



**Announcement: The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia accepts invitation to become a Patron of Spinnaker Health Research Foundation**

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The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia has accepted an invitation from Spinnaker Health Research Foundation to become a Patron of the Foundation.

In his role as a Patron, the Governor will support and endorse the work of the Foundation which funds research that translates to improvements and innovations in the diagnosis, treatment and care of patients in the hospitals and community of south metropolitan Perth.

Governor Beazley extends his support as Patron to many health and medical research institutions. His acceptance of this role as a Patron to the Foundation further demonstrates his commitment to the importance of medical research and to ensure the significant work of Western Australian researchers, including those funded by the Foundation, is shared and celebrated on a state-wide, national and global stage.

*"I am proud to be a Patron of Spinnaker Health Research Foundation - an organisation which supports innovative health and medical research in collaboration with universities and research institutions in Western Australia. Ensuring the best health outcomes for our community has never been more important and we are lucky to have Spinnaker contributing to our world-class research efforts here in WA."*

Spinnaker, which commenced at Fremantle Hospital in 1996, initially benefitted from the support of the Governor's father, Mr Kim Beazley Snr AO, who was the Foundation's founding patron. Mr Beazley Snr was integral to the raising of significant funds that underpinned the commencement of more than two decades of research which has thus far been funded by the Foundation, much of which has resulted in significant advancements in patient care and treatment across a diverse range of diseases, physical and mental health conditions and injury treatment.

Spinnaker continues to benefit from the long-term support of its long-standing Patron, Professor Barry Marshall AC and, until most recently, Dr Patricia Kailis AM OBE who sadly passed in April this year. The support of Spinnaker's patrons is beneficial to not just the

operations of the Foundation but is integral to the research the Foundation supports, the research community it seeks to fund and the general community that benefits from the research outcomes.

Spinnaker's Chairman, Mr Mark Balfour, said the acceptance of the invitation by the Governor represents an acknowledgement of the integrity of the Foundation in the not-for-profit sector and an important commitment to not just the Foundation but to our community in general.

"Medical research in Western Australia continues to grow in both strength and esteem and we deserve to be proud of that which we have achieved and continue to achieve. The support of the Governor will assist us in amplifying the positive impact in health research that we enjoy and we look forward to working closely with the Governor to further the success of our researchers and the important translation of the research to practice" Mr Balfour said.

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