

CHANGES AT THE WOLPER BOARD



New Board office bearers: (L to R) Richard Glass, Josephine Holland, Jessica Newman, Laura Dunkel, Daniel Goldberg

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Recordings of all Wellbeing webinars are available at wolper.com.au/videos



President's message

It is my honour and pleasure to write this initial President's message, having been appointed as President at Wolper's annual general meeting in December 2023. Wolper is an extraordinary organisation, and I am immensely grateful for your trust and confidence in me. I take on this position with gratitude and a great sense of responsibility.

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to my predecessor, Richard Glass. Under Richard's steadfast leadership, and thanks to our tireless management team and staff, Wolper has thrived and continued to deliver first rate care to both the Jewish and broader communities. I am committed to building upon that strong foundation. We will continue to benefit from Richard's guidance as he continues on the Board as Immediate Past President and takes on the position of Chair of the Wolper Health Foundation. Kol Hakavod, Richard!

Let me also acknowledge our gratitude to Danny Goulburn OAM, Honorary Life Governor of Wolper. After 9 years as Chair of the Wolper Health Foundation, Danny has retired from that position. Danny not only chaired the Foundation from its inception, but was the prime mover in its establishment. The benefits the Foundation has delivered to the wider community are the result and legacy of all that hard work. Kol Hakavod, Danny!

Please see page 4 for more coverage of our AGM.

One of the cornerstones of any successful organisation is board succession and renewal, and bringing fresh perspectives and diverse voices to leadership. I am excited about the opportunity to work alongside our esteemed Board members, as well as Tina Boger and her wonderful management team, to steer Wolper towards continued growth and innovation.

We were all, of course, rocked by the terrible events of 7 October 2023. Those events and the awful aftermath, both in Israel and across the globe, have continued to reverberate. We stand with Israel and her people. We pray for the protection of Israel's citizens, the safety of her armed forces, comfort for those whose loved ones are lost or missing, the speedy recovery of those injured and for the safe and immediate return of the hostages. We hope Israel can complete her mission with as little loss of life as possible.

Many of you will know that at our annual general meeting, we signed an historic memorandum of understanding with Haddasah Medical Centre in Jerusalem. Over time, this relationship has the potential to offer great collaborative opportunities between our organisations, particularly in the areas of rehabilitation and genetics. I am looking forward to continuing to build this very tangible connection with health care in Israel. You can read more about this on page 8.

The upcoming festivals of Pesach and Easter remind us of the significance of renewal and hope. They serve as poignant reminders of the resilience of the human spirit, the triumph of good over evil, and the promise of brighter days ahead.

Wishing those who celebrate Pesach a "Chag Sameach", those who celebrate Easter a "Happy Easter", and to everyone a happy and healthy year ahead.



Daniel Goldberg
President, Wolper Jewish Hospital

Congratulations to our food services team on another successful audit

An inspector from the NSW Food Authority attended the Hospital in February in order to conduct their annual audit. They ensured all policies and procedures, including the Hospital's food safety plan, are up-to-date and well documented. All food preparation areas as well as all refrigeration and temperature monitoring systems were inspected.

Five minor recommendations were made and have been rectified. Wolper once again received an A rating!

Pictured is part of the food services team: Par Richards (left) and Richard Forster in the staff kitchen





WOLPER'S 62ND AGM

Held last December, there were a number of announcements and updates

TREASURER'S REPORT

Andrew Cohen, outgoing Honorary Treasurer, reported that the Hospital continued to face challenging times due to the pressure global issues such as inflation and fluctuating interest rates have placed on household budgets. Notwithstanding, the Hospital has recorded an operating surplus of \$193,881 for the year, compared to \$39,849 in the prior year. Cohen said, "This is an excellent result in the circumstances, and the Hospital's executive team and support staff should be commended for achieving such a positive outcome."

Pictured above: Andrew Cohen delivers his Treasurer's report



RICHARD GLASS STANDS DOWN

Having served the maximum term according to the Wolper constitution, Richard Glass stood down as President at the conclusion of the AGM.

Richard has been involved with Wolper since joining the Board in 2002. He was appointed as President in November 2019 just as news of the new COVID-19 virus was emerging. Glass has said that it was a challenging term noting, "At times it felt like we were on a war footing, and I couldn't think of a better team with which to go into battle."

