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# President's Message

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to report that the recent disruption to our activities caused by the pandemic seem to be behind us, at least for now. Our wards are buzzing with activity and we are back to 'business as usual', operating at close to capacity and at times with waiting lists. Our Day Rehabilitation and MoveWell exercise classes are in great demand, as is our private and semi-private physiotherapy sessions; it is wonderful to see so many familiar faces.

However, winter is certainly upon us and we strongly encourage our Friends and their families to ensure they have the protection of the flu vaccines and COVID boosters. There are a number of particularly virulent viruses circulating at the moment that are causing higher than usual hospitalisations. We continue to urge caution and people – particularly the aged and vulnerable – should make the effort to wear a mask in public places if they wish to reduce the chance of infection given the virulence of new Omicron strains.

I have previously mentioned that there is considerable pressure on the medical profession, from government and the health funds, to reduce the incidence of hospitalisation following orthopaedic surgery. However, in many instances inpatient rehabilitation is very much justified to facilitate a full recovery and to ensure co-morbidities are well-managed. Should you be requiring surgery and would like to undertake inpatient rehabilitation post-surgery at Wolper, please contact us prior to your procedure to discuss in advance your possible admission for rehabilitation.

Our Wolper Jewish Hospital Health Foundation continues to support many community health and wellbeing initiatives and has recently announced new grants. These include a grant to Street Side Medics (an organisation founded by Dr Daniel Noor, Young Australian of the Year 2022), that provides medical care for homeless people at no cost, usually at key locations where NSW' homeless people gather for meals.

I'd like to acknowledge the retirement of our CEO, John Tucker. John has successfully led the Hospital for 8 years with distinction, through the 'highs' of our major refurbishment and renovation and the 'lows' of the pandemic. John has also been a key contributor to the continuation of the unique Wolper culture. We wish John good health and much happiness for his retirement in Queensland, and welcome with great enthusiasm our incoming General Manager, Tina Boger. Tina is currently our Director of Clinical Services. I am delighted to report that Tina has appointed a new and very experienced Business Manager who will commence with us later this month to oversee many of the operational aspects of the Hospital – this will enable Tina to continue to focus on all matters 'clinical' and support the outstanding team she has built in recent years. We wish Tina every success in her exciting, expanded role leading Wolper.

Finally, I'd like to remind you that Friends of Wolper membership renewals are now due. If you haven't already done so, please visit our web site to renew your support of Wolper online quickly and easily – wolper.com.au/membership – or call us on 8324 2233.

As many may know, whilst Wolper is a member of the JCA, we neither seek nor receive JCA funding support, preferring to leave such funding for other JCA organisations in need. The JCA 2022 Appeal is now underway. The pandemic has markedly increased the demands upon many JCA organisations who are now looking to rebuild their financial resources to be able to better care for those in need.

So, as you renew your Friends of Wolper membership, I do encourage you to also support JCA's 2022 appeal at www.jca.com.au

Stay safe and well.



Richard Glass President, Wolper Jewish Hospital



# Wolper Jewish Hospital's Community Genetics Program has changed

#### Now it's as simple as click and swab

Our innovative new approach provides preconception and BRCA gene screening for all members of the Jewish community in an easier and more discreet manner than ever before.

The Community Genetics Program web site provides all the information needed.

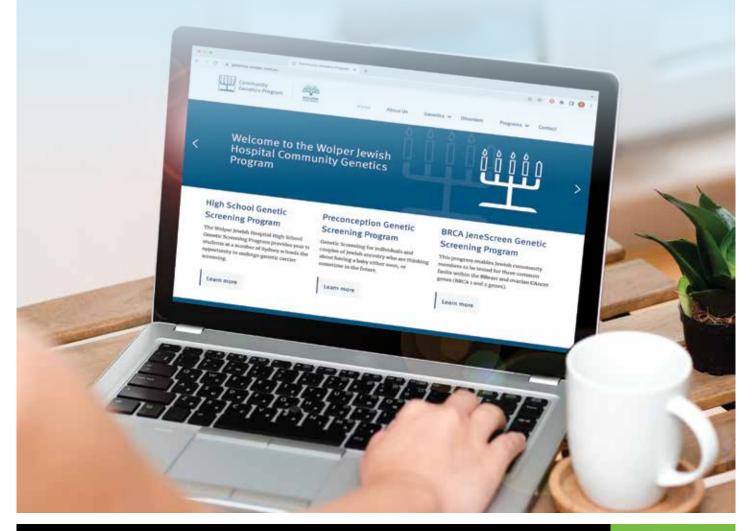
In summary, there are two screening options outlined on the web site:

