

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital

Message From The GM

I hope you all had a great festive season and I wish you all the very best of health for the New Year 2019.

The Christmas break was still fairly busy for the hospital, and I just wanted to thank all those staff who worked over Christmas and New Year. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and had some time with family or friends that was special in some way for you.

Prior to Christmas our hospital activity was high leading right into Christmas celebrations.

We are still working to timetable with the Emergency Department Redevelopment and it is reaching final stages over the next couple of months. It is really taking shape and looks fantastic.

We have also had the pendant work continue in theatre 4 over the break, and this is now nearing completion.

There was a great amount of work done by many people to achieve this smooth installation and commissioning of the unit. I wanted to thank all those people involved for a job well done. We will be able to replicate that plans we had in place when the next pendant install is done at Easter 2019. Yes I know we are talking Easter, but the shops have Easter eggs for sale now!

We will not be putting out a newsletter for January 2019 as many people are on leave and we will take a break too.

I wanted to bring to everyone's attention that Teresa Benetos, Director of Nursing and Midwifery has resigned her position. Teresa has been at Fairfield for a few years and has overseen some significant change and growth in the Division of Nursing. Her commitment to nursing services is very strong, as was her voice for nursing at the

Executive table.

Teresa will finish with us early in February and is taking a career break to concentrate on finishing writing her book. We wish her well and thank her for her services to Fairfield, and indeed SWSLHD over many years.

I will advise in the next week or two the steps for recruitment for both the Director of Nursing and Midwifery and General Manager positions.

We have lots of work to do. We have started to streamline ED admissions to wards in an effort to have beds both front and back of house. We can't do it alone and need everyone to help us, in providing safe efficient patient care throughout the hospital.

Ken Hampson

A/General Manager

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EMERGENCY

Update

The Ambulance Bay is complete and now caters for three ambulances. The resuscitations and paediatrics rooms are also complete and awaiting equipment.



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Our Maternity Ward was very busy on New Year's day with six babies born claiming birthdays on January 1, 2019 at Fairfield Hospital. The first baby born was Rachael to parents Anh Thu Hoang and Quango Ho arrived at 10.05am weighing 2.54 kilograms and at a length of 47cm.

Donation to help our Newborns



The Humpty Dumpty Foundation continue to support our newborns. Recently partnering with Hitachi and donating a M540 Transport Monitor to the value of \$12,450.

This vital piece of equipment allows monitoring of sick babies following birth and to respond promptly to any clinical deterioration.

“On behalf of the newborns and staff at Fairfield Hospital, I wish to thank the Humpty Dumpty Foundation & Hitachi”, said Dr McCleary Director of Paediatrics at Fairfield Hospital.

Community Engagement



A huge congratulations to Fairfield Consumer & Community Participation Consumer representative Sammi Sayed on winning the Harry Collins Award for 2018 at the Christmas/End of Year Lunch for all the South Western Sydney Local Health District Consumers.

This award is the highest acclamation for a consumer representative within our District. Sammi is the first Consumer Representative to

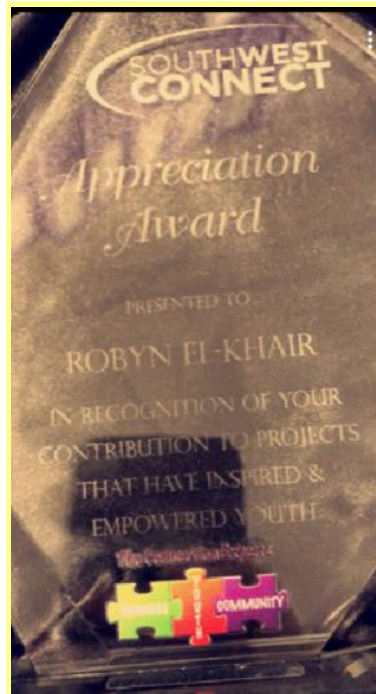
receive eight nominations for the award by her peers.

The Fairfield Community and Consumer Network is highly regarded and respected committee within the hospital. Members sit on key hospital committees and provide a consumer insight to the strategic running of the hospital.

If you are interested in learning more about the network and wanting to be involved in helping provide a better health service, please contact Robyn El-Khair - Community Participation Manager

0467 734 333

Email: robyn.elkhair@health.nsw.gov.au



The Community Participation Manager Robyn El-Khair was presented with an Appreciation Award from South West Connect in recognition of her contribution to projects that have inspired and empowered youth.

The Community Participation Manager offers school tours with an aim to increase health literacy and encourage careers in health.

The program also extends to health information sessions tailored to local school students and their parents at their own facilities.

For more information about these tours/information sessions, please contact Robyn El-Khair on 0467 734 333.

The Season for Giving



Giving and kindness was the theme at Fairfield Hospital during the month of December with patrons from:

- ◇ Woolworths Fairfield
- ◇ Mounties Club
- ◇ WISE Employment
- ◇ Deborah Watts - Reflexation East Hills
- ◇ Mind Changes Early Learning Centre - Lane Cove
- ◇ Nandos Wetherill Park

all coming in with gift's for the Children's Ward.

Parents and our staff were all overwhelmed with appreciation and gratitude.



Mounties Club



Woolworths Fairfield



Mind Champs Early Learning Centre - Lane Cove



WISE Employment



Deborah Watts - Reflexation East Hills



STAFF NOTICE

Fairfield Hospital is pleased to welcome Ms Jemma Linkenbach will be acting in the Women's Health and Paediatric Manager role. This is a full time secondment opportunity until January 2020. Ms Linkenbach comes from Bankstown Hospital and brings a range of experience , including specialisation in Antenatal Clinic Care.

At the same time, the Hospital wishes Ms Stephanie Nunn all the best whilst she is on maternity leave and acknowledges the contribution and changes made to Maternity Services over the past 2 years under her leadership.



Fairfield 's doctors farewellled Debbie Liversidge after twelve years at Fairfield as the Junior Medical Officer Manager.

She will be dearly missed by all, but we wish her every happiness in her next journey of life - retirement.

At the same time, they welcomed Richa Prasai as the new Junior Medical Officer Manager.



Wellness Day For Seniors

Date: Thursday 21 February 2019
 Venue: Fairfield Youth and Community Centre
 Vine Street, Fairfield – Across from Fairfield Leisure Centre
 Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm

Light healthy lunch will be provided.

Gentle exercise activities, information stalls, nutritional presentations, hand massage, Lucky door prizes.

Sponsors and partners:
 Fairfield City Council, CORE Community Services, Anglicare, Fairfield Seniors Network, Wesley Mission

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Switchboard office

We are pleased to announce that on the 21 December 2018, Fairfield Hospital Switchboard has been re-located to the back office (old Bookings area).

The professional and efficient team at Raven ensured minimum amount of disruption and worked with us to organise the new switchboard space.

Special thanks to Phong Pham who provided overall governance during the re-location and ironed out any arising IT issues.

Lastly, how can we forget our wonderful Switchboard operators/ receptionists and cashier Susan Trinidad, who all worked in a busy construction environment for a number of weeks.

These staff members pulled together during this challenging period, came up with their own solutions to many problems, managed to still perform all their duties to a high standard, and displayed patience, open mindedness and a willingness for change.

Great job team!