Addressing the AGM, incoming President Daniel Goldberg said, "Richard's extraordinary hard work and good judgment, in combination with Wolper's tireless management team and staff, saw Wolper continue to provide first class service throughout the pandemic and emerge in a stable financial position. It truly was an incredible achievement."

Richard's term as President also featured the appointment of a new General Manager/ Director Clinical Services, Tina Boger, following the resignation of CEO John Tucker as well as the rejuvenation of Gift of Life Australia. He will remain very much involved in the Hospital in his roles of Immediate Past President and newly elected Chair of the Wolper Jewish Hospital Health Foundation.

Pictured right: Richard Glass addresses the AGM



NEW PRESIDENT AND OFFICE BEARERS

- **Daniel Goldberg** was appointed **President**, after ending his term as Vice President. Daniel has been a Board member since 2009, is an active member of a number of our committees as well as the Chair of the Wolper Jewish Hospital Community Genetics Advisory Board. Daniel is a lawyer and practises mergers & acquisitions and commercial law.
- **Josephine Holland**, previously **Honorary Secretary**, was appointed **Vice President**. She initially joined the Wolper board as a representative of the NCJWA (NSW) in 2009 and was invited to join the Board in her personal capacity in 2018. Josephine sits on a number of Wolper committees and chairs the Community Partnership and Governance & Nominations Committees. She is also a trustee director of the Wolper Jewish Hospital Health Foundation. Josephine was a solicitor for over 8 years.
- **Honorary Treasurer, Andrew Cohen**, stood down and was replaced by **Laura Dunkel**. Laura has a strong background in finance and joined our Board at the 2022 AGM. Previous to that she served as a member of the Finance, Investment and Audit Committee. Andrew Cohen continues as a member of the Hospital Board.
- **Jessica Newman** was appointed **Honorary Secretary**. She is a lawyer and first became involved with Wolper in 2015 as a Board observer. She subsequently sat on the Board as a representative of the NCJWA (NSW) and was invited to join the Board in a personal capacity in 2018. Jessica sits on a number of Hospital committees and is also a director of Gift of Life Australia. She is a lawyer specialising in technology, data, privacy and commercial law.
- **Dr Lesley Andrews, Dr David Ende, Mark Hadassin, Eric Lowenstein and Dr James Nadel** continue their roles on the Wolper Board.



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THESE ORGANISATIONS RECEIVED GRANTS FROM THE WOLPER JEWISH HOSPITAL HEALTH FOUNDATION IN 2023

Abrahams Tent - a one year grant to financially support the cost of a 12-month lease on an apartment close to Prince of Wales Hospital. The apartment is used to give residential respite to families who have a family member admitted to Prince of Wales Hospital..

Community Health Support - a one year grant to be used to purchase four TL Advanced Blue Medical Kits for their North Shore expansion.

Friends of Yehuda Sassoon - a one year grant to assist in funding their Chesed Rikva program. This is a Melbourne based organisation who offer kindness and compassion to women dealing with the loneliness, stress and the trauma caused by infertility and pregnancy loss.

Top Blokes Foundation - a one year grant to assist in funding two additional programs at Newtown Performing Arts High School and Sydney Secondary College, combatting student's anti-social and risk taking behaviour.

Shalom Gamarada received a grant to fund a scholarship for an indigenous medical student at UNSW.



Dr David Golovsky OAM and Daniel Goulburn OAM

CHANGES AT THE FOUNDATION

Daniel Goulburn OAM stood down as the inaugural Chair of the Wolper Jewish Hospital Health Foundation, having served in that position for 9 years.

Richard Glass paid tribute to Goulburn's "very significant contribution to the Foundation. From the inspiration, through to its establishment and then on to chairing it so efficiently, enabling it to be – whilst not the largest – one of the best run foundations in our community."

Richard Glass was elected as the Foundation's new Chair.

Daniel Goulburn paid tribute to Dr David Golovsky AM who was also standing down as a Director of the Foundation, also after 9 years saying, "David has performed his duties with distinction bringing not only his extensive experience as a Urologist and an outstanding medical practitioner but also his great warmth, wisdom and dedication to the very difficult task of deciding which grant applicants should be supported."