**Preconception genetic screening** is vital for individuals and couples considering having a baby. The screening must take place before becoming pregnant and can identify whether a person or couple are at risk of having a child with a genetic disorder. Wolper offers free screening for 11 of the most common genetic conditions found in the Jewish Ashkenazi community including Tay Sachs disease. Alternatively, more extensive testing of just under 300 conditions is available at a cost.

**BRCA JeneScreen** provides free screening for three faults within the breast and ovarian cancer genes (BRCA 1 and 2 genes) which have been shown to be more common in people of Jewish Ashkenazi ancestry and can pre-dispose those persons to certain cancers. Screening is available to women and men aged over 18 years.

Once a person makes the decision to go ahead with screening, a self- collection kit is provided through the mail and sample collection takes place in the privacy of their home (saliva or cheek swab depending on the option chosen). The sample is then mailed back to the laboratory for analysis. Results are made available via email or a phone call from a genetic counsellor depending on the outcome.

For more information please see www.genetics.wolper.com.au





# REFLECTIONS By our CEO, John Tucker

As I was reflecting on my eight years as CEO of Wolper Jewish Hospital as my retirement approached, it was serendipitous that I ran into Harry Aizenberg here at the Hospital as he was visiting a former Director of Nursing who was a patient here herself.

We talked together warmly as proud (soon-to-be in my case) former CEOs of Wolper. Despite serving years apart, we shared many common experiences of leading the Hospital.

As Wolper's long standing CEO of 32 years, Harry developed the Hospital into the centre of excellence for rehabilitation and general medical care.

I am very proud to have maintained Wolper's well-earned reputation on my watch and to see the Hospital grow from strength to strength over these most recent eight years. Wolper enjoys a reputation for putting the patient first in all aspects of their care. At the same time, we strive to respect and acknowledge all members of staff and medical specialists in the wonderful work that they do every day.

This continuation and development was not possible without the dedicated skill and support provided by Director of Clinical Services Tina Boger and our highly experienced team. Immediately after Tina started at Wolper seven years ago, the Hospital was due to undergo its major periodic external accreditation to a new and evolving set of mandatory national health facility standards. Tina tackled the enormous task of reviewing and revising every single Hospital policy. This was the beginning of the Hospital's refreshed focus on clinical excellence, quality and safety whilst maintaining the warmth and compassion for which it was renowned. In my opinion, the Hospital's safety, quality and risk management system are absolutely fit for purpose - available to, understood and applied by the staff each and every day. After a career focused on the fields of safety, quality and standards across many industry sectors, I have not sighted a better system in any Hospital or other workplace in this regard.

Tina will manage this Hospital with vision, energy and drive and I congratulate her on her new leadership role as I depart. I look forward to watching Wolper continue to evolve from strength to strength to meet patient needs and market requirements.

One of the things that struck me when I first joined Wolper was the number of long serving members of staff. This reflects a positive workplace culture that provides support



John tucker with Wolper Presidents Back L-R: Murray Landis (seated), Richard Glass, Graham Einfeld OAM, John Tucker Front L-R: Daniel Goulburn OAM, Dr David Golovsky AM

and recognition and I am pleased this has continued through my time. It means a lot to me to know that everyone that works here is doing their tasks well guided and supported so that they can enjoy their work and be appreciated for what they bring to Wolper.

