in Katherine, NT.

The 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Foundation is to be held on 27 November 2008 and we look forward to as many members as possible attending the meeting either in person or by proxy. The two main issues will be the appointment of new auditors (following the retirement of our current auditors KPMG) and the half-Board election. Director nomination and voting papers along with the notice of AGM will be issued to all Members in October.

Annual Members Dinner

All members should keep an eye out for their invitation to our annual Members dinner to be held on 12 November 2008. The dinner celebrates the achievements of the Foundation over the preceding year and gives members the opportunity to share in those achievements. The dinner will again be held at the Commonwealth Club and we will all enjoy pre-dinner entertainment from the accomplished Gabriel Quartet with thanks to the Canberra Girls Grammar School. This year we have the very entertaining Max Walker attending as guest speaker to get us all warmed up for the upcoming summer of cricket... Max will be autographing a selection of his books which will again be given away to a number of lucky Members.

Charities Spotlight

The Foundation is very pleased to be able to provide assistance to a number of Canberra based charities offering extremely valuable services in health related areas. As a tribute to the work of these organisations we provide this spotlight to promote the inspirational and extremely valuable work they do.



The Heart Foundation

The Heart Foundation is dedicated to reducing the dreadful effects of the number of people living with, or dying from heart, stroke and blood vessel disease.

Since its establishment in Australia in 1959, it has funded world-class cardiovascular research, supported health professionals in their practice, developed health promotion activities, informed and educated the public, and assisted people with cardiovascular disease. Today, the life expectancy of Australians is about ten years longer for men and nine years longer for women.

Earlier in the year the John James Memorial Foundation provided \$25,000 in funding to the Heart Foundation. The bulk of this funding will be applied to the Heart Foundation's "Warning Signs" project which will be conducted through a range of media.

WARNING SIGNS – CALL 000

Helping all Australians to identify and understand warning signs of heart attack is one of the key themes in the Heart Foundation's new strategic plan titled, Championing Hearts 2008-2012. Each year in Australia, there are more than 48 000 major coronary events, half of which are fatal. More than 50% of deaths from heart attack occur out-of-hospital, and about 25% of those who have a heart attack, die within one hour of their first ever symptom. The high early death rate from heart attack is usually due to cardiac arrest caused



by a disturbance in the heart's normal rhythm. Rhythm disturbances are treatable by CPR and defibrillation and ambulances in the ACT carry the necessary equipment.

Treatments for heart attack that open the blocked artery are most effective if commenced within the first 1-2 hours after the onset of symptoms, however their benefit rapidly declines with delay. Patient delay, that is the time between the onset of symptoms and the person seeking help by calling triple zero for an ambulance, is a major reason for delayed treatment.

The Heart Foundation believes that many lives can be saved and complications of heart attack avoided if people are able to recognise the warning signs of a heart attack and take appropriate action. The warning signs of heart attack project will be an ongoing educational campaign beginning early next year, that aims to reduce patient delay by making people aware of the signs and symptoms of heart attack and helping people understand the importance of getting help fast by calling triple zero.

For heart health information call: 1300 36 27 87 or visit: www.heartfoundation.org.au

Volunteering for our Specialist Program

We are still looking for more Specialists to register their interest in volunteering as part of our Specialist Volunteer Program in Katherine. If you can spare some time and are interested in volunteering, please complete the form below and return it to the Foundation to register your interest.

Expression of Interest to Provide Volunteer Services

I would like to offer my services as part of your volunteer program providing medical teams to remote and rural parts of Australia.

Name:

Postal Address:

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Telephone: (W) (M)

Area of Specialty:

Would you be able and prepared to provide training to local health workers? Y / N

Individual visits are likely to take around 7-10 days including traveling time during the months of March to October. We would obviously aim to give team members at least a couple of months advance notice of the timing for proposed visits. However are there any times of the year that would suit you better than others to participate and/or are there any times you cannot travel?

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If you are a surgeon, do you have a preference to work with a specific anaesthetist and/or theatre staff? If so, please ensure you speak with them and confirm they are prepared to also volunteer their time for this project. Please provide the name of the anaesthetist/theatre staff:

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Please return the form to the Foundation by Fax: 6282 9973 or post: PO Box 23 Deakin West ACT 2600 or drop it in to us at our office on level 2 of the Clinical Services Building.

