

Productivity Commission Inquiry into the Australian Gambling Industry

Submission on behalf of Kedron-Wavell Services Club Inc.
by
Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation



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The name of our organisation is Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation. The Foundation grew out of the Veterans' Research Foundation which was part of the old Greenslopes Veterans' Hospital and in 2004 was re-named and re-incorporated as GMRF. Our reason for being is to raise money for medical research carried out at Greenslopes Private Hospital. Our vision is to become an internationally renowned centre of excellence in health and medical research, improving future health standards for the Australian community. In doing so, the Foundation will provide a lasting legacy to the veteran and war widow community, and the wider Australian community.

In addition to the leading edge Cancer and Liver research that is taking place within the Laboratories, the Foundation provides research grants totalling \$130,000 every year to encourage broad-ranging research to be undertaken at Greenslopes Private Hospital.

Value of Club support

One of the leaders in Club support of the Foundation, Kedron-Wavell Services Club Inc. has provided significant financial support over a period of years. Starting with their first donation in December 2005, annual contributions have followed, culminating in a recent commitment to bring their total giving to the Foundation to \$50,000 over a period of eight years. This kind of commitment by the Club and its members is enormously valuable, not only for the financial confidence it gives but by exposure of the Foundation to all the members and guests that go through the doors of the Kedron-Wavell Services Club Inc. The Club and the RSL Sub-Branch also give our annual True Blue campaign local exposure through raffles and small external events.

Clubs' relationships with our organisation

There is a close natural link between RSL and Services Clubs and the Greenslopes Private Hospital that has existed since GPH was known as the Brisbane Veterans Hospital. Although GPH is now a private hospital, veterans still form a high proportion of patients. That being said, however, Kedron-Wavell Services Club and RSL Sub-Branch do stand out by being the first individual Club-Sub-Branch to achieve the status of Platinum Member of the Precious Metals Circle, behind only such noteworthy donors as Diggers Dozen Volunteers (GPH), RSL (Queensland Branch) and the War Widows Guild.