



Centaur Memorial Fund For Nurses

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Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses – Corporate Membership

We invite you to become a Corporate Member of the Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses - Why?

An Introduction:

2/3 Australian Hospital Ship Centaur: On 12th May 1943 2/3 AHS *Centaur* was steaming a course 24 miles ENE of Point Lookout, Stradbroke Island on its way to New Guinea. At 4.10am on the 14th May, the 2/3 AHS *Centaur* was struck by a torpedo fired from a Japanese submarine and sank within 3 minutes of the attack. 268 people, crew members and medical personnel died. Twelve nurses were on board. Among the survivors was just one of the serving nurses, Sister Ellen Savage. In the true spirit of nursing, she tended to wounded soldiers whilst injured herself; not letting on to the other survivors that she was injured. It was 38 hours before the survivors were rescued by the USS *Mugford*. When attacked, 2/3 AHS *Centaur* was unarmed and clearly marked with the Red Cross insignia in accordance with The Hague Convention.

The Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses was established from the public's generous response to the outrage of this attack on a hospital ship. The Fund is now a non-government, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to preserving and maintaining a living memory of the nurses who served on the *Centaur* and in the Australian armed forces at home and abroad, and all nurses in Queensland. The Fund provides an annual scholarship to the value of \$15,000 for a nurse or a midwife living in Queensland undertaking post graduate studies for a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Professional Doctorate degree. The first Fellowship was awarded in 1994. The fund has provided significant financial support towards nursing research since 1994. Topics have included: care of children, skin care, dementia care, ethical care, grief and loss, cancer care, family care, maternal pituri use in aboriginal communities, sexual health and a range of other topics towards improving patient care.

The opportunity: Organisations that subscribe to the objectives of the Fund are eligible to apply for corporate membership. Please refer to the website for this information:

www.centaurnursesfund.org.au

The Benefits of Corporate membership to the Corporate Entity are:

- Ability to display their corporate logo on the Centaur website, and at certain events, when this is deemed appropriate
- Recognition in various ways of their contribution as Corporate members
- Opportunities to provide in-kind support
- Notification of Centaur events
- Networking opportunities at Centaur events

Corporate Membership will be available to health service organisations, academic institutions and organisations that support the objectives of the Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses. Corporate members are not eligible for nomination to the Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses Committee or to take part in any election or to vote. The Management Committee may choose to invite individuals from the Corporate Entity from time to time, for various activities to support the Fund and its objectives.

Annual fee structure:

Type of Corporate Membership	Special consideration	Annual donation/fee
Platinum	Major sponsors –may have limited numbers	\$2000 or more
Gold		\$1000
Silver		\$750
Bronze		\$500
In-kind support	Available for a sponsor to provide as negotiated	Available for a sponsor to provide as negotiated

To enquire about these opportunities please contact:

Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses: admin@centaurnursesfund.org.au

This is a wonderful opportunity to support the Fund in providing research and education to Queensland nurses and midwives to support the development of healthcare and patient care into the future. We welcome your involvement as a Corporate Member.