

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital

Message From The GM

Firstly I'd like to Thank you for a very warm welcome to Fairfield Hospital . I have very much enjoyed being introduced to many people across the hospital from the different departments. One thing that has stood out for me is the dedication that people have for working for the community of Fairfield and beyond, as well as the many smiling faces.

One of the high lights was taking part of a tour of SSD. It was a pleasure to meet Barbara and the team. I was pleased to see in pride of place on the wall the core values for SSD which all the team have developed. Well done.

Please remember whatever your role at Fairfield, every day YOU make an impact on the quality and safety of our health service under the transforming your experience five year roadmap to positively transform how our patients, consumers, staff and community experience our organisation and the services we provide .

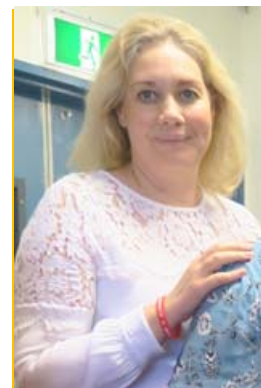
As Fairfield Hospital prepares for the upcoming SWSLHD NAIDOC celebrations in July we will see an exciting transformation of the hospital grounds with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander garden space being constructed at the south entrance to the hospital. Make sure you go outside and look at it for yourself or read about it in Koori Yarnz at Fairfield. Thank you to the Angel Feather Foundation as well as the many donors and volunteers .

Lastly I would like to say goodbye and thankyou to Ken Hampson and Joanne McGowan and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

To ensure Fairfield Hospital has the best leadership into the future, recruitment will commence shortly for both a Director of Nursing and a Director of Finance.

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Fairfield Hospital wished Joanne McGowan all the best after 5 years of dedication to Fairfield Hospital as the Director of Finance with a staff lunch.

Joanne will be heading back to England and we hope she finds every success and happiness in her next life journey.



Thank you to the Golden Heart Charity Function 5 who held a fundraising dinner to support Fairfield Hospital last year in October to purchase an Orthoscan machine for the Hands Centre to help with procedures and operations within the Operating Theatre.

The committee came in for an afternoon tea with Dr Harry Doan - Director Medical Services this month to unveil the Orthoscan before it commences helping hands in the Theatres!



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Nominate them for a NSW Health Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Award

Health Professionals

Nominate an excellent NSW Health nurse or midwife for the significant contribution they make to their profession, team and the community

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Nominate an excellent NSW Health nurse or midwife who has made you feel valued and demonstrated outstanding care to you and/or your loved ones in the CONSUMER APPRECIATION AWARD category

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2019

Nominate now via www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/enma
Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony in Sydney on Tuesday 1 October 2019

Enquiries to: MCN-ExcellenceInNursingAndMidwiferyAwards@health.nsw.gov.au



CSSD Day Open Day

On behalf of the Fairfield Sterilising Services Department (SSD) Team I'd like to say **Thank You** for supporting **World CSSD Open Day 2019**

We hope you enjoyed the tour and learned a little bit about the sterilisation process.

Thanks for the positive feedback, very much appreciated.

Congratulations to our Prize Winners:

Lucky (Lucy) Door Prize: Mary Simeonov - Nursing Administration

Guessing Competition: Rey Garcia - Engineering



Safety Culture Coordinator News

In recent months SWSLHD has been doing some exciting work to improve patient care for our most vulnerable patients while also improving safety for the staff members who are providing that care. Fairfield Hospital is a part of the District's implementation of the new governing procedure and trial Behavioural Assessment and Observation Form for a new way of identifying, assessing and monitoring patients with challenging behaviours. Patients included in this trial are those with cognitive conditions such as dementia, with developmental delays and also with mental illnesses. These forms have been delivered and all staff are encouraged to use these forms for the early identification and management of their behaviourally challenging patients. For any questions or comments around the new procedure and subsequent Behavioural Assessment and Observation Form, please contact Clair McEntee, Safety Culture Coordinator clair.mcentee@health.nsw.gov.au or visit <http://sWSLHD-intranet.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/sWSLHD/nursing/IPS.html>

Patient Experience Symposium

Well done team SWSLHD consumers, carers, community & staff on a great two days of presenting, learning and networking during the 2019 Patient Experience Symposium which was held in the last two days of April at the ICC, Sydney.

