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Neonatal Intensive Care Parade celebrates survivors

Any parents who have huddled around humidicribs in neonatal intensive care know how lucky they are to watch their little fighters grow to become happy healthy toddlers.

Here at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, we like to help celebrate these small miracles, and their families, with an annual costume parade and party.

This year the beloved children's author of *Possum Magic* and *Where is the Green Sheep?*, Mem Fox, kindly came along to read to the children and judge their costumes.

It has been 31 years since *Possum Magic* first hit Australian book shelves but Mem proved today that *Grandma Poss* and *Hush* can still keep a sea of little ones transfixed, at least for a while.

Mem's 2008 book, *Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes*, was Australia's official gift to Prince George, the royal baby last year.

Gleebooks kindly provided copies of Mem's books to be signed and sold with part of the proceeds being donated to support RPA's neonatal intensive care unit.

A very big thank you to all the parents who attended today.

And another thank you to Natasha Exelby from Seven News who was kind enough to come along and speak to some of our incredible staff and the families of our small survivors.

