

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital

### Message From The GM



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Can you believe it is already February and some shops have already got Easter goodies in them!!! -at this rate we will be singing Christmas Carols again soon!!

You can tell we are back into the swing of things – meetings back in full, activity getting back to normal (whatever that is), new medical graduates on site and trying to settle in quickly and so much to do.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our great friends at Sydney Baseball Lions Club as our Emergency Department has

received a \$38,000 V60 ventilation machine.

This BiPAP machine enables ventilation of patients without the need for intubation of the patient.

Special mention must go to 'Butch' Chapman who passed away in September 2014 who is survived by his wife Chris. Butch and Chris have helped Fairfield Hospital raise money for equipment for many years and he certainly will be missed but not forgotten.

Just a quick update on the

Fairfield Hospital Master Planning process. Three options have now been developed by the consultants – Capital Insight and the architects. This has been a result of many meetings and focussing on models of care for our patients. A Master Planning Value Management Workshop has been held evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the 3 options and a preferred option has now gone through to the District for their consideration and prioritisation.

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### Fairfield Interns Commence

Fairfield Hospital has welcomed new medical graduates for internships. The graduates are working in the following departments over the next eleven weeks. Abdullah Ibrahim – Emergency; Nile Ulgen, Anthony Le & Muhamad Gafoor - Medicine; Kaytharee Alom – Reliever Medicine; Simona Marra – Geriatrics/Rehab; Joshua Rajaratnam & Stephanie Whiltshire – Surgery; Muhammad Virk & Harini Narayana – Orthopaedics. These interns are part of nearly 1000 graduates who are undertaking interns across

NSW Hospitals. "Through hard work and dedication, these young doctors will become the doctors who make our hospitals great." Premier Mike Baird said.



The Fairfield Hospital facebook page!



## 2015 Health Events

Fairfield Hospital promotes many Health events each year which provides an opportunity for the community to learn and access many services available to them.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Department</i>
Seniors Week	March	Community Participation
Close the Gap	March	Community Participation
April Falls Month	1-30 April	Falls Committee
National Heart Week	4-8 May	Cardiac Rehab
World Hand Hygiene Day	May	Infection Control
International Midwives Day	May	Maternity
International Nurses Day	May	Nursing Admin
Sorry Day	May	Health Promotion
World No Tobacco Day	May	GP Unit
Safety Awareness Week	June	OH&S
Refugee Week	15-19 June	Community Participation
NAIDOC Week	5-12 July	Media and Events
Diabetes Awareness Week	13-17 July	Diabetes
World Breastfeeding Week	3-7 Aug	Maternity
Speech Pathology Week	24-28 Aug	Speech Pathology
Child Protection Week	7-11 Sept	Social Work
National Stroke Week	14-18 Sept	Occupational Therapy
Ride to Work Day	October	Media and Events
Foot Health Week	12-16 Oct	Podiatry
Occupational Therapy Week	22-26 Oct	Occupational Therapy
Carers Week	19-23 Oct	Social Work
Dementia Awareness	22-25 Oct	Dementia Advisor
World Diabetes Day	November	Diabetes
Domestic Violence	23-27 Nov	Social Work
World Aids Day	December	Media and Events
International Day of People with a Disability	December	

## Australia Day Honours

Congratulations to Fairfield Staff member Professor Roy Gary Beran for receiving recognition and being awarded with an Australia Day Honours.

Professor Beran is an AM member in the General Division and was awarded for his significant contribution and service to medicine, particularly neurology, as a clinician, author and administrator, and to professional medical legal organization.



## Community Participation

The Consumer and Community Participation page has gone live. It is filled with information about the different facility networks as well as very helpful links and information about community events and organisations.

The site also contains the framework, facility contacts and the opportunity to join our dynamic and growing Consumer and Community Network.

You can visit this site on:

<http://www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/ccp/default.html>

The Fairfield network first 2015 meeting will be held on Friday 27 February 2015.

The screenshot shows the website header for 'Health South Western Sydney Local Health District' with a 'Select Language' dropdown. The main navigation bar includes 'Education & Training', 'SWSLHD Hospitals', 'Careers', 'General Information', 'Research', and 'District Home'. A sidebar on the left lists 'Home', 'About Us', 'Our Framework', 'Hospital Networks', 'Consumer and Community Council', 'Harry Collins Award', 'Annual Conference', 'Have your Say', 'Join', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area features a photograph of a group of people in a meeting. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Community News and Events' and 'Quick Links' with logos for 'CLINICAL EXCELLENCE', 'Consumers Health Forum', and 'beyondblue'.

# Parting gift to Fairfield ED

Thanks to the generosity of Sydney Baseball Lions Club former president Butch Chapman, Fairfield Emergency Department has received a \$38,000 V60 ventilation machine.