I am extremely appreciative of the support provided me by the Board of Directors from day one. The directors are dedicated to giving back to their community and prioritise patient care and the sustainable success of the Hospital above all else. I have served under three Presidents: Dr David Golovsky AM, Daniel Goulburn OAM and Richard Glass. Each one of them had their own style and I have learned so much from each of them. As just one example, with the renovations of the kitchens and other building works undertaken during his Presidency, I benefited from Danny's generous mentorship, guidance and support to deliver major capital projects on-time and on-budget – life lessons that I am making good use of as I prepare for retirement and establish my new home in Queensland.

My role at Wolper has also included serving as executive officer of the Wolper Jewish Hospital Health Foundation. I have found this particularly rewarding. The Health Foundation provides grants to a broad range of organisations that provide health and wellbeing initiatives for the community – both Jewish and non-Jewish. This aspect of my role has taken me out of the facility and allowed me to engage with many other admirable organisations in order to understand how the Health Foundation can help them to make a difference in people's lives. I'm proud of the support we have provided to organisations such as Parkinson's NSW, Jewish House and JewishCare for the Jewish Suicide



Prevention Strategy, to name just a

Wolper Jewish Hospital has also supported the community genetics program, Gift of Life Australia and Hatzolah – all of them from their very early days of operation. Through this I have had the privilege of working with the late Shula Endrey-Walder OAM, Prof Leslie Burnett AM, Dr Lesley Andrews and Rabbi Mendy Litzman. These organisations focus on life-saving programs for the community and I wish them all the

I have enjoyed developing relationships with the CEOs of other communal organisations such as JCA and its constituent members, including JewishCare and COA, and I thank them for their support and camaraderie. Getting to interact with all the Rabbis that regularly visit patients in the Hospital has been particularly rewarding and a personal pleasure. They are all larger than life, articulate and energising characters who continue to serve the community

I pay tribute to Wolper's incredible executive and management teams. Alongside Tina Boger, executive department/ward managers Andrew Driehuis, Marcelle Segal and Cody Kane ensure excellence of care and always go 'above and beyond' what is expected of them for their patients and their families. Each of them embodies the talent and values that make Wolper so special, as do all the members of the wider team of managers, officers and staff that are too numerous to mention by name.

Now is the right time for me to hand over the reins to Tina, well supported by Richard Glass as President and Dr Philip Redelman as Honorary Medical Director. The Hospital remains in a sound financial position and it has the right President, office bearers, directors, Medical Advisory Committee, management team and staff in place to tackle the challenges ahead and to keep the heart of the Hospital beating. I wish them all the very best for the future.

# Wolper's new senior management structure -A TALE OF TWO TINAS

The retirement of CEO John Tucker has left us with some big shoes to fill. So big, that a senior management restructure has taken place, which sees Tina Boger appointed to the new role of General Manager while retaining her role of Director Clinical Services.

The new role of Business Manager, reporting to Tina, has been created to

Hospital leadership 1981 - 2022 L to R: Harry Aizenberg – former Wolper CEO, Tina Boger – incoming Wolper General Manager / Director Clinical Services, John Tucker – retiring Wolper CEO

focus on the more operational aspects of Wolper, to enable Tina to primarily be focused on Wolper's clinical services. Tina started working at Wolper in 2015 as our

Director of Clinical Services, having previously she worked at East Sydney Private Hospital and at Ramsay Healthcare for 15 years prior. As Director of Clinical Services at Wolper, Tina has overall responsibility for the management, planning and evaluation of all clinical aspects of the Hospital. This includes compliance with external guidelines and policies. Tina is also an active member of several Board sub-committees.

In her new role as General Manager, Tina's role will extend to leadership of all Hospital services while continuing to oversee the clinical governance



Tina Sinclair - Wolper's new **Business Manager** 

framework to ensure safe, effective, integrated and high quality care. Tina is passionate about providing the highest level of care in all areas of the Hospital.

Richard Glass, Wolper President commented, "I am delighted that we have been able to fill this position internally. Tina is a driving force behind Wolper's clinical excellence and she is very aware of and appreciates Wolper's unique and

Moving through the Hospital, it is not unusual to see Tina having a chat with patients and their visitors. She lives locally and loves seeing past patients and their families when she's out and about.