Appointed to the Foundation Board was Greg Einfeld, continuing the Einfeld family's long association with Wolper.



Pictured Far Left: Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth said a prayer for Israel, the hostages and the IDF at the AGM

Left: Richard Glass, Mr Ron Finkel AM and Steve Gandel



WOLPER'S 62ND AGM

NEW LIFE MEMBER APPOINTED

Dr Philip Redelman, Chair of Wolper's Medical Advisory Committee and palliative care physician announced his retirement earlier in 2023. His association with Wolper started during the 1980s as a young doctor assisting in the surgical theatres.



Dr Philip Redelman

During the 1990s, the Wolper Board recruited Dr Redelman to join its ranks and to establish a palliative care unit at the Hospital. In 2005, he was appointed Chair of the Medical Executive Committee (now the Medical Advisory Committee) which oversees all operations of the Hospital from a clinical perspective.

Dr Redelman was appointed a Life Member in recognition of his long service to the Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGING 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Andrew Driehuis' 10 years of distinguished service was acknowledged. Andrew is Wolper's Deputy Director Clinical Services and infection control manager. He manages the geriatric, medical and palliative care ward as well and all aspects of infection control. General Manager/ Director of Clinical Services Tina Boger said Andrew is 'an exemplary member of the Wolper team. He is always professional, is well respected and liked by staff. I would particularly like to acknowledge Andrew's contributions to managing all aspects of infection control during the pandemic. He spent hours and hours staying up to date with the latest advice and ensuring best practice at Wolper.'



Tina Boger, Andrew Driehuis, Richard Glass

Get to know:

Wolper's new President Daniel Goldberg

Why take on the role of Wolper president?

Where should I begin? Wolper is an incredible organisation, providing unparalleled service to the whole community. More than "just" an excellent hospital, Wolper is a force for positive change: we provide top notch care for our patients with an ever-increasing range of healthcare and wellbeing offerings; we run and support community programs – such as our Wellbeing webinar series, community genetics program and Gift of Life Australia – that offer significant long term benefits to the community; and through the Wolper Jewish Hospital Health Foundation we support many other organisations in their efforts to improve the lives of others. In short, Wolper is an embodiment of "Tikkun Olam", the Jewish concept of healing the world. Having served on Wolper's board since 2009, I have been lucky enough to be able to contribute to that work for some time, and it is my great privilege to be able to step that up further by taking on the role of President.

What are the roles and responsibilities of the President of the Board?

It's a varied and busy role, involving interactions with all of our stakeholders. The President is the Chair of the Board, and so is responsible for leading the Board's work in setting and overseeing the strategic direction of the Hospital. It also involves working closely with Wolper's management team, by providing advice and guidance on implementation of that strategy and the operational issues that arise. Crucially, the President needs to ensure succession plans are in place at Board level to guarantee continuity and renewal of the Board in the years ahead. Looking externally, the President must be an advocate for Wolper, representing it in the community and at a political level.

Tell us about your career/work

I am a lawyer by training and trade. I am a partner in the Corporate group of Addisons, which is a commercial law firm based in Sydney. I advise clients, both big and small, on mergers & acquisitions and other commercial transactions. I really enjoy that work: no two deals and no two clients are the same, and the work is always interesting and challenging.



How do your work-related skills and experience inform/influence your role as Wolper President?

In a few ways: from my work as a corporate lawyer, I have a keen understanding of corporate governance, and experience working with clients to improve their governance structures. As a modern, corporatised not-for-profit, Wolper strives to have best practice corporate governance practices and policies, and I have been able to contribute to those efforts. More broadly, negotiating corporate transactions usually involves looking for “win-win” outcomes for the parties involved, and that same approach is even more important for a community not-for-profit.

This year, what challenges will Wolper face?

Wolper is in a very sound position, both financially and also in terms of having a clear mission and strategy and the capacity to work towards them. There are always challenges to address, however. From a financial perspective, there is the ever-present challenge of rising costs not necessarily being met by increases in revenue. To address this, our management team ensures we run very efficiently, and we need to continue our focus on doing that. From a service delivery perspective, we have the virtuous problem of running at or near the capacity of our premises most of the time, meaning that we cannot always make beds available as soon as they're needed!

