

Helpers run for colourful covers

By ROSANNA CANDLER

SWAPPING navy pullovers for patterned Anna Chandler Design aprons has injected new life into the bustling op-shop at King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH).

The op-shop sells baby, toddler and women's clothing to fundraise for hospital items and Women and Infants Research Foundation (WIRF) studies into pre-term birth and women's health.

WIRF volunteer co-ordinator Lynne McHale said she had the idea to brighten up their volunteer uniform while Christmas shopping in Leederville last year.

"I called into Gypsiana to buy some gifts and thought it would be great to add that kind of happy vibrancy into our op-shop," Ms McHale said.

"We cannot thank Anna enough for being so generous in giving us all these aprons.

"The hardest part was choosing which pattern each of us wanted to wear.

"Now we get so many compliments from our customers every day, so we're absolutely thrilled."

Designer Anna Chandler said she was honoured to give to such a worthy cause.

"We get a lot of requests from a lot of different people, but this one was a bit special, this one was



Anna Chandler, Christina Van Maslen, Lynne McHale, Dee Terry and Charlene Smith.

close to my heart," Ms Chandler said.

"What are a few aprons when these ladies are donating days and days of their time?"

Ms Chandler said she was amazed to discover the KEMH op-

shop because she was confident she knew single op-shop in WA.

"This is seriously a wonderful source of high-quality and beautifully presented baby things at a fraction of the cost in department stores," she said.