

Helping's a high for Lo

NO one knows the healing powers of a hot cup of tea better than King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH) volunteer Lo Egerton-Warburton.

The Claremont resident, who has served tea to the Outpatients Oncology Clinic for 11 years, said she was inspired to volunteer for the Women and Infants Foundation (WIRF) after having one of her children at KEMH.

"It is a pleasure and a privilege to meet people who show such resilience in what must be very frightening circumstances", Ms Egerton-Warburton said. "The patients are often very keen to chat about their illness, their hopes and fears.

"I have learned of the emotional toll placed on the patients and their families, but also the strength these patients display when faced with



Lo Egerton-Warburton knows all about tea making, having worked for years as a KEMH volunteer. Picture: Andrew Ritchie

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life-threatening illnesses. It's nice to provide a friendly face and a listening ear."

For National Volunteer Week last week, WIRF will celebrate its more than 100 volunteers who support the hospital patients and

staff, and assist in fundraising for women and infant's research.

"I have made many friends through my volunteer role: patients, staff and other volunteers in the hospital," Ms Egerton-Warburton said. "WIRF makes sure

our work does not go unnoticed and rewards the volunteers with memorable Christmas parties and afternoon teas.

"I just hope there will be many more volunteering years ahead for me."