This year, what are Wolper's biggest opportunities?

There are many exciting projects underway, all of which should enhance our ability to provide great service to our patients and the community. Some, like our new relationship

with Haddasah Medical Center, are already in place and we are looking to how best to build upon them. Others are still in the works, and we are really hopeful they'll allow us to expand the scope and quality of what we do.

Why is Wolper important for our community?

Wolper's primary focus is providing first rate care to both the Jewish and broader communities in New South Wales, within the framework of our Jewish ethos. That alone is a vital service, and our passion for it will continue to drive everything we do. Wolper is also a flag-bearer for the Jewish community and our values amongst our brother and sister fellow Australians. We have many non-Jewish patients and supporters, and I believe that the care and service we provide to all reflect well on the Jewish community generally and helps build bridges within this great country.

How does our Jewish ethos influence the Hospital's approach?

Our Jewish ethos infuses everything we do. Patients regularly praise the Yiddishkeit of our regular Shabbat dinners and celebrations of Jewish holidays, and the Kosher food our wonderful kitchen prepares. These are some of the many things that contribute to Wolper having a very different atmosphere from other hospitals, one that is welcoming, nurturing and personal. We understand the importance of family, and we do everything we can to make the families of our patients welcome. We are also extremely conscious of our responsibility to the community, and this also influences what we do.



New partnership with Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem

One of the highlights of the Wolper AGM was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Wolper and Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel. This groundbreaking agreement will enable both organisations to share information, research, practices and experience in the areas of rehabilitation and genetics to ensure they continue to be leaders in these fields.

“Wolper is very much guided by our Jewish ethos and the desire to continually evolve ...to always offer the very best of care to our patients,” said Richard Glass, President of Wolper Jewish Hospital at the time of signing. “The establishment of the Gandel Rehabilitation Center at Hadassah’s Mount Scopus campus presented an opportunity for Wolper to partner with a leading Jewish organisation with similar aspirations and values”.

Glass reached out to Ron Finkel AM, President of Hadassah Australia and following extensive discussions between Wolper and Hadassah, including a number of visits to Wolper by executives of Hadassah, it was very clear that there was a meaningful alignment and that each can assist the other in its mission. “This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) plays to the mutual and complementary strengths of both institutions”, said Finkel.

“The opportunity for knowledge sharing, research collaborations and personnel secondments will have a material benefit in both Israel and Australia. The MOU envisages professional exchanges which will both add strategic value and provide enhanced patient rehabilitation outcomes,” said Glass.

In addition to rehabilitation, both organisations share a deep commitment to reducing the incidence of genetic faults in the community through comprehensive genetic screening. Wolper has run its community genetic screening and pre-conception programs in NSW since 1995. Hadassah is the home of the world’s largest repository of Jewish community genetic data – accessing that database and Hadassah’s skills and knowledge will enhance Wolper’s vitally important work in this area of community service.

In other Hadassah news, the opening of its 140-bed Gandel Rehabilitation Center at its Mount Scopus campus has been brought forward due to the surge in the number of severely wounded people as a result of the current war.

The Centre aims to meet the needs for rehabilitation services in the Jerusalem area which to-date have been severely lacking. Construction of the facility is being made possible by the generosity of the Melbourne-based Gandel family, other Hadassah donors from around the world, as well as the support of the Government of Israel.



Above: The Gandel Rehabilitation Center under construction



Left: Richard Glass and Ron Finkel AM signing the MOU between Wolper and Hadassah Hospital in Israel



Below: One of the Centre’s first patients

Its first patients were admitted into the War Wounded Department on 12th January. They were welcomed by Hadassah staff clapping and singing “Shalom Aleichem”.

Prof Yoram Weiss, Director General, Hadassah Medical Organization, said. “The first patients – including heroes and heroines to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude – can now begin their journey back to full health with the help of a specially designed department with advanced rehabilitation equipment and systems built and installed especially for them. Later, the Centre will offer rehabilitation treatments for the entire population – victims of car and other accidents, patients recovering from complex surgery, those with head injuries and more.”