"I love working at Wolper and I love the community feel we all share here. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to lead the organisation" she has said.

"I have enjoyed working with CEO John Tucker and I've learned a lot from him. It's great to know that we will have his support over coming months as he will continue to work remotely from Queensland assisting myself and the incoming Business Manager transition to our new structure." Tina continued.

Tina is excited about facing the challenges that lie ahead.



"I could not take on this role without the support I have always enjoyed from Wolper's Board, management and staff. With them, I will be working to ensure Wolper continues to provide the excellent care for which is it currently renowned, while looking for opportunities for us to expand into new areas. I'm also really looking forward to working with our new Business Manager."

Wolper is pleased to announce the recruitment of Tina Sinclair to the newly created role of Business Manager where she will be responsible for the Hospital's financial, maintenance and reception services.

Tina Sinclair has over 20 years' experience in the health care sector. Her previous roles include Executive Manager of 2 private not-for-profit mental health facilities and Business Manager of a large for-profit private hospital. She most recently worked at a consulting firm for 12 years in the area of health and human services where she was involved in a variety of projects. She has been on the Board of the Private Hospitals Association and was a representative on the Private Hospitals and Day Procedures Advisory Committee. Tina brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Business Manager role.

Tina S, as she will be known at work, is known to Wolper as she worked here as Administration and Finance Manager from 1999 – 2002. She joins Wolper on 18th July 2022 and says she feels like she is "coming home."

As part of this restructure, Andrew Driehuis' role of Deputy Director Clinical Services is expanding.

Andrew has been at Wolper for 8.5 years and was very much the backbone of Wolper's very successful COVID response. Well known for his caring approach and commitment to clinical excellence, Andrew ensures the highest infection control measures throughout the Hospital. His diligence and hard work assisted Wolper's staff and patients to stay safe throughout the pandemic. His new role will expand his responsibilities to include overseeing the management of inpatient rehabilitation and cleaning staff.

We wish the Tinas and Andrew all the best in their new roles.

# Face to face education resumes at Wolper

Education is a big focus for all staff at Wolper.

During the pandemic, all training moved to online platforms. Now that restrictions have eased, it feels great to be able to get back to face-to-face education. To provide a renewed focus in this area, Wolper has employed a new Clinical Nurse Educator, Bhumi Dhungana, who started working at the Hospital in April.

Bhumi either provides the training herself or arranges for training to be delivered by others in the most appropriate manner.

She certainly has hit the ground running, providing full day training sessions for our new graduate physiotherapists, occupational therapists (OT) and nurses as well as basic life support training for all staff.

Functional Independence Measure (FIM) training has been arranged for all nursing and OT staff as well as a refresher on documentation for all clinical staff.

Wolper's reception staff attended a 'respect and resilience' training course which gave them skills to manage a busy environment and sometimes-difficult customers.

On the patient side, a big favourite is Dr Ben Basger's pharmacy education sessions where patients receive information on managing their pain, side effects and

potential changes to existing medications. These weekly group sessions are now back up and running too.



Bhumi Dhungana, Clinical Nurse Educator, with her CPR and defibrillator training tools

## Around the Hospital





Tina Boger –Director Clinical Services, Diksha Parajuli – Assistant in Nursing (AIN), Sarah Courtenay – Physiotherapist, Ye Li – Registered Nurse, Nadia Di Filipo - Admin/Reception, Cristine Gutierrez - AIN, Catherine Dawson - Rehabilitation Ward CSO

# Quarterly staff recognition awards

We held another round of staff recognition awards at the beginning of June. In this edition of Pulse, we thought we would publish the wonderful and thoughtful comments from the nominations forms. These were written by the nominees' colleagues.

