

Media Release

Anna Chandler Designs Brighten Up Hospital

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Volunteers from the King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH) Op Shop are brightening up the days of staff and patients with their cheerful new aprons.

Perth Designer, Anna Chandler, has kindly donated her colourful aprons to Op Shop Volunteers at KEMH. The Hospital's Opportunity Shop raises funds for much-needed hospital items and the Women and Infants Research Foundation's (WIRF) studies into preterm birth and women's health. It is a hub of activity for patients and staff, and a great source quality pre-loved items for babies and women.

KEMH, as the only tertiary level perinatal centre in Western Australia, sees many patients who are facing complications with their pregnancies and other health issues. The Foundation's Volunteer Coordinator, Lynne McHale, said "many of the hospital patients come to our Op Shop and we wanted our volunteers to wear something bright and colourful to add some much-needed cheer to their day".

"We also wanted our volunteers to feel good about their uniform. They freely give up their time to help us raise funds for our very important women and infants research", said Lynne.

Anna Chandler, of Anna Chandler Design, said she loved to help such a great cause. "If my designs can brighten someone's day, then that is a great thing", said Anna.

Anna came into the Hospital's Op Shop during their February Summer Sale to meet with volunteers and patients and talk about her colourful designs. "I like to create vibrant things of timeless beauty which bring joy and colour to people's homes and their lives", said Anna.

With a head office in Osborne Park, Anna Chandler's designs are stocked at Gypsiana in both Cottesloe and Leederville. The talented designer also sells her home wares in stores around the world.

"We are so grateful to Anna for her generous donation", said Lynne.

The Hospital's Op Shop is located within the grounds of KEMH and is open to the public from Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 12.30pm. The Op Shop is run entirely by volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering in the Op Shop, please visit <http://wirf.com.au/op-shop> for further details.



One of Anna's brightly colored aprons.

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