Everyone at Wolper is proud of our new connection with Hadassah and looks forward to finding opportunities for learning, collaboration and support long into the future.



Get to know: Dr David Ende

Dr David Ende is a specialist Urologist, Wolper Board member and recently-appointed Chair of the Hospital's Medical Advisory Committee (MAC).

The MAC oversees all clinical aspects of the Hospital and ensures that the highest standard of care is provided to all patients. It develops and reviews all protocols and policies according to best practice and ensures all accredited practitioners are qualified and registered. The committee is consulted when negotiating contracts with the health funds to ensure patient care is never compromised.

Dr Ende's association with Wolper began in 2001 when assisting his mentor, Dr David Golovsky AM in urological surgery conducted in Wolper's operating theatres. During his long association with Wolper, Dr Golovsky served as a Wolper Board member, the chair of the Medical Board and President of the Hospital 2009 – 2014.

Today Dr Ende has appointments at St Vincent's General Hospital, St Vincent's Private Hospital and Clinic, Norwest Private Hospital, Blacktown Hospital and Westmead Private Hospital. He joined the Wolper Board in 2016.

Dr Ende says he was keen to take on the Chair position of the MAC to deepen his commitment to the Hospital and to reflect the path taken by his mentor, Dr Golovsky.

"Wolper is a gem in the community," said Ende. "It enjoys a reputation for being a centre of excellence and it's a great pleasure to be able to use my skills and knowledge to contribute to the Hospital's success."



Rabbi Mendel Kastel, Dr David Ende and Peter Glass at the Wolper AGM

Accreditation success

Wolper has successfully undergone its first short notice assessment against the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards.

Accreditation to the Standards is required to enable Wolper to enter into contracts with health funds and for government compliance and licensing purposes.

Short notice assessments came into effect in July 2023 and involve hospitals and other healthcare organisations receiving just 24-hours notice before assessors come onsite to conduct their review. Quite simply, organisations must always be ready to be assessed.

Assessment outcomes reflect day-to-day practice and encourage excellent safety, quality systems and processes.

All staff at Wolper have a role to play in quality improvement activities and therefore feel a sense of ownership in this area. In preparation for the assessment, check lists were prepared in all relevant areas and shared with all staff. This proved to be the perfect preparation as the assessors spent most of their time while at Wolper talking to staff members to ensure compliance with NSQHS Standards throughout the hospital.

The assessors commented on how welcome they were made to feel and found that the Hospital was well prepared for the process. During the review, some recommendations were received. With these actioned, three years accreditation has been granted.

Tina Boger, Wolper's General Manager/Director of Clinical Services, commented "This is a well deserved outcome and could not have been achieved without the engagement and support of all staff members."

JCA'S ANNUAL EVENT

on the
Sunday 7th April 2024

Foyer access from 2pm | Event 3.30pm - 5.30pm

With Guest Speakers



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Dr Sharon Nazarian
International Authority
on Antisemitism



Alexander Downer
Former Foreign
Minister of Australia



The Hon. Stephen Harper
Former Prime
Minister of Canada



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Get to know:

our new Honorary Treasurer, Laura Dunkel

Laura was approached in September 2021 by then President Richard Glass to join the Wolper Finance, Investment and Audit (FAI) Board sub committee. She agreed and in November 2022 went on to formally join the Wolper Board.

She was appointed Honorary Treasurer at last year's AGM as well as chair of the FAI committee.

Her role as Treasurer involves managing the relationship with external investment advisors and the Hospital's auditors, providing guidance on the development of the Hospital budget and annual report – she also signs off on these - and makes decisions regarding the acquisition of Hospital equipment. On a more operational level she authorises the Hospital's payment run on a weekly basis.

Laura is a keen sports fan who barracks for the Sydney Swans and once went on Sale of the Century – losing by just one question.

Laura Dunkel with Greg Einfeld (right) at the Wolper AGM




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Wolper's new Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Wellness Program

After running a successful pilot program, we are ready to roll out our Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Wellness Program.

The Program promotes healthy ageing using evidence-based practices. It is a 10 week program, for people 65 years and older, with participants attending Wolper for a combination of exercise, computer-based brain training and education sessions. The sessions run for 3 hours, once a week.

