



WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP

BACKGROUND OF THE FRIENDS

The WCH Friends Association was established in 1990 as part of the merger of the Adelaide Children's and Queen Victoria Hospitals to form the Women's and Children's Hospital.

The Association has four Divisions being:

- Shops Division
- Auxiliaries Division
- Volunteers Divisions
- Queen Victoria Auxiliary Division

Each Division has representation on a Co-ordinating Council, which acts as an overall communication source and provides advice and guidance, as required.

The Divisions provide many services to the hospital including:

- Operating of two hospital shops providing a service and funds
- Raising of funds for the WCH and dissemination of health promotion information by the state-wide Auxiliaries Division
- Hands-on assistance in various wards and units by the Volunteer Division.
- Raising of funds for the Women's and Babies Division by the Queen Victoria Auxiliary.

THE WCH FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The funds raised by the Friends Association have traditionally been used to assist the WCH in its capital campaigns and to purchase category one medical equipment.

However, another prominent need has been identified for the hospital being the continued professional development of its staff, whether this is for medical or non-medical personnel.

To assist this process the Friends Association has established the WCH Friends Fellowship Program consisting of two Fellowships valued at **\$6,000 each**.

The Fellowships are offered for research/study or professional development to non-medical staff of the Women's and Children's Hospital, who wish to undertake such a program in Australia or overseas. Applications will be judged on merit and on the applicant's ability to explain the benefits to the individual and to the Women's and Children's Hospital.

The Friends Fellowship Program has been endorsed by the WCHN Executive and was officially launched at the Friends Conference on 10 August 2004 by Doctor Elizabeth Rozenbils, (then Deputy Board Chairman of the Children, Youth and Women's Health Service).

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