

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital

### Message From The GM

During July we hosted the District Board Meeting. It provided an opportunity for me to present on your behalf The Vision for Fairfield Hospital. The Board and the Chief Executive were appreciative of our presentation and then had afternoon tea with the staff. During the CE address, Amanda Larkin announced that your General Manager Arnold Tammekand has tendered his resignation and would not be returning to Fairfield.

Recruitment is being undertaken for this important position and I am pleased to stay on until a new GM is recruited. It goes without saying that we need to thank Arnold for his leadership and commitment to Fairfield and SWSLHD over the years, and we all wish him well in his future ventures

We are waiting Arnold to return from Sri Lanka to work with him to hold a celebratory farewell for him. In the mean time we are collecting money for a gift and cards and books are being circulated for everyone to sign. Please leave your gift donation in the General Managers Unit.

A few weeks ago Mr Henry Ngai was a patient in our facility, through the ED and into our wards. He was quite ill and passed away in Fairfield Hospital. His family were so impressed with your care at every stage of his last admission to hospital. Harry, Joanne and myself met the family and they were most impressed with you all. They are very humble people, and presented a cheque to the hospital for \$100,000. What a beautiful gift for us in recognition of good care,

and kindness. The family were so appreciative of everything that the staff did for them. May Henry rest peacefully.

We certainly have been busy with our workload over the last few weeks and I wanted to take the opportunity to sincerely thank you all for your dedication and rising to the challenge. I don't think one single area wasn't hit with the increased activity. We managed to deliver care to our patients in the most professional way. I am proud of the achievements since I have been here acting as General Manager..

The Board Chair also asked me to pass on his appreciation to all staff for hosting the Board Meeting and for the work Fairfield is doing in managing length of stay within the hospital

Ken Hampson A/GM

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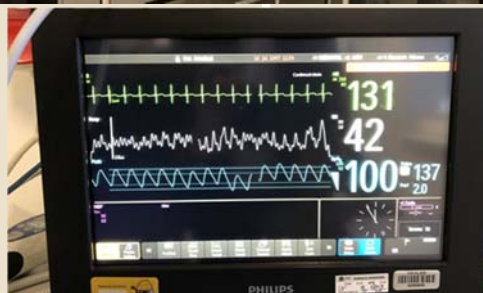
### Emergency Department Redevelopment Update

We have a new Reception and Triage! If you haven't already, go and have a look at our now completed waiting room. Let's keep it nice and new for as long as possible! The builders and the local ED Project team are working hard to keep to timeframes and complete the project by the estimated completion date of March 2019. Once the new Reception and Triage go live, the old reception and ambulance bay will be hoarded and work will commence to transform that space into our new ambulance bays and two new clinical spaces. This will change a few walkways and egress points and a further formal memorandum will be released to inform you of the changes (keep an eye out for it!)



# Humpty Dumpty Donation

The Humpty Dumpty Foundation continue their support, together with Hitachi Construction Machinery Australia donating a \$21,500 monitor to Special Care Nursery. Dr Laurence McCleary responded to the donation saying “ We are indeed grateful for the enthusiastic support of the Hitachi group in providing the generous donation of the MX450 monitor which will enable us to monitor the vital signs of sick and premature newborn babies who are at risk of cardiorespiratory instability. The donation of this high fidelity clinical monitor amply demonstrates the human spirit of kindness, caring and compassion for children and their families during difficult times”. The monitor is a tool for medical and nursing staff that will assist in improving clinical outcomes for children.



## Community Engagement : Aunty Roma's Able & Stable Group

This group was established after Katrina Sing, Fairfield Hospital's Aboriginal Liaison Officer, presented a case history during Grand Rounds. She spoke about her grandmother, affectionately known as 'Aunt Roma', falling over at home and not telling anyone about it. After the presentation, the falls doctor approached Katrina wanting to establish an Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) falls prevention group. The group commenced last week at Fairfield Hospital, the FIRST in the district. It is going very well and has been well received. Sadly Aunt Roma recently lost her battle with cancer and passed away. Her legacy and memory remain alive with this special and important group.

For more information about this group, contact Katrina Sing - Aboriginal Liaison Officer on 9616 8292.



## Transition Nurses Meet & Greet Afternoon Tea

A Meet and Greet afternoon tea was organised for the 2018 Transition Nurses with their preceptors, clinical nurse educators (CNEs), and nurse unit managers (NUMs) before their next rotation in August. The afternoon was an informal session to discuss ways to support the Transition Nurses and to introduce them to their preceptors.

Preceptors play an important role in the transition of new graduates from the novice phase. They guide and role model, imparting their knowledge and expertise. Preceptors are one component of the support network for the Transition Nurses in their 12 months program. 2017 July intake Transition Nurses completed their transition program in July 2018.



