

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital

Message From The GM



Well, another festive season has come and gone and I hope that everyone had a great time with family and friends, remained safe and healthy and are refreshed for the year ahead – and what a year that promises to be. Shortly we will be going into the planning stages for the redevelopment of our Hospital and I have made it very clear that all staff will be involved and able to contribute to the future design of our Hospital that needs to meet the growing requirements of our community.

It was a very rewarding opportunity when I was able to join our staff recently at the Lions Dinner on 13 January this year at Cabra Vale Diggers – I say rewarding because the Lions presented us with a

Sonosite Ultra Sound machine valued at nearly \$50,000 which was desperately needed in our HDU/CCU.

I really believe this is just more verification in Community Participation by our Hospital as was articulated by the recent ACHS Survey Team. Thanks to Belinda Lloyd for all her work in coordinating this donation and all the other staff that attended the presentation dinner.

I am very pleased to report and welcome our new Aboriginal Liaison Officer – Sharon Brown to Fairfield Hospital. Sharon will be based with Vesna Duricic in our Social Work Department, initially at least, until we finalise what that position

requirements are for Fairfield, though I sense given Sharon’s vast experience in such a role, this maybe a permanent work station.

Whist welcoming new staff to Fairfield, you would have noticed that we now have new interns (8) and new Registrars (22). On behalf of all the staff I welcome the new Doctors and I’m sure they will be made welcome and will quickly learn to adjust to our friendly and happy Hospital- I wish them well in maintaining our reputation for timely and appropriate assessment and treatment of our patients.

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Ward 1A Falls Initiative

Ward 1A celebrated with an afternoon tea for achieving over 50 days fall free. The initiative set by Ward 1A Acting NUM Kelwin Green was received well by staff who achieved 56 days of fall free in the Ward.

The goal for the Ward is to half the number of falls that occur in 2014. “I believe this is possible due to the excellent team we have,” Kelwin said. Staff will try to achieve this by reviewing patient records, identifying risk patients and locating them together so that more supervision can be

provided for them.

Kelwin advised that patients at risk of falls include those who have had a change of medication, medical conditions such as a stroke, patients physical ability or even a the fact that patients are embarrassed to seek assistance. “This is a great example of Communication with Purpose (ComPurS) and hourly rounding.” General Manager Arnold Tammekand said.



Health Event



17- 21ST FEB

At Staff Cafeteria

FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL NUTRITION & DIETETICS

To find a healthier you by participating
in this 5 day event organised by the
dietetic department.
And win multiple prizes!



*Please register your interest by 7th of Feb.

Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th

At 9:30 -10: 30am Or 12-2pm

Do you know your BMI, healthy weight range, health risk? Talk with Dietitians about healthy food ideas, health claims...and everything you want to know!

Participate in a month long weight loss competition and win a prize!

Wednesday 19th

Ping Pong Day – 12-2 pm

Table Tennis competition! Who is the best in Fairfield hospital? *

Thursday 20th

Exercise Day – 12-2pm

Talk with a personal trainer, get exercise tips and participate in fitness competition to win a prize!*

Friday 21st

Healthy Morning Tea at 11am

Do you know what's in your food and drinks? Come and get some great ideas about healthy morning tea options.

Community Participation Network

The first meeting for the Fairfield Community Participation Network will be held on Friday 28 Feb 2014. Thank to the Fairfield Advance paper who featured an Article in its Jan 22, 2014 Edition about our Network. As a result we have seven potential new members who are interested in joining the network.

A special mention to Carmen Lazar (our Deputy Chair on the Fairfield Community Participation Network) who was recently awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia on Australia Day for her contribution to the Assyrian community as the Centre Manager and Settlement officer at the Assyrian Resource Centre in Fairfield.



A successful 2013 in Review

SNAPSHOT

In the 2012/13 financial year Fairfield Hospital recorded:

- * 1958 Births
- *33,341 Emergency departments attendances
- *29,064 Admissions
- *285,348 Non-admitted Services
- *5781 Hospital theatre operations

Fairfield Hospital reflects back on its achievements for 2013 and looks forward to a successful 2014.

