

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital



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Message From The GM

March already and we are publishing the second Newsletter for 2015!!

Many of you will be aware that I'm having some time off for surgery so you will have Dr Malik as the A/GM for 2 weeks and then Barbara Chapman for the rest of the time following her return from leave.

The one thing I am absolutely certain of is that the Hospital is in great hands with all of the dedicated staff we have working here led by a very supportive and cohesive Executive Team.

I would like to inform everyone of Anzac Day commemorations this year—Fairfield RSL has kindly offered to conduct an Anzac Day service in front of the Hospital on Friday the 24th April and have also donated poppies for distribution on the day—for more information please contact Robyn El-Khair

With the looming State elections we are starting to see numerous articles and stories appear regarding health promises and initiatives with much focus

on Fairfield Emergency Department and indeed some of the changes incorporated into the Master Planning that I discussed last Newsletter

Heads of Department (HoD) interviews are now getting close to finalisation. Dr Malik will soon be able to announce who our HoD are for the next five years.

Given that I will be away over the Easter period I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Easter

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Hospital Tour

A hospital your tool place on Tuesday 26 February 2015. The tour was organised in partnership with Fairfield Multicultural Health Service. The group were referred by NAVITAS English College Fairfield and it consisted of newly arrived refugees from Iraq and Syria who have being in Australia between six months to one year.

The group were taken around to the Emergency Department, The General Practice Unit, Diabetes Clinic and the Dental Service at Fairfield Hospital. The group found the tour very

beneficial and informative. A special thanks to the Fairfield Migrant Resource Centre for providing a bus and a volunteer driver to make the tour possible for these new arrival within our community. More tours are organised for March.

Fairfield Hospital welcomes all enquires to have a tour of the Hospital. For more details contact Robyn El-Khair—Community Participation Manager on 9616 8830 or [email: robyn.el-khair@sswhs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:robyn.el-khair@sswhs.nsw.gov.au)



Close the Gap Day 2015

Including the launch of the
Deadly Tots app and
Didja Know resource



10am-2pm, Monday 16 March 2015
Visit the health information stalls in
Fairfield Hospital's foyer



Falls Prevention Video

Congratulations to Fairfield Hospital Able and Stable program who are now on the map and recognised for excellence in Falls Prevention.

The Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC) has produced a clip as part of the 10 year CEC anniversary . The Falls Prevention Video is now live on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPZSiDU3-cY>

The Clip is about Colin's story and shows how building strength , balance and confidence in older people can prevent falls from occurring. It features the Clinical Excellence Commission's (CEC) falls Prevention Program and Fairfield Hospital Able & Stable Program.

For more information about the Able & Stable Program , please contact Minh Pham –Senior Physiotherapist , Ambulatory Care Department on 9616 8848 or email: minh.pham@sswahs.nsw.gov.au



Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 18 February 2015 was presented by Ambulatory Care on the Topic: “ *The Role of the Cardiac Chronic Care Nurse*” by Angela Hattan, Cardiac Chronic Care CNS and “ *Advantage of Pulmonary Scale in Respiratory Devices*” by Mercy Omega, Chronic Respiratory Case Manager and Tobacco Treatment Professional .

Community Participation

The Fairfield Consumer and Community Participation Network has its first 2015 meeting on Friday 27 February 2015.

The Network discussed Hospital Staff that they would like to meet throughout 2015 during the monthly meetings as well as arranging to have their annual reviews conducted.

The Network was provided with information about the Master Plan process of the hospital and an update about the General Practice Unit.

If you are interested in joining this dynamic Network and helping Fairfield Hospital provide better health care to our community, please contact Robyn El-khair on 96168830 or email: robyn.el-khair@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

Capacity Assessment Project (CAP)

NSW Health in partnership with Health Services is undertaking a Capacity Assessment Project (CAP) to assess organizational capacity and maturity across NSW Health Services.

The CAP will help to evaluate and understand how Health Services have adapted to the new operational and financial arrangements introduced since 2011, with the aim of building strong and effective governance at the local level to underpin a better health system in NSW. The CAP will identify our Health Service strengths, areas of innovation and best practice, as well as opportunities to service improvements across NSW.