- Catherine only joined Wolper 6 months ago. From day 1 she has had a positive attitude and a willingness to learn all with a smile on her face (under the mask – I think!). She remains calm during the morning mayhem of preadmitting up to 6 patients, printing out online discharge summaries and responding to requests from all of us! She just gets on with the job and doesn't complain. And she has a very wicked sense of humour. Everyone I speak with is so pleased that we have Catherine here at Wolper.
- Nadia brings her bright and happy personality in the front door with her every day. She offers outstanding attention to our visitors, MoveWell regulars and new patients. As we know, front reception can be a challenging place to work - policing COVID vaccinations, non-kosher food smuggling, transferring hundreds of calls to the right extension every day. Nadia handles it all and even finds time to catch up on Wolper Wellbeing sessions when she has a moment!
- Ye displays great team work, is polite and patient, hard working and responsible and able to work really well under pressure.
- Sarah goes out of her way to help patients and staff and she is always in a good frame of mind. Sarah is a very gracious person - she is kind and considerate to both patients and staff. Intelligent in conversation and astute in the care she gives her patients, she works with compassion and empathy especially when interacting with family members. Sarah has a massive positive impact on the medical ward and we greatly and lovingly appreciate her.

- Cristine, an Assistant in Nursing (AIN), worked alongside her Registered Nurse (RN) colleagues in managing an after-hours critically unwell patient. She followed instructions given to her by the RNs under very stressful circumstances. Cristine always gives outstanding service to our patients but this occasion warranted a special mention.
- Diksha is a very charming and responsible person. She always takes care of patients with dignity and respect. She is very competent at her job. She is a team player and motivated to be working for the organisation and achieving its goals. Having her on the team makes a huge difference. We enjoy working with her. She sets a great example for her co-workers.

Diksha consistently demonstrates excellence in her work. She is helpful, cheerful, reliable, obliging of any request, polite and provides exceptional customer service. She always remains calm in her day to day interactions – even when she is in challenging situations.

#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT WOLPER

Wolper is host to a close-knit community of employees who are committed to providing the best in patient care. We are a not-for-profit hospital and nondenominational in our hiring policies. We have a number of roles we are currently recruiting for

- Assistants in Nursing
- Catering Assistant/Kitchen Hand
- Food Services Manager/Dietitian
  - Inpatient Physiotherapist

See our careers page on our website for more information about each position www.wolper.com.au/careers

We are always keen to hear from people who want to work with us. If there are no current vacancies that suit you, feel free to submit your resume (via the careers page on our website) and we will keep your details on file for future positions.









# International Nurses Day

Each year we take time out on International Nurses Day to recognise the incredible job our exceptional nurses do every day.

International Nurses Day takes place on 12th May, Florence Nightingale's birthday, and this year the theme was 'Nurses: A Voice to Lead'.

We held a morning tea to honour our nurses who each received gifts of a potted succulent plant, coffee vouchers and personalised biscuits. In addition, our Member for Wentworth at the time, Dave Sharma M.P., came to personally show his appreciation of the Wolper nursing staff.

We truly appreciate our wonderful nurses who go above and beyond every day to provide exceptional care to our patients.







## Community Programs 🦓



Palliative Care Week

Each year, National Palliative Care Week is held with the aim of increasing understanding of the many benefits of palliative care.

The theme this year was It's your right which raises awareness about the rights of all Australians to access high-quality palliative care. One of the great myths about palliative care is that it is only for end-of-life care when it is so much more than that. Patients can receive inpatient or outpatient palliative care for months or even years as needed. At Wolper we believe that anyone with a life-limiting illness has the right to live as well as possible and our

primary goal is to optimise quality of life for our patients. Our team provides high-quality inpatient care for patients, and support for their families.

Wolper marked National Palliative Care week by hosting a very special morning tea for its palliative care team.

We also sat down with the wonderful Karli Guilfoyle, a palliative care nurse with many years' experience, to ask her some questions about working in this area of care.

#### Tell us about your background in Nursing and why you chose palliative care?

I have been a nurse for 22 years and at Wolper for 13 years. I transitioned to palliative care 9 years ago and am very passionate about working this area. It is a very rewarding area of nursing. It's patient AND family care in that you develop a bond with both patients and their family and provide tailored care so you feel like you are making a real difference.