One of the participants in the pilot program, Manou Heman, talked to us about why she participated in the program,

"I decided to take part in the Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Wellness pilot program because I had noticed that my memory was not as sharp as it could be and I wanted to maintain my physical health.

The Program consisted of online brain training, physical exercises, interesting talks and even some yoga. I found the presentations by Wolper's dietitian particularly helpful.

The Program was challenging in the beginning and upon completion I had a wonderful feeling of achievement. I definitely felt that the brain training improved my memory and found that my thinking became sharper."

Wolper's Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Wellness Program can enhance quality of life and help participants live a healthy life for longer.

Participants will learn good habits that will boost vitality and independence and may improve mental health. Other potential benefits include reduced risk of falls, injury and illness. The social aspect is also a key component of the program, as Manou said, "None of the participants knew each other before the program started and by the end of week 10 we were like old friends..."

Each program comprises a small group with eight or fewer participants. This allows the Program to be tailored to individual needs.

Manou's advice to anyone considering taking part in the Program is this, "I would recommend this program for others. My hot tip for all future participants is to keep up with all the exercises and advice you are given during the program – they all work together to benefit you every day!"



Manou Heman (left) at an exercise session

To be advised when the next 10-week program starts and whether you are eligible to participate, please email dayrehab@wolper.com.au



Get to know:

our very own Taylor - Dr Taylor Scott!

Taylor Swift may have left the country but we still have our Taylor Scott.

Describe your area of medicine

I am a geriatrician at both Wolper and Prince of Wales and have worked in geriatrics for 7 years.

What drew you to this specialty?

There were a number of reasons. I wanted to work in general medicine with patients who have a range of problems and to work with the whole family and not just the patient. I like providing a holistic approach to care and working in a team and geriatricians rely heavily on working in a multidisciplinary team.

What are the most rewarding aspects of this area of medicine?

It is wonderful seeing people recover, reach their goals and then go home. It is especially rewarding when someone is at the end of life and we allow them to approach this with dignity and in a way that is important to them.

What are the most challenging aspects of this area of medicine?

The last few of years with the Covid pandemic were particularly challenging especially with patients needing residential care. The social isolation was very hard on older people.

What do you do to ensure your patient is receiving exceptional care?

Bring them to Wolper! I also try to work out what their specific goals are and make sure they are met.

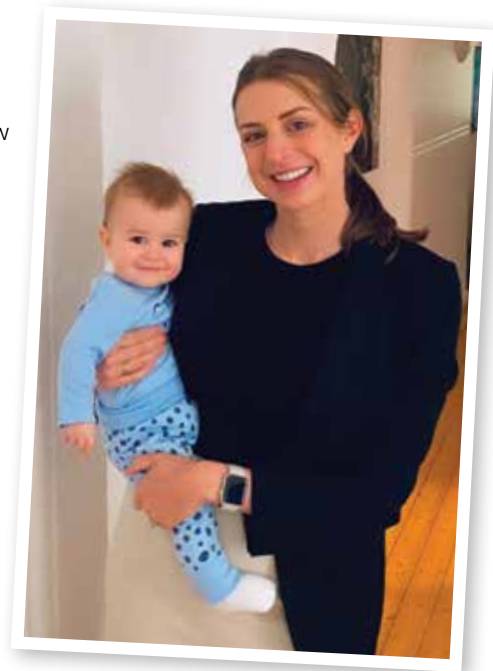
How long have you been treating patients in Wolper?

For 3-4years

What is special about Wolper?

So many things. How genuinely invested the whole team is in patients and their outcomes, and how staff go above and beyond to make sure patients have the best experience possible here at Wolper. I have never had a patient who didn't want to return to Wolper.

Dr Taylor Scott with son, Walter



Staff Announcements

Congratulations to recipients of staff recognition awards in Q1 2024



These members of the Wolper team were voted by their peers and patients for excellence in their roles.

(L to R): Perry Kong – Registered Nurse, Elizabeth Ryan – Occupational Therapist, Raksha Rayamajhi - AIN, Margaux Ridgewell - Physiotherapist, Hannah – Security Guard and Victoria Bergman – AIN
(Samana Giri – AIN is not pictured)



Long service awards

We recognised some very special long-serving members of staff at our 2024 kick off function recently.

