



In HBF for 50 years

HOSPITAL Benefit Fund (HBF) members are a loyal bunch, especially those who have been members for a half century or more.

HBF is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary, as it began in April 1941 as the Metropolitan Hospital Benefit Fund.

Its coverage gradually extended to all Western Australian hospitals and in October 1945 it lost the word "Metropolitan" to become the Hospital Benefit Fund.

Six years later HBF established a Medical

Fund to cover doctors' consultations, and in 1970 opened its first regional branches, including Geraldton.

Members of 50 years or more were guests at a special morning tea last Saturday, attended by HBF managing director Rob Bransby and senior executives.

Filling the Catholic Centre hall, they heard a report by Mr Bransby of HBF's activities before swapping anecdotes of medical tribulations over their cups of tea.

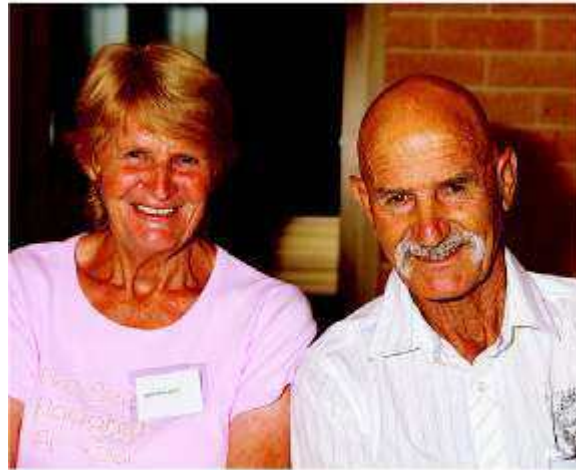
— Gary Warner



Joan and Brian Clarke



Entry luck: Winner of the lucky door prize was Shirley Dix, seen with HBF managing director Rob Bransby



Dorothy and Ross Ariti



Leslie and Mary Rowe