# World Breastfeeding Week Celebrations at Fairfield



On July 31 2018 Fairfield Hospital Celebrated World Breastfeeding Week (WBW). Staff stated they had a 'fabulous time', in what could only be described as a party atmosphere in Ward 2D. On the day, the Fairfield family went all out ... participating in various fun competitions: WBW crossword, WBW colouring in, and the "booby cupcake". Many wore a sunny yellow scrub shirt or some such embellishment on the day, in honour of *liquid gold* (AKA breastmilk). The crossword was an opportunity for all to test their knowledge about the most natural way to feed a baby, and how breastfeeding is supported at Fairfield Hospital. There was an artwork display along the hall leading to the morning tea.

This year, schools across the district contributed artworks to their local hospitals that represent their interpretation of the WBW theme *Foundation of Life*. Students received education on the important contribution breastfeeding makes to the health and well-being of women, children, societies and the environment all over the world. They celebrated their knowledge with art. Fairfield Hospital unveiled a beautiful interpretation of Gustav Klimt's, *Three Ages of Woman* (pictured left) by Prairiewood High. This amazing artwork was described as a breathtaking moment. Students and art teacher Lesieli Loteria from Prairiewood High, worked solidly for a week on the project (including a weekend.) The artwork will be on public display in the hospital very soon, until then it is on display in the Boardroom. In addition to all this fun, a specially cut WBW stencil provided the framework for a colourful chalk art on the pavement outside the Antenatal Clinic (ANC). Thank you to all who participated so wholeheartedly.

We hope the winners all enjoy their prizes. Everyone who participated was acknowledged for their efforts with certificates of acknowledgements and a very pink *SWSLHD supports breastfeeding* pen. If you haven't received it yet, please come and collect it from the MSP office in Maternity. Alternatively leave a message for Heather Gale as to where she can find you.

## Competition winners:

Booby Cupcake Competition: Justin Smith (1C NUM)

Lactation/Breastfeeding Crossword: Aleyama Ninan (Special Care Nursery RN) - hand drawn by Teresa Benetos, DNMS .

Colouring Competition: Aleyama Ninan (Special Care Nursery RN) - chosen by the Visual Arts Students of Prairiewood High.

Thank you once again to everyone who participated in the special celebrations and artwork unveiling. Please continue to pass through the Maternity hallway and view the art on the wall which has been composed by Fairfield Hospital staff.





**Health**  
South Western Sydney  
Local Health District

**After Hours Mobile GP Unit** - Northern Carpark, Fairfield Hospital  
Managed by Access Health Mobile Clinics

Effective from July 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Hours of Operations-

Monday – Friday 6pm -11pm

Weekends and Public Holidays 2pm -11pm

Mobile GP Unit is accredited to RACGP standards and has Public Liability and Professional Indemnity.

There is physical access for mobile and disabled patients.

All services are bulkbilled for those Medicare eligible.

Each consultation is notified to the patient's usual doctor for continuity of care.

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Services includes but not limited to-

Common GP presentations and ED triage categories 3,4,5

Suturing / wound management / ECG

Seasonal influenza vaccinations

Hospital staff or patients referred from ED are prioritised at GP unit.



I am Dr Davin Prasetyo and I am a Consultant Physician and Geriatrician.

I have recently been appointed as a General Staff Specialist at Fairfield Hospital. I have special interests and expertise in managing patients

with multiple medical comorbidities and geriatric comorbidities such as falls, cognitive impairment, dementia and polypharmacy.

I graduated from the University of Melbourne and am very familiar with the South Western Sydney Local Health District as I have worked in Fairfield, Liverpool and Bankstown Hospitals. I am grateful for the opportunity to work at Fairfield to further contribute to patient care in my capacity as a staff specialist.

I have been a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physician since 2017 and am also a member of the Internal Medicine Society of the Australia and New Zealand, and the Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine.

**THE GOLDEN HEART**  
*charity function 5*  
Fundraising to support Fairfield Hospital

Fairfield Hospital is the Hands Centre for South Western Sydney Local Health District, servicing patients with hand injuries from Bankstown, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Camden, Bowral and Fairfield Hospital. Each year, the Hand Clinic service over 12000 episodes of care and theatres perform over 2000 hand operations. This fundraising is to support Fairfield hospital to purchase an Ortho Scan machine for the hands centre to help with procedures and operations. It allows the hand surgeons to take an Xray of the hand whilst the actual operation is being performed. This will confirm the bones and joints of the patient's hand is in the correct and optimal position. This is best clinical practice.

Michael & Partners Golden Palace Seafood Restaurant  
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