Pictured here (L to R): Michelle Hall – Occupational Therapist 20 years, Michelle Stockley – Marketing Manager 10 years, Chat Aves – Accounts Manager 30 years!, Andrew Driehuis – Deputy Director Clinical Services 10 years.

Not pictured Kristy Murphy – Cleaner 10 years, Anita Ullmann – Physiotherapist 20 years, Ricky Lacsina – AIN 20 years, Tamar Mansberg – Physiotherapist 20 years.



Jewish life at Wolper



Shabbat dinners

Rabbi Avremi Joseph officiated at our special Shabbat Project dinner in November 2023. It was a joyous, special occasion, with our patients expressing their appreciation for the opportunity to be present at our Shabbat meal.



A concert featuring varied artists singing Shabbat songs was broadcast on the patients' TVs the day before to create the ambience for the Shabbat dinner the next day.

At other times through the year Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth joins us for Shabbat dinners which are always popular with our patients. Friendships are established, beautiful Shabbat food is eaten, and the event is a learning experience for everyone. The attendees always leave uplifted and appreciative of the opportunity to have this joyous Shabbat experience.

Pictured above: Rabbi Kaiserblueth at a Shabbat dinner in Feb 2024 and our Shabbat Project dinner with Rabbi Joseph

Succot – September 2023

Succot was celebrated in diverse ways. Patients enjoyed watching a Succot concert on their TVs or could come together and watch it in the patient lounge. They were able to shake the lulav and etrog in the Hospital's succah saying the appropriate blessings.

The lulav and etrog are just two of four species of plants that are held together and waved during the holiday of Succot. The lulav is a palm branch, which is joined with myrtle and willow branches and the etrog is a citron fruit. The four species are held and waved during various parts of the synagogue service on Succot.

Rabbi Avremi Joseph spent an afternoon in the succah to assist in performing this mitzvah (commandment).

Pictured above: Nurse Simona Bauer (left) and Honey Felsher with lulav and etrog Cheryl Friedman watching the Succot concert

Emanuel Plus now at Wolper

Emanuel Plus is Emanuel Synagogue's streaming service which features synagogue services, guided meditations, discussions, theatrical productions and musical performances. The service is now available for all patients to view on the TV in their rooms. Patient feedback on this has been very positive. We thank Emanuel Synagogue for enabling us to offer this to our patients.

ROSH HASHANAH September 2023

Honey bee biscuits for a sweet new year





WOLPER PARTY PEOPLE

Wolper's 2023 end of year party was unfortunately postponed due to an increase in Covid at the time. We finally got the chance to come together in February 2024. Clearly, the photo booth was a hit. Here are some highlights.





Professor Emeritus John Niland AC

Professor Emeritus John Niland knew of Wolper Jewish Hospital well before he became a patient in the Hospital. His wife was also a patient here 15 years ago for rehabilitation following knee surgery. His brother-in-law and friends have also been patients at Wolper.

Professor Niland had very high expectations of Wolper when he came, and Wolper has lived up to them. He had 21 days in hospital - seven at St Vincent's and the rest at Wolper. The physiotherapy provided has improved his flexibility and walking, and he is progressing well.

Born in Kyogle, John spent his early years in the bush in Whian Whian, near Lismore. His father was a teacher in a one room school. John went there for a short period, and then his parents moved into Lismore where he attended Lismore High. John claims to have not performed particularly well at school but he did become dux.