- * Fairfield Emergency department waiting times were below national standards.
- * 104 New electric beds replaced the old manual ones.
- * Two new x-ray machines for the Radiology department.

* Transferring the Hand Clinic from Liverpool to Fairfield in September last year.

* And one of the biggest achievement was the excellent results achieved for Standard 2 – Partnering with Consumers when the Hospital underwent Accreditation in November last year.

Interns 2014

Fairfield Hospital welcomed the new intern doctors who started at the Hospital this week. Kim Nguyen, Christopher Selvaraj, Betsy Dang, Naila Shahid, Kate Celkys, Dean Morris, Kallie Shaw and Monique Moloney.

These interns will train alongside experienced staff and medical units including the Emergency, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Orthopaedic, Neurology departments and surgery over the next three months.

They completed their orientation on Monday 3 February 2014.



Education / Research

DonateLifeWeek 2014
SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY – SUNDAY 2 MARCH



For more information visit:
www.donatelife.gov.au

Fairfield Hospital will also be holding an information stall in the hospital foyer on Monday 25/2 /2014 and Tuesday 26/2 /2014.

Fairfield Library

This month the Health Management Article is about "Employee Age & Tenure within organisations, relationship to workplace satisfaction & workplace climate perceptions".

This study estimated the relative influence of age/generation and tenure on job satisfaction & workplace climate perceptions.

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Studer ComPurs Workshop

An exciting workshop has been organised to support the implementation of our Communication with Purpose strategy. A Studer Consultant will be facilitating a workshop for Fairfield Hospital Executive and Service Managers on 7/2/2014 from 10am to 12pm in the Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre.

All Executive and Service Managers are highly encouraged to attend, as this workshop will help us take our communications with both patients and staff even further.

Staff

Ms Victoria Knol has been appointed as Patient safety Manager as of 3 February 2014.

Victoria has relieved in the Patient Safety Manager position for several months and has made a valuable contribution to patient safety at Fairfield Hospital.

Victoria's contact details are:

Email: Victoria.knol@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

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Cora Izon – Infection Prevention & Control CNC will be on annual leave from 27 January 2014 until 03 March 2014 inclusive.

During this time Ms Winona Ranyard will be Acting CNC Infection Control from Tuesday 28 January 2014 – 14 February 2014.

From 14 February – 3 March 2014 Ms Liliana Larkin, will be Acting Infection Control CNC.

They both can be contacted on extension 68290 and pager 47521.

WHS

1. Implement and Monitor WHS policies, Procedures & Programs to Meet Legislative Requirements (BSBWHS401A).

The District Workforce and Development Team will be running the course **ONSITE** at Fairfield on the 04/03/2014 and 02/09/2014. By completing this module you will obtain a Certificate of Attainment that may go towards the Certificate IV in Front Line Management & Certificate IV in HR. To book please follow the link

<http://intranet.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/CEWD/>

To take advantage of this onsite training hurry and book fast, training is open to other facilities and places are limited.

This module replaces Monitor A Safe Workplace (BSBOHS407A), if you have completed this training course you are not required to do BSBWHS401A.

2. Manual Handling Train the Trainer

Sessions have been scheduled at Liverpool Hospital on the 12/02/14, 04/05/14, 13/08/14 and 12/11/2014. The theory and practical sessions have now been integrated and will be covered in one day, from 8.30am to 4pm. Non-Clinical staff will only be required to stay for half of the training sessions. The sessions may also be utilised as a refresher for current trainers.

The course prerequisite is that the online Manual Handling Train the trainer (OHS1266) through CEWD website must be completed. For enrolment submit application utilising CEWD online booking (OHS1219).

For further information please contact the WHS Manager – Cveta Andary on 9616 8348.



The NSW Public Health system workforce comprises of over 130,000 dedicated staff, who work varied hours and many working outside core business hours. As a result, HealthShare NSW Service Centres have created a Smartphone App for: 1. Recruitment & Employee Transactional Services (RETS); 2. Financial Services; 3. Procurement and logistics Services.

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