

A tradition of care 1920-2010

In 2010 Epworth HealthCare celebrated 90 years of outstanding patient care in Victoria. From our beginnings as a 25-bed hospital in 1920, to a health care service with seven hospitals, more than 1,200 beds, 2,900 medical practitioners and 4,300 staff, it has been 90 years of achievement. The tradition of care continues as Epworth expands facilities and looks towards the next 90 years.

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It is with enormous pride that Epworth HealthCare celebrated its 90th birthday in 2010

A black tie event was held in the Plaza Ballroom of the Regent Theatre on 19 February 2010 to mark this occasion, with over 400 guests including current and past staff and doctors. Reverend Professor Norman Young and Dr Philip Williams, from the Epworth Board, and Mr Alan Kinkade, Group Chief Executive, talked of the humble beginnings of Epworth, its Uniting Church association and the staff who have helped shape Epworth HealthCare. Dr Peter Dohrmann, Epworth's Medical Director, was Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The night concluded, fittingly, with a rendition of Happy Birthday and cake.

A staff birthday party at the Melbourne Zoo saw more than 3,000 staff and family members celebrate the 90th birthday, with an evening of family fun, face painting, after-hours animal visits and music. Epworth prides itself on providing a family-friendly work environment, and the Zoo celebration was an opportunity for the wider Epworth family to take part in the birthday festivities.

To mark the milestone, **Epworth's history entitled *Epworth: A tradition of care 1920-2010*** was launched at Government House by Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser AC. The lively and comprehensive history, by noted historian Dr Janette Bomford, follows the rise of the hospital service from its foundations as an early teaching hospital in Victoria with 25 beds and 5 staff, to the multi-campus health service of today. The book launch, on 19 April 2010, focussed on those who helped shape Epworth, and the generosity of past and present staff, benefactors, Board members, doctors and volunteers.

Visitors to Epworth Richmond are greeted with a **history wall**, unveiled in early 2010, which documents the significant milestones in the growth of the hospital and wider health service over the last 90 years. Starting with the donation of £6000 to purchase 'Yalcowinna' on the current site, it highlights some of the medical firsts performed at Epworth, and the expansion of services and hospital acquisitions throughout its history. The display ends with the launch of the *Investing in Excellence* campaign to help fund the redevelopment of Epworth Richmond. This will see the hospital expand to 777 beds and include state-of-the-art facilities to provide this generation and the next with the care that has marked the past 90 years of Epworth's history.



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| 1 | 1 The magical ambience of the Plaza Ballroom at the Regent Theatre |
| 2 | 2 Dr Philip Williams applauds as Reverend Professor Norman Young and Mr Alan Kinkade blow out the candles |
| 3 | 3 Epworth Board member Mr Peter Hay and Mrs Sarah Hay |
| 4 | 4 Epworth staff arrive for family celebrations at Melbourne Zoo |
| 5 | 5 Epworth Hospital in the Home Manager Richard Farvis and family at Melbourne Zoo |
| 6 | 6 (left to right) Mrs Denise Kinkade, Mr Alan Kinkade, Mrs Elizabeth Williams, Dr Philip Williams, Mrs de Kretser and the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser AC with Dr Janette Bomford, Mr Nicholas Bomford |
| 7 | 7 Mrs de Kretser talks with guests, Mr Lindsay Cuming AM, Mr Bruce Lockwood and Mrs Val Cuming at Government House |
| 8 | 8/9 Epworth history wall display in the foyer of Epworth Richmond |
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