#### What are the challenges of working in palliative care?

Some of the challenges include the occasions when you can't get on top of some symptoms, or when a patient asks 'when will this be over?' and ask for a hastened death (which is not possible), and of course dealing with a lot of emotions. It takes a lot of years of practise in learning how to have hard



families and be able to help patients live better with the illness they have. Sometimes just sitting with someone and listening rather

than filling the space with words is what is needed. You have to really know the patient and their family to tailor your communication with them.

#### What do a lot of people not know about palliative care?

I think a lot of work needs to be done in dispelling the myth that palliative care is just end of life care and is for those last few days of someone's life. Palliative care can sometimes be for a number of years and is supportive care that can work alongside symptom control.

#### What do you enjoy about working at Wolper?

I love the people at Wolper. It's a very collaborative environment and it's like a family. It is a really calming and homely environment. The care we give patients here is like nowhere else and I am so grateful to be a part of that. Working at Wolper also works well with my family life as I have 2 young daughters. I also enjoy the educational opportunities. I am the Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration (PCOC) champion here at Wolper and provide leadership and direction to staff. When my daughters are older I plan to do further studies in palliative care too which I am really looking forward to.

# Supporting our staff through tough times

Research has shown that healthcare workers can be reluctant to reach out for help when they need it.

To provide support, Wolper has a service level agreement in place with employee assistance provider, Psychnet. Through Psychnet, staff can access 3 free counselling sessions which are confidential and focus on assessment and management of acute issues, either work-related or personal.

Sessions are offered in-person or via telehealth, with Zoom sessions a practical option especially during COVID-19. The therapists are passionate, skilled, dedicated and focussed.

An information session was recently held for our staff highlighting the importance of accessing help when needed.







JEWISH HOSPITAL

**HEALTH** 

# Congratulations to the latest Foundation grant recipients

The Wolper Jewish Hospital Health Foundation was pleased to award a number of new grants and grant extensions to very worthwhile organisations in our first applications round of 2022.

New grants were received by:

- Community Health Support to provide short course first-aid training to members and volunteers of various Jewish community organisations.
- **Jewish House** to support a part-time Hebrew-speaking counsellor.
- Street Side Medics, an organisation that provides mobile health services for the homeless community.
   Funding is being provided for the installation of medical equipment into their third and newest mobile medical van.

Grant extensions were awarded to the Australian Jewish Fertility Network for their Fertility Zone website, JewishCare for the Jewish Suicide Prevention Strategy, and to Maccabi NSW for first aid training, new first aid kits and support of its Maccabi Life series of health and wellness events.

The Wolper Jewish Hospital Health Foundation holds two rounds of grants each year. A new round of grant applications opened on 1st July.

For more information see wolper.com.au/health-foundation

## Parkinson's Support Group at Wolper

Parkinson's NSW runs a support group on the 4th Thursday of each month at Wolper Jewish Hospital for people living with Parkinson's Disease. The sessions are organised by Shushann Movsessian who is a counsellor with Parkinson's NSW and are funded by a grant awarded by the Wolper Jewish Hospital Health Foundation.



Shushann Movsessian, Parkinson's counsellor

Parkinson's support groups offer members the opportunity to come together and share feelings, resources and experiences. Getting together with other people who are facing similar challenges provides motivation and inspiration to deal positively with the challenges faced. The support group also provides a social aspect, which helps to break down any feelings of isolation associated with the disease.

Support group meetings range from group discussions, to educational sessions by guest speakers, or just sharing a 'cuppa'.

For further information and to register to attend, please contact Shushann on 0481 295 220.

# A shining star at Wolper

Kerri-Anne Kennerley is a well-loved Australian television and radio presenter, actress and singer.

She was a patient at Wolper very recently following a knee replacement. Previous to this she was very aware of the Hospital as she lived around the corner for many years. She has visited family, including her mother, and friends when they were inpatients here and always found the Hospital to be impressive on these visits.



Kerri-Anne knew that Wolper had a great reputation. She said "The Hospital works like clockwork, it is very very well organised. The protocols are stringent and exact". An example of this is the communication board in patient's rooms, where all her relevant information was written, which she loves.

She thought the staff were extremely well trained and very accommodating, never worrying about her requests for an icepack "ten times a day". She found the kosher food was "very, very good and the rehabilitation unit is wonderful, with hydrotherapy being the best! My physios are outstanding."

