

## **San Foundation Annual thank you luncheon Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>**

The San Foundation really does provide a 'Foundation' for Adventist HealthCare – because it does underpin, and provide an invaluable support for what we do.

Running a successful hospital in the current challenging, tightly regulated, safety and quality driven, highly competitive market, is an expensive business.

So we have to make tough decisions on what is critical to the Hospital operations – what do we have to have, what should we have, what do want to have, what would be nice to have.

And while we won't compromise on the quality of care and whatever is essential to patient care, financial constraints and operational priorities mean we do unfortunately have to compromise on the extras.... and when you work with an exceptional group of doctors and nurses who are monitoring what's happening overseas, who are observing the best treatments, the best technology and advances that they want to use the best to do their best ....this compromise can be difficult.

Sometimes we are the victims of our own success because once we are providing top class, world leading, state of the art technology...it's a treadmill you actually don't want to get off.

So it's your support through the Foundation which enables us to stretch ourselves further, to provide those extra services, to get that better equipment which helps us be the Hospital we want to be ...the place where patients know and feel our mission of true Christianity in Action, and feel they get more care.

The San Integrated Cancer Centre (the dream championed by Leon Clark when he was CEO, and completed during his final term as Foundation Chairman) is a prime example of this.

The Foundation's next appeal on behalf of the Hospital to help fund the next generation of surgical robotic system ...the Xi da Vinci Robot which incoming Chairman Dick Warburton is going to talk about, is an example of us being able to provide the state of the art technology that our innovative and world leading surgeons are passionate about.

It is 'passion' that I see as the common unifying trait between our medical and nursing teams, and you, our donors.

Our passion is providing care for people, yours is providing the support that enables us.

What we share is a common compassion for humanity... and a belief that we can always do it better.

On behalf of the San Hospital, Board, staff, and patients, thank-you.