

# Media Release

## Hospital honour wall takes flight this Mother's Day with Milly's Gold Butterfly

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***To commemorate her and her daughter's journey at King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH), Emi Rodoni and the Rodoni Family purchased the first Gold Butterfly of the KEMH Mum's Honour Wall. Emi and Milly's story is below.***

When Milly Rodoni was born at just 30 weeks, her fight to survive began.

Delivered by emergency caesarean section, Milly was resuscitated at birth and then had to stay on a ventilator and continuous positive airway pressure for consecutive days.

Milly's mother Emi had been in hospital bleeding for two days prior to this, and after losing too much blood, the decision was made to deliver Milly early.

"I was given exceptional care for the two days I spent in the intensive care ward and I continued to have amazing care while on the ward for the next five days I was at KEMH," Emi said.

"All the nurses in the neonatal rooms were incredible. Having to leave our baby girl every day was one of the hardest things we have ever done, but knowing she was in the safest hands possible always gave us a little more comfort and confidence to go home each night. We could not have done it without them all."

Despite her tough start to life Milly went on to thrive, and at seven and a half weeks, was able to go home. Today, the very happy full of life five year-old has hit every developmental milestone and has no health issues from being born premature.

When Emi heard that the Hospital were erecting an Honour Wall, she and her family knew they needed to be a part of the commemorative project.

"We wanted to be part of the Centenary celebrations and show how thankful we are of everything King Eddies did for us. Our family (Nanny, Poppy, Nanna T, Poppy Dave, Aunty Ashe, Uncle David and Uncle Zac) all generously donated so that we could have a Gold Butterfly and help towards an amazing cause - research to prevent preterm birth."

All women whose babies were born or treated at King Eddies are invited to be a lasting part of the Hospital's centenary celebration through the honour wall. Choose from four fabulous options for yourself or as a mother's day gift to someone else - Gold and Silver Butterflies, a colourful flag on the Bunting or a Digital Wall entry (online only).

To be a part of the Centenary Wall, and for more information, visit the [Centenary Wall website](#).

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**Media opportunity:** Emi Rodoni is available for follow up interview and photo op with Milly.

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**Background:** The Women and Infant's Research Foundation is Australia's leading independent research institution dedicated to improving women, infants and reproductive health. We have a proud 40-year history of scientific discovery and public health achievement centred on the eradication of disease and the reduction of illness in women and babies of all ages. WIRF are closely affiliated with King Edward Memorial Hospital (the only tertiary level perinatal centre in Western Australia) and the School of Women's and Infants' Health at The University of Western Australia.