



Pharmaceutical Society of Western Australia Inc.

The J M O'Hara Research Fund LAUNCH OF THE PHARMACY 100 CLUB

The Pharmaceutical Society of WA (PSWA) officially launched the Pharmacy 100 Club fundraising project to a large group of pharmacists and invited guests at a function held at the Harry Perkins Research Institute at QEII on 8 March 2016.

The Pharmacy 100 club fundraising project aims to provide a working capital base to drive current and future funding for pharmacy research in WA through the J M O'Hara Research Fund, named in honour of the late John Michael O'Hara, a highly respected Western Australian pharmacist.

The evening was even more special with the attendance of four of John's children, Kate, Jacqui, Nick and Felicity.

Kate spoke about the philosophy and importance of philanthropy in the community and the family's pride in the recognition of her father through the pharmacy research fund. Kate also happens to be an executive director of the Hawaiian Group, a large WA based property group which has a commitment to philanthropy, sponsorship and community development. Hawaiian is perhaps best known for its support of and association with Youth Focus whose goal is prevention of youth suicide and depression.

Kate's sister Jacqui gave an emotional personal account of growing up with John O'Hara as a father, reflecting on his dedication to the pharmacy profession and his even greater commitment to his family.

FIRST MAJOR GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The evening also saw the announcement by PSWA Chair Dean Schulze of this year's major recipient of a J M O'Hara Research Fund grant, Liza Seubert from the University of Western Australia. Liza was presented with a cheque for nearly \$40,000 and provided a synopsis of her research focus aimed at enhancing primary care processes in community pharmacy. In accepting her grant Liza acknowledged the support of the J M O'Hara Research Fund and the ongoing commitment of PSWA to fostering research in pharmacy practice in WA.

The evening was a wonderful networking opportunity for pharmacists and past practitioners were well represented and relished the opportunity to renew links with their professional organisation and understand the current direction of the PSWA and the J M O'Hara Research Fund.

THE NEW VISION

The J M O'Hara Research Fund has traditionally provided small amounts of seed or scope funding to WA pharmacy researchers for small scale projects. The PSWA's new vision is to establish an ongoing funding source, more substantial in nature, to provide much larger grants for larger scale, cutting edge research projects in WA which will have positive benefits for the pharmacy profession and community health.



Kate O'Hara



Liza Seubert and Dean Schulze

PHARMACY 100 CLUB ESTABLISHED

The Pharmacy 100 Club is a wonderful opportunity not only to repay the profession, but also make a positive impact on the health of all Western Australians.

Each of the Pharmacy 100 Club patrons will be recognised as benefactors of the J M O'Hara Research Fund through research communication, provision of updates and outcomes of the research projects and invitations to any social or fundraising functions.

The Pharmacy 100 Club was established through the dedicated efforts of an advisory committee chaired by last year's Eric Kirk Memorial Award winner Michael Dillon and its work was acknowledged by Mr Schulze.



JOIN THE CLUB

If you would like to enquire about joining the Pharmacy 100 Club simply email **PSWA**. In terms of a life-time in the profession the financial commitment is relatively small and spread over time, but the benefits in recognition of the profession, our Society and the positive health outcomes can be enormous.



Details of the J M O'Hara Research fund are available at the **PSWA website**.