Kerri-Anne said she very much enjoyed reading about the history of the Hospital which she read on the 60th anniversary history panels that adorn our walls.

On a more personal note, Kerri-Anne is scaling back on her work commitments at the moment as she is preoccupied with selling her Woollahra home and relocating to a new home in Double Bay.

Having said that we couldn't help but notice how wonderful she looked recently at the Logie Awards. We wish her all the best.

## Community Programs 💥 🧸



# A very happy patient – Michael Goldstein

Michael Goldstein came to Wolper for rehabilitation after receiving bilateral knee replacements. His surgery was robotically assisted, which is considered by some to be less invasive. The surgery was performed at St George Hospital. He discovered that Wolper's reputation had spread even to the staff at St George Hospital, who had nothing but praise for Wolper.

Michael has found his time at Wolper extremely valuable. He says that being at Wolper is probably the best rehabilitation experience he could imagine.

"The nursing staff/patient ratio is exceptionally high," Michael stated.

"They are all professional, friendly and caring. Everything is thought of, even down to fresh towels being left in your room after you have been to the pool for hydrotherapy. The building itself is well designed and well thought out. Everything seems casual, creating a relaxed atmosphere, but this betrays the reality of the efficiency of the organisation."

Michael thought that the physiotherapists were very professional, whilst at the same time friendly, caring and always most supportive and encouraging.

From 2008 to 2015 Michael was the Managing Director of Goldstein Eswood, which manufactured commercial food equipment, so he knows quite a bit about commercial kitchens. Having visited our kitchens he feels that Wolper has the best equipment for food preparation, and the culinary staff put it to good use ensuring that the food is always delicious.

Michael was on the Board of the Montefiore Home. He enjoyed his time there, utilising his commercial food skills to assist in the building of the new Randwick kitchens.

Michael hopes that with his 2 new knees he will be able to work pain free, building a new construction business and most importantly to be able to get on the floor with his grandkids. Michael is lucky to have the support of his loving wife Dorothy, who is by his side through his recovery.

Since being discharged, Michael has shared his professional expertise with Wolper, assisting with the procurement of a new coffee cart to be used when serving hot beverages with patient meals. We thank Michael for his assistance in improving the quality of our service. We were very lucky to find someone who appreciates a good cup of coffee!



# Wolper Humour

A Jewish mother takes her son to the corner where the school bus passes that will take him to his first day of kindergarten. "Behave yourself, my Bubaleh," she says.

"Take care of yourself and think of your mommy, my Tataleh! And come straight home on the bus, my Schein Kindaleh. Your mommy loves you very much, my Ketsaleh!" At the end of the school day, the bus returns and she runs to her son and hugs him. "So what did my Pupaleh learn on his first day of school?" The boy responds: "I learned that my name is Phillip."

# Become part of Our future

Since opening its doors on its present site in 1961, Wolper Jewish Hospital has become one of Sydney's leading private hospitals providing high-quality care to all members of the general community, within the framework of our Jewish ethos.

We are Australia's only Jewish hospital and do not receive funds from government sources. Whilst we are a dedicated JCA member organisation, we do not seek an allocation of funds from JCA. We are a not-for-profit organisation and our revenue from our patients is to a large extent dictated by the major health funds. The health funds do not take account of the additional costs we experience, such as providing fully kosher food and our higher patient/staff ratios.

So, your support is very important to us.

There are a number of ways in which your support can be acknowledged, or the memory of a loved one honoured, within the Hospital:

- Sponsor a panel in our magnificent stained glass mural, Bereishit In the Beginning, located in the Hospital foyer and designed by leading stained glass artist, Marc Grunseit.
- Endow a room. Your name or that of a loved one will be honoured with an elegant door plaque appropriately worded.
- Sponsor, or make a donation towards, a specific piece of Hospital equipment. All donations are gratefully received irrespective of their size.
- Make a bequest to Wolper in your will



For more information please contact Tina Boger, General Manager Wolper Jewish Hospital on 02 9328 6077