The benefit of Non Invasive Ventilation (NIV) is to enable ventilatory support without the need for intubation. NIV is pressure ventilation delivered as BiPAP (two levels of ventilatory support) known as inspired positive airway pressure (IPAP) and expired positive airway support (EPAP). The aim is to maintain adequate ventilation and minimise the effort of breathing. This piece of equipment is used on many patients that present with respiratory conditions that cause them to have difficulties breathing due to many conditions, most of all pulmonary oedema (fluid on the lungs).

Mr. Chapman died in September 2014 and is survived by his wife Chris. He had helped Fairfield Hospital raise money for many years and first proposed donating

the ventilation in early 2014.

The machine features a plaque in the memory of Mr. Chapman who Club Secretary Cathy McClure described him as a gentleman.

Donations and Bequests to Fairfield Hospital helps us provide an increasing range of services to our patients and over the years have been used to purchase equipment to ensure the ongoing quality of care provided to our patients.

Cash/cheque donations can be made at the cashier office situated in the front foyer of the hospital.

For equipment donations, please contact the Executive Assistant to the General Manager Sandra Lombardini on 9616 8102 or email:

[Sandra.lombardini@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sandra.lombardini@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)

All donations are tax deductible.



Di Smith, Chris Chapman and emergency ward staff with the V60 ventilation machine.

# Special Care Nursery Donation

Fairfield Hospital Special Care Nursery has received two new Rad 7 oximeters with neonatal sensors. A big thank you to the Humpty Dumpty Foundation for donating the two pieces of equipment worth \$8800. These machines are used to shine lights through babies fingers and toes and to measure the amount of oxygen in their blood vessels.

This ensures that oxygen is delivered to the baby during critical times and prevents damage to their brain, eyes, lungs and other organs.

The money for these two pieces of equipment was raised at the 2014 Great Humpty Dumpty Ball.

Fairfield Hospital would like to applaud the great efforts of the Humpty Dumpty Foundation for their support and ongoing commitment.

The Humpty Dumpty Ball has been running annually since 1990 with money raised to purchase over 34 pieces of medical equipment for 21 hospitals around the country,



Humpty Dumpty Foundation ambassador Fairy Sparkle and the Clown Doctors at the Humpty Dumpty Foundation Great Ball.

## EMERGO Exercise

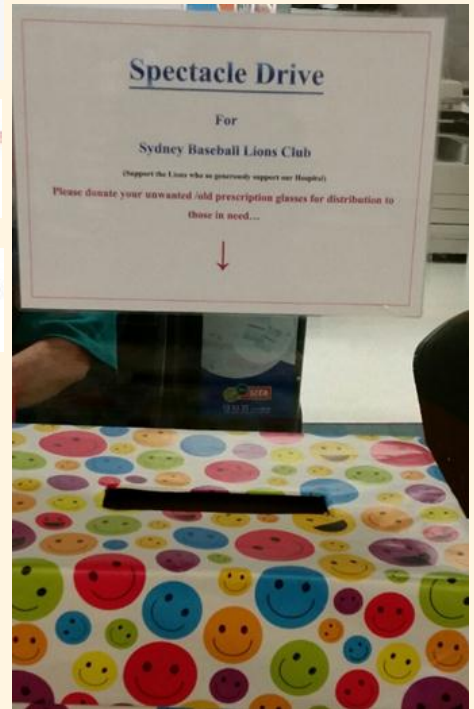
On December 10 2014 an Emergo Exercise was scheduled to assess the facility Disaster and Critical Incident Health Plan. The purpose of the exercise was to measure the capacity and capability of clinical management, hospital capacity and communication channels with internal and external personnel.

There were five (5) departments that participated in the exercise, the Emergency Department, HDU, Pathology, Radiology and Theatre/Recovery along with the Hospital Control Centre response team. A total of 38 Fairfield staff members and 10 Emergo Instructors (from various hospitals and health services) participated in the exercise.

The presented exercise scenario was a gas explosion at Stocklands (Wetherill Park) where casualties presented with various injuries and conditions. Over 100 casualties were assessed and treated. The response and feedback received from participants, staff and instructors was overall positive. The report will be provided by the Emergo Exercise Coordinator in due time.

*Do you have old spectacles that you no longer need? Why not donate them to the Sydney Baseball Lions Club so that can benefit others.*

*A box to drop off unwanted or old spectacles is situated in the front foyer and Nursing Administration of Fairfield Hospital.*



Volunteers make a valuable contribution to Fairfield Hospital. They assist patients, visitors and are value members of the team.

If you would like to become a volunteer at Fairfield Hospital please contact the Human Resource Manager Joseph Pineda on 9616 8120 for more information.

## What it means to be a private patient

Making your private health insurance work for you and our local public hospital.

Do you have Private Health Insurance? Then why not make your Private Health Insurance work for you and Fairfield Hospital.



### NO HIDDEN COSTS

If you use your private health insurance we guarantee:

\*You will not be charged any costs

\*We will pay for your health fund excess .

As a private patient at Fairfield Hospital, you will also receive car parking, newspaper and TV hire for FREE.



The Private Patient Officer at Fairfield Hospital can now be contacted on mobile number : 0475 823 330 or 9616 8233

Thank you for supporting our local hospital.