

WELCOME TO THE GEORGE GREGAN FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2011

We are pleased to provide an update of the Foundation's current projects.

COCKTAIL EVENING 2011

Thank you to all our guests and supporters who joined us on Thursday 10 November for an evening of music, food and entertainment at Glass Brasserie, Sydney Hilton to raise money for the George Gregan Foundation. The evening was very successful and over \$100,000 was raised for the Foundation projects.



The Foundation would like to thank the wonderful efforts of Mark Lizotte, Diesel, Gary Pinto, Michael Dolce, Matthew Burke, Peter Overton, Gerry Coary, Jessica Rowe, Deepak Gill, Mark Daley, Katie Power and all the volunteers who gave their time at the event.

A massive thank you to all the sponsors for the evening:

The Classic Safari Company, Savanna Lodge, Riverlands Polo, ANZ Stadium, TabSportsBet, Ventis, 2UE, Mirvac, Magenta Shores Golf & Country Club, Cactus Imaging, black2sugars, Premium Wine Brands, Brancott Estate, Jacob's Creek, Suntory, Organicus, Martin Lakos, The Australian Traffic Network, Glass Brasserie, Sydney Hilton, Kylie Virtue and Rob Clarke, Handpicked Wines, ACP Magazines, Dermalogica, Pumpkin Patch, Ziera, Rodial, OPI, Marie Claire, Taronga Zoo, Sydney Theatre Company, Belvoir Theatre Company, Ensemble Theatre Company, Pancakes on the Rocks, Public Dining Room at Balmoral Beach, Moshtix, Channel Ten, Australian Radio Network, Australian Rugby Union, Channel Nine Wide World of Sports, Showbiz, Smartbox, Aesop, and Surflection.

To view more photos from the event [click here](#).

There are still a number of items on the National Playground [Wishlist](#). Purchasing a piece of equipment for a George Gregan Foundation playground gives you the opportunity to become a part of the playground, with not only a fabulous piece of equipment to be cherished by the children using the playground, but an engraved name plaque will acknowledge you as the donor of that piece of equipment.

Should you wish to purchase a piece of equipment please [click here](#), or contact Jonelle on 1300 306 608 or office@georgegreganfoundation.com.au



THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WESTMEAD

Construction on the playground renovations will begin mid-January with the aim of being completed by early March. A number of the new animal sculptures and pieces of equipment have been commissioned and will be ready to place in the playground once construction is underway.

CANBERRA WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

George and Erica Gregan recently met with Elizabeth Chatham (Executive Director of the Division of Women, Youth & Children, The Canberra Hospital) and Moira Lye (Manager of the Canberra Hospital Foundation) onsite at The Canberra Hospital to review the allocated space for the George Gregan Foundation playground.

An earlier meeting with construction managers Leighton Contractors and Architects BVN also confirmed the scheduled timing for the playground construction for late 2012, mid way through stage 2 of the hospital's refurbishment.

Designer Ric McConaghy has begun drawing up designs for the playground which will be completed by early March 2012.



ACT Veterans Rugby Club President, John Hillier continues to show the club's wonderful support of the George Gregan Foundation, with another cheque presentation. The George Gregan Foundation would like to acknowledge the incredible support of the ACT Veterans Rugby Club.

QUEENSLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, BRISBANE

George and Erica Gregan will join the Minister and hospital CEO for the announcement of the hospital plans in the coming months. Completion of the hospital refurbishments, including the full scale George Gregan Foundation playground are scheduled for 2014.



You can continue to support the George Gregan Foundation Playgrounds with the purchase of a donor tile in your, or a loved one's name. All these funds go towards the maintenance of the playgrounds. [Click here for more information.](#)

NEUROLOGY FELLOWSHIP – WESTMEAD

Excerpt from a recent report by the 2011 George Gregan Foundation Fellow at The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Dr Jehan Suleiman.

"My work involves constant liaising with the other members of the complex epilepsy program at The Children's Hospital at Westmead about our patients' complex needs. One thing I have learnt through my involvement in this Fellowship is how much time is needed and spent by different clinicians involved in planning a single epilepsy surgery. This process can take up to a year and includes planning, conducting investigations and going through these complex investigations including video EEG and different scans, presentation and discussions at the epilepsy surgery meetings (both locally and through teleconference with other network hospitals), feeding back to the patients and their family and support them then finally attending their surgery and looking after them post operatively.

So far this year we have completed 8 complex cases, and we have more than 10 cases getting worked up for potential surgeries.

I also have been actively involved in research as part of my PhD project "autoimmune epilepsy in childhood". So far I have had a paper published in a high impact journal (NEUROLOGY) and had another accepted for publication."

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**Thank you for supporting the George Gregan Foundation.
Best wishes for the festive season.**

George & Erica Gregan