

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital

Message From The GM



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Well, as my name sake in the movies said 'I'll be back' and indeed I am!! It is just so wonderful to get back to work after my 6 week lay off following knee surgery. I can tell you that 5 weeks and 3 days were absolutely torturous, with a lengthy daily exercise regime that now has me well and truly back on my feet and full of beans – look out!! Thank you to all those staff that contacted me whilst I was off – it did make me feel much better and also for such a warm welcome last week when I got back – it is truly humbling.

Whilst I was off I kept myself updated with what was happening at our Hospital and a very big thank you to Dr Mushtaq Malik initially and then Barbara Chapman for covering my role with great skill and determination. They of course were supported by the rest of the Executive Team and with all the staff's help, kept the Hospital running smoothly. It is with much sadness that I announce we are losing our Director Corporate Services and Finance – Kristen Ireland. Kristen has

decided to pursue her career in a larger Hospital – Bankstown with her last day being 17 May 2015. Kristen will be sorely missed given all the work she has done with Cost Centre Managers with their budgets which are now showing excepting results. I'm sure you all join with me in thanking Kristen for her great work whilst here at Fairfield and she will be greatly missed – good luck for the future Kristen. I'm starting my Community Group visits soon and will let you know the results

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Aust-Asia Association Donation to Birth Unit

Fairfield Hospital would like to extend its thank you to the Australia-Asia Association for their kind donation of \$7000, following a successful dinner last month.

Acting General Manager Barbara Chapman said she was thankful to the association for its support and tremendous generosity. "We'd like to thank the Australia-Asia Association and all the people who attended the dinner who made this generous donation possible," Ms Chapman said. The donation will go towards

purchasing a cardiotocography machine for the Birthing Unit. This machine is also referred as an electronic foetal monitor and is used during labour as a way of monitoring the well being of the baby. "It measures the mother's contractions and the baby's heart rate," Ms Chapman said. For more information on making a donation to the hospital, please contact Cashier on 9616 8231.



Left to right: Kristen Ireland, Director of Corporate Services & Finance; Sabrina Hami, Medical Services Operations Manager; Linda Byrnes, Acting Director of Nursing & Midwifery Services; Dr Mushtaq Malik, Medical Superintendent; Caroline Phong from Aust-Asia Association; Barbara Chapman, Acting General Manager; Peter Nguyen from Aust-Asia Association; Amanda Vujanovic, Acting Num Birthing Unit; Catherine Niec, NUM Maternity Services; Dr Laurence McCleary, head of Department Paediatrics.

Use of Electrical Sockets at Hospital

Fairfield Hospital would like to advise that there is a protocol for using electrical sockets in the Hospital.

RED Electrical Power Outlets (Power Points) in Patient Areas are exclusively for Fairfield Hospital MEDICAL EQUIPMENT use.

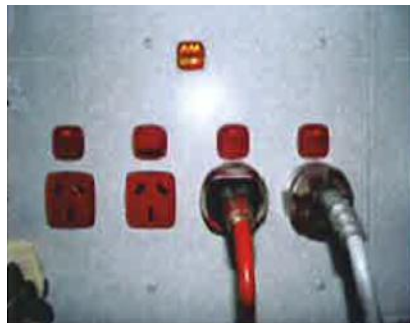
Patients, Visitors and staff-owned electrical appliances such as mobile phones, iPods, Lap top computers or any other electrical appliances are not to be use the Red power outlets.

Patients shouldn't bring any personal electrical appliances such as heating pads, coffee pots, electric heaters, fans, televisions etc. into the hospital. However, if such appliances are bought into the hospital, the manager or delegated responsible staff member for the patient's care will inspect the appliances for safety.

This inspection will consist of a visual inspection to verify the integrity of the electrical cord and housing. In addition, the manager or delegated responsible staff member will assess whether the patients condition is such that a appliance can be used safely during

the patient's stay. Any appliance which is not in good condition, or which cannot be used safely, must be removed from the patient's room and given the patient's family for return to the patient's home.

RED Electrical Power Outlets



Should you require any further information please contact the Engineering Department on 9616 8271.

Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 15 April 2015 was presented by Allied Health Services on the topic "*Able and Stable*" by Minh Pham Senior Physiotherapist, Christine Colusso-Craig Senior Occupational Therapist and Michele Fraser Social Worker from Ambulatory Care.

Community Participation

An incredibly busy and learning month for the Consumer and Community Participation Network meeting which fell on the same day as the ANZAC service at Fairfield Hospital. Community members were invited to the service prior to commencement of their monthly meeting. Members this month had the opportunity to learn about the Hospital Falls Program and Falls prevention initiatives from guest speaker Linda Byrnes Acting Director of Nursing & Midwifery Services. Marie Pron, Quality and Risk Manager also was a guest speaker during the April meeting and took members through our new pilot Fairfield Intranet site and sought feedback from member on how to improve it further. The Network was also requested to review and comment on a new policy coming out soon that will effect patient and visitors. The Fairfield Consumer and Community Participation Network is a diverse and valued committee within the Hospital. If you live within the Fairfield Local Government Area and are interested as a Health Consumer or Local Resident to have a voice in how your local hospital is run, then I invite you to join this network. For more information contact: Robyn El-Khair Community Participation Manager – Fairfield Hospital (02) 9616 8830 Email: robyn-el-kahir@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

ANZAC Day Service



It was with enormous pride that Fairfield Hospital held its ANZAC service on Friday 24 April 2015 in recognition of 100 years of ANZAC. Staff, Hospital Community Representatives and visitors were invited to attend the special service held in the courtyard at the front of the hospital.