An online self-assessment survey has been developed in consultation with Health Services and is the first phase assessment. Approximately 60-80 staff from our Health Service will be invited to participate in this survey.

The views and input of staff is critical to the assessment process.

The Survey should take approximately 40 minutes to complete and responses are anonymous. The survey is being conducted by independent market research company, Chantlink, and only aggregate information will be reported back to NSW Health.

The results of this survey will inform follow up discussions at site visits to be held in April or May 2015. A Health Service capacity report will then be produced.

More information on CAP is attached, and can also be found at : www.health.nsw.gov.au/CAP. Should you wish to discuss this project, please call the Capacity Assessment Project Team at the NSW Ministry of Health on 9391 9874 or email: cap@doh.health.nsw.gov.au



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Your Say Survey

The next Your Say Survey will run from 30 March – 24 April 2015.

All staff are encouraged to take part in the Survey as it provides an opportunity to improve our work environment.

Kristen Ireland (Director – Corporate Services and Finance) was nominated as executive sponsor. She has the responsibility of arranging the distribution of promotional material and promoting the survey to staff leading up to and for the duration of the Survey. The IT training room is booked every Wednesday commencing 25/03/15 to 06/05/2015 from

staff to come down and complete the survey.

Some of the initiatives / positive changes as a result of previous surveys include:

*Having an open forum meeting with Hospital Executives to allow staff to have an open discussion on matters that are important to them.

*More accountability and transparency through different forums such as the newsletter and other meetings held by the General Manager or the Executive team in general.

Make sure you have "Your Say"



Staff Notices

Director of Nursing & Midwifery – Leave

Barbara Chapman – Director of Nursing and Midwifery has leave from Monday 23 February until Monday 23 March 2015 and during this period, Mr. Grant Isedale will be relieving in the position of Director of Nursing and Midwifery.

Nursing Unit Manager Appointment

Ms Soji John has been appointed as the Operating Suite Nursing Unit Manager. Soji has a wealth of knowledge and experience in Operating Suite Management.

Fairfield Hospital will be holding a stall at this years Seniors Fair and Expo. Come down for a day full of fun and the opportunity to learn about all the different services and products available to our seniors.



19 March 2015
10am—2pm
Fairfield Forum
Shopping Centre
Cr. Nelson and Station
Streets, Fairfield

Seniors Fair and Expo

2015 Seniors Week City Event

Fun Activities

Dancing
 Hand Massage
 Gentle Zumba



Info Stalls

Healthy Activities
 Services for Seniors
 Sample Food

Entertainment

Dance Groups
 Free Giveaways
 Photo Booth



For further information, please contact Alyssa on 9725 0271 or Sara on 9725 0702

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JERSEY FRIDAY'S

Commencing 6 March through to 9 October 2015,
the Executive has declared every Friday as
"Jersey Friday"

For a gold coin donation, staff are encouraged to
wear their favourite team jersey, representing any
sport

Proceeds raised will go towards the funding of
future Fairfield Hospital Social Club events

Money will be collected on the day by Edalina Hondros,
Clinical Support Officer



Join us, we are



fundraising!

Join us for a fun day of shopping, laughter, surprises, prizes raffles, lunch and much more!
 Help us raise funds!

Invitation

Date: **18th April 2015**

Departing from: **Fairfield Hospital**

At **7:00am** Returning by **6:00pm**

Lunch: **2 course Pub Lunch**

All of the above for **\$53 per person**

Deposit required **\$25 by 12th March 2015**

Breville Factory 2nds Warehouse
 Envy U Clothing,
 FSW Shoe Warehouse
 Gordon Smith
 Harry's Toys
 Karie's, Crossroads, Autograph Outlet
 New Balance
 Splatt the Shoe Company
 Sportscraft/Saba/Jag
 True Alliance Brand Outlet
 TS 14+ / Virtu
 World Kitchen – Corningware
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Full payment due: **23rd March 2015** Payment Method **Sandra Lombardini & Edalina Hondros**

Contact: **Edalina Hondros** on **96168831**

Or email me on **edalina.hondros@SSWAHS.nsw.au**