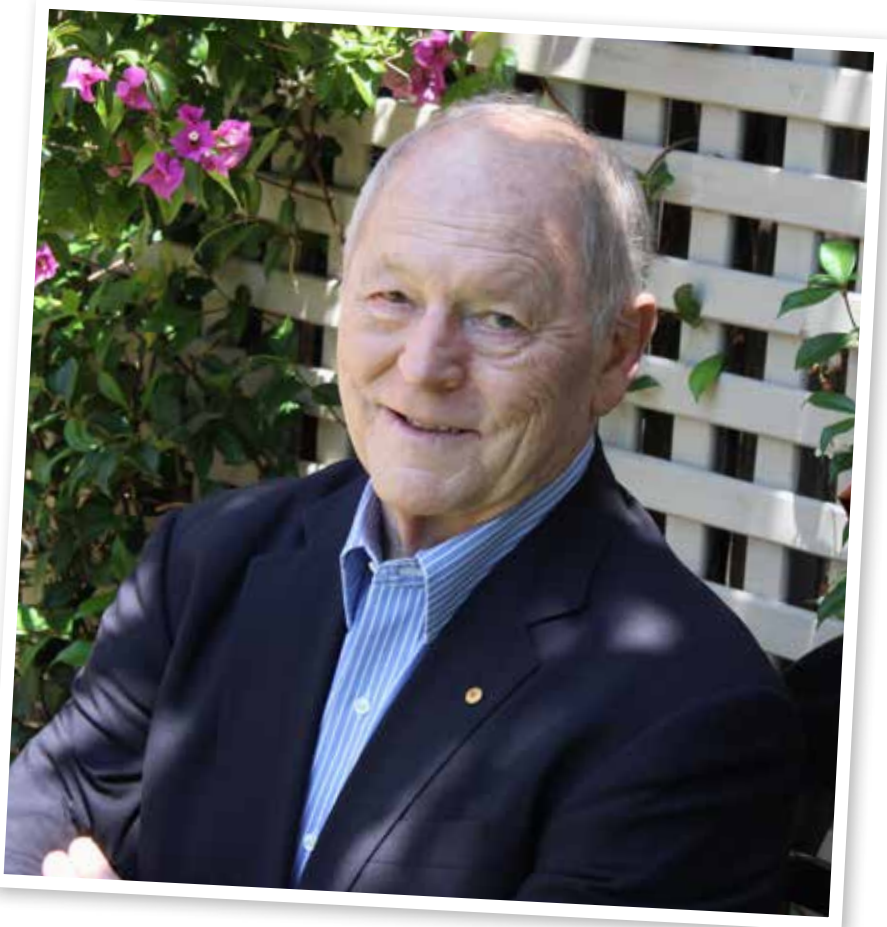
Being dux created a pathway that he had not expected. He was awarded a BHP traineeship which gave him the opportunity of working at the steel works in Newcastle during the day and attending the University College at night.

John first set foot on the UNSW Kensington campus in 1957, which was then the NSW University of Technology. He moved into industrial relations at BHP. This was the number one policy area across Australia and he loved it. BHP supported UNSW in setting up an industrial relations substream in economics and he earned his Bachelor and Master of Commerce degrees there.

In time, John and his wife, Carmel, went to the US so that John could complete a PhD at the University of Illinois. While in the US, he took on his first academic position at Cornell University.

John totally fell in love with campus life in the US. It was an exotic experience to be working in American higher education. However, as Carmel had a big family in Sydney, they eventually moved back home.

In 1972, John took up the Foundation Professorship in industrial relations at UNSW. He was 32 years old, and the youngest professor at the University. John's abiding love for his alma mater kept him there for 35 years, the last ten as Vice Chancellor. Along the way he became the Head of the School of Economics and then Dean of the Faculty of Commerce.



Professor Emeritus John Niland AC

At this time, UNSW was significantly unfashionable. It was the first instance of a capital city setting up a second university, the first in NSW being the University of Sydney.

John used the American universities as reference points for his goal to bring UNSW to a leading position globally. This is tied into not only academic excellence, but also the look and feel of the campus. Last August, UNSW was ranked second (behind the University of Melbourne) on the list of top Australian universities. John sees this as a major success and is exactly the type of recognition he sought for UNSW as Vice Chancellor.

The construction of the John Niland Scientia Building in the late 1990s was a major part of the strategy. Internal and international conferences are held there and many see the building as being quite stunning. The Building won the Sir Zelman Cowen Award for Public Architecture, and the Sulman Award. Very few buildings have won both awards.

John and Carmel, now married for some sixty years after meeting at UNSW all those years ago, have two sons. One works in cloud computing and the other works in disability services.

John is proud to have been awarded an AO for services to industrial relations research and reform, and later an AC for services to higher education.



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