A special acknowledgment to Mr Paul Ryant, Senior Vice President, City of Fairfield RSL Sub-Branch who overlooked the proceedings and tailored his ANZAC address for Fairfield and donated 200 poppies for the service.

Thank you to all the staff and Community Representatives that took the time to forward photos of their family members, medals and letters to compile a personalized Fairfield ANZAC day notice board. The Service was greatly attended and everyone enjoyed the order of service which included a laying of the reef and the opportunity to lay a poppy.



Falls Week @ Fairfield



Fairfield Hospital had a April Falls Month Program complete with:
 * A Hospital Foyer Display with information relating to Falls and Falls prevention.
 * A door decorating competition with falls prevention messages.
 * An education session
 * And topped off with a staff BBQ to celebrate the good work of staff.

The Door Judging and BBQ was held on Thursday 30 April 2015. Congratulations to Ward 2C who took out first place, HDU and Ward 1A who came second and third.

The judges were Barbra Chapman, Acting General Manager; Carmen Lazar, Chair of the Fairfield Consumer & Community Participation Network that also sits on the Hospital Falls Committee and Robyn El-Khair, Community Participation Manager.

A big thank you also to Bunnings Villawood for sponsoring the event and donating the winning prizes.



Staff Notices

Appointment of Head of Department , Ambulatory Care

Following the re-appointments of all Head of Department Positions, recent interviews were held for the Ambulatory Care head of Department.

Fairfield Hospital is happy to announce that Dr Tai-Tak Wan has been successful in this appointment.

Appointment of head of Department – Cardiology

Congratulations to Dr Albert Shafransky who was successful in his appointment as Head of Cardiology.

Appointment of Head of Department – General Surgery

Dr Richard Lee has being successful and is now appointed as Head of Department – General Surgery.

Clinical Nurse Consultant Wound Care

Ms Bernadette McNally has taken up the role of Clinical Nurse Consultant Wound Care in Fairfield Hospital. Bernadette is currently located in the Clinical Nurse Educators Office located on Level 2 and can be contacted via pager 47958 or extension 68127. Bernadette will be leading the establishment of the Wound Service at Fairfield Hospital.

YourSay Survey

The YourSay survey is your opportunity to give feedback on what its like to work at SWSLHD.

The Survey has being extended to the 8 May 2015 to provide more opportunity for staff to have their say.

Congratulations to Fairfield who currently sit on over 50%

completion! Staff will be provided with a free BBQ for their participation is the survey.



Premiers Award



Nominations are now open for the 2015 NSW Premier's Awards for outstanding Cancer Research, which honour individuals and teams

that work across the cancer research sector to lessen the impact of cancer for the people of NSW.

This year there will be eight award categories:

- * Outstanding Cancer Researcher of the Year – \$50,000
 - * The Professor Rob Sutherland AO Make a Difference Award – \$20,000
 - * The Big data, Big Impact Award – stage 1 (Up to \$60,000) stage 2 (up to \$150,000)
 - * Excellence in Translation Cancer Research – \$20,000
 - * The "Wildfire" Highly Cited Publication Award – \$20,000
 - * Innovation in Cancer Clinical Trials – \$20,000
 - * Outstanding Cancer Research Fellow – \$20,000
 - * The "Rising Star" PhD Student Award – \$10,000
- The Awards will be presented in front of over 300 pre-eminent guests at a gala dinner to be held in Sydney in August.

Nominations are open until Wednesday 20 May 2015. For more information, and to nominate, Visit:

www.cancerinstitute.org.au/2015-cancer-research-awards.

Working together to lessen
the impact of cancer

SWSLHD Quality Awards

South Western Sydney LHD is committed to recognising excellence and innovation and sharing knowledge.

Each year the South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) awards are organised to acknowledge the contribution of clinical and non-clinical staff to the

provision of high standards of care and service delivered within the Local Health District (LHD).

This year the South Western Sydney LHD Quality Awards 2015 opened on 24 April and entries must be submitted by 22 May 2015.

One key aim of the SWSLHD Quality Awards is to promote Quality, safety and Innovation in provision of clinical care and service to our patients and others whom we serve. The annual SWSLHD awards will also be used to identify potential submissions for the NSW Health Awards.

Quality Managers in each Facility and Service are well aware of the requirements and the process. They should be able to provide necessary assistance to staff trying to put a submission together.

Participation in the SWSLHD Quality Awards is a great idea to showcase the excellent work being done within the SWSLHD.



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