Our consumer representative Sammi Sayad together with the Consumer & Community Participation Manager Robyn El-Khair presented on the work they have been involved with patient feedback interviews in community languages and taking action based on these responses and suggestions. Their presentation was extremely well received and even received a mention by the Bureau of Health Information (BHI) representative.

Fairfield Transforming Your Experience (TYE) coach Collette Davies also gave a brilliant presentation on Patient Centered with consumer representative Tony and TYE coach Jotika.

Congratulations are also in order for the TYE team for the exceptional presentation by Natalie Wilson (Director TYE) and for the TYE team winning the "Peoples Choice Poster Award" .



Kidney Health Week 8-14 April 2019

During Kidney Health Week 8- 14 April 2019, Fairfield Hospital hosted an awareness event to inform the general public about their risk of developing kidney disease. An information display stall was organised which included helpful information on all aspects of kidney health and living with kidney disease provided by Kidney Health Australia. Blood pressure checks, kidney health risk assessments, and other fun interactive activities were held with a focus on identifying hidden salt in your diet

An afternoon tea was also held for the renal patients and their families and carers in the Renal Dialysis Unit. Fairfield Hospital has just over 70 renal patients attending haemodialysis throughout the week.

This year we wanted to open everyone's eyes to kidney disease and raise awareness of the alarming fact that one in three people living in Australia is at increased risk. It is a highly undiagnosed condition; most are tragically unaware they are affected until it's too late. In fact 90% of kidney function can be lost without experiencing any symptoms.

Kidney disease can affect anyone and it could be you! Every day more than 60 Australians die with kidney related disease that's more deaths than breast cancer, prostate cancer or road traffic accidents. We aim for Australians to understand how important kidneys are to their overall health and to keep a look out for risk factors leading to kidney disease.

Early detection and effective management can halt chronic kidney disease or slow progression by as much as 50%. Understanding the role of your kidneys and risk factors of kidney disease can save lives!





LIBRARY & INFORMATION WEEK 20-26 MAY 2019

Come celebrate Library & Information Week 2019 and join us in your Fairfield Hospital Library.

There will be a guessing completion starting Monday 20th May ending on Friday 24th May at 3.00pm.

1st prize- Lunch with Director Medical Services-Dr Doan & Library Manager, Denise Vitalone, at Holy Basil Thai

2nd- 4th prize- A copy of Anatomica

Bring your cup of tea or coffee to the library on Thursday 23rd May for Morning tea at 10-11.00am or Afternoon tea at 2.00- 3.30pm and the library will supply a range of biscuits/cakes for you to enjoy.

Your hospital Library can be found on Level 1, near the Paediatrics ward in the side corridor near the stairs.

So grab your cup of tea, coffee or cold drink and join the morning/afternoon tea celebrations in the library for



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WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

A DAY TO TALK ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF TOBACCO AND THE BENEFITS OF QUITTING

THERE WILL BE INFORMATION ON THE BEST WAYS TO QUIT SMOKING AND HOW TO HELP OTHERS WHO ARE SMOKERS

When: 31st May 2019

Where: Fairfield Hospital Cafeteria

Time: 9.30am - 2pm



NSW Police Force

NSW Police Force Training

HIGHLY recommended for ALL STAFF!

Presenters:
Crime Prevention Unit Fairfield Local Area Command

Personal Safety Training

The Personal Safety Training has been developed to focus on your personal safety whilst commuting, either by walking, catching public transport, driving or parking your car! It will provide you basic knowledge on how you can assess your surroundings/environment and how to deal with situations should your safety be at risk!

Topics That will be discussed, but not restricted to: -

- Commuting Alone
- Facility Escort Policy
- What to do if you think you are being followed
- What to do if you get approached by a person asking for money or your belongings
- How to scan someone's appearance
- What to do if you are getting attacked
- What to do following an incident

Date

Sessions

All sessions will be held in the ICU Seminar Room
(sessions will run approximately 30-40 min per session)

14 May 2019	11:15am - 12:00pm
23 May 2019	9:15am-10:00am 10:15 - 11am 1:15pm - 2pm 3:15pm- 4pm

White Level Inspection Training

A white level inspection is an inspection to respective workplaces for any articles that are unusual, suspicious or unable to be accounted for. White Level Inspection is a comprehensive, systematic search of your area. It can be conducted by staff or tasked to police or fire services.

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For sufficient operational coverage please speak to your Service Manager prior to booking a session. To book a session please email mary.simeonov@health.nsw.gov.au