

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital



## Message From The GM

I'm pleased to announce that following the contribution from the Minister for Health of 104 new electric beds, we have been able to donate 50 of the old beds to Papua New Guinea. Currently 54 of the new beds have been received with the remainder due from the 22nd of July

It is also a time for us to bid farewell to Sibi Mathews our Management Graduate who has just completed his rotation at Fairfield. Sibi has been a breath of fresh air by his willingness to work closely together with not only the Executive, but also all other staff at Fairfield. We wish him well in his next rotation and all that the future may hold for him, however we do get to

see Sibi again for 2 weeks at the end of July when he returns to complete the roll out of the remainder of the electric beds.

Another loss to Fairfield is Yun Tang our Revenue Manager who has been successful in gaining the Finance Manages position at HETI leaving from 1 July – we all wish him luck in his new adventure and I want to thank him on behalf of all the Executive for his huge contributions over the past couple years.

Belinda Pellizzon is returning to her NUM position in ED following a stint as the Patient Safety Manager where she has made a huge impact in such

a short time – thanks Belinda.

Fairfield will be celebrating NAIDOC week on Friday the 12th of July with an official opening of Aboriginal resources in our Library.

I also recently had the pleasure to try out our on-call staff accommodation whilst being on-call and attending some late meetings. I must say that not having slept in a single bed for a long time now, I actually found the bed, the room and the whole accommodation quite comfortable – but as they say – there is no place like home!!

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## Refugee Week

Fairfield Hospital recognised Refugee Week on Thursday 20 June 2013 with an afternoon tea at the Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre .

The afternoon encompassed a fruitful insight into what is a refugee , their experiences , their hardships and the health issues they encounter throughout their journey to a better way of life.

Guest speakers included; Carmen Lazar (Community Representative and Australian Ambassador), Peter King

(Registered Nurse NSW Health Refugee Health Service), Marlin Babakan (Service Manager Liverpool Multicultural Health Services) and Belinda Green (Training Officer from STARTTS).

The formality of the afternoon was completed with a story of hope presented by Yasmin Isaac who shared her inspiring refugee story.

The event was well attended by hospital staff and the community. Feedback from staff suggested that next year

Fairfield Hospital focuses on Refugee stories of its staff and their families.

The day was completed with the birth of four babies born at the hospital to refugee parents.



## Well Woman's Clinic

*Fairfield Hospital is excited that commencing the 3 July 2013, a Well Women's Clinic at Prairiewood (next door to Prairiewood Community Health Centre) in the Ante-Natal Clinic will be available.*

*Contact Number for bookings is 9616 8169*



## Disability Support Services

*South Western Sydney ageing and disability support services website is full of helpful information for:*

- \* Older people, people with disabilities and their carers or families.*
  - \* Bankstown, Fairfield and Liverpool residents*
  - \* Finding services that support people to stay independent in their own home.*
- On the website, you will find:*
- \* An easy to use directory of services*
  - \* Information on Service directions that you can print, how to resolve problems with services, your rights and responsibilities.*
  - \* Easy access to translated information*
  - \* A notice board on upcoming events, information sessions and general news.*
  - \* Find services that use volunteers*
  - \* Link to other aged or disability related websites.*

***[www.supportservices.org.au](http://www.supportservices.org.au)***



## Community

The June Consumer and Community Participation network was held over to July where a tour of the Emergency Department will take place with Dr. Harry Doan – Acting Director of Medical Services.

At the monthly Fairfield Interagency meeting, the Donor and Tissue Donation information was presented and was received very well.

The Fairfield Community and Consumer Network is always looking for members from the community and play part in providing better health care.

For more information, please call Robyn

El-Khair – Community Participation Manager on 9616 8830 or email:

[robyn.el-khair@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:robyn.el-khair@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)

## Hand Hygiene

All the hand hygiene dispensers around the hospital have being replaced with new clear dispensers so that it is easier to identify when they need to be refilled.

Fairfield Hospital encourages all staff, visitors and patients to use and promote the hand hygiene dispensers.

While Fairfield has enjoyed high rates of good hand hygiene, currently we are not as good as we use to be.

To promote Hand Hygiene, Fairfield

Hospital is re instating "Hand Hygiene Wednesday".



# Hand Therapy Clinic

Fairfield Hospital is in the process of establishing a Hand Therapy Clinic that is due to commence operations in September 2013.

This will be a great benefit to the Fairfield Community as this clinic will be the only one in South Western Sydney providing this service.

Construction work has commenced on the recently placed demountable located behind the Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre (WJRC).

In order to ensure staff and patient safety, all staff patients and visitors are encouraged to please keep clear and not enter or walk near the demountable site.



# New Radiology Machine

The installation of the new digital x-ray room commenced on 24/6/2013 and it is expected that x-ray room will be operational on 16/07/2013.

This is the second digital x-ray room to replace the old radiology equipment and the new machine will significantly reduce waiting times for patients therefore radiology service will have a quick turnaround times. The Radiographers have expressed

their gratitude and are very excited to for the opening of the new x-ray unit.

The new digital machine is capable of performing radiological examinations instaneously with minimal waiting times for patients where clinicians can see the images on powerchart instantly therefore providing a more efficient service. The ever increasing workload in general x-rays will be managed better with a productive service when we

carry out approximately 36,000 exams per year and this figure confirms the importance and relevance of the Digital machine at Fairfield.

“New machine will significantly reduce waiting times”

## Education / Research

### Grand Rounds

Grand rounds on Wednesday 19 June 2013 was presented by the Department of Geriatrics and Rehabilitation on the topic “Capacity – Ability to make Decisions”. Dr. Benyamen Benyamen

### Fairfield Library

Numerous new books have come in during the month of June. You are able to locate these books and many other books and resources at the Fairfield Hospital library.

For more information contact:

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### Cardiology Day

A full day training session on “Cardiac Update Day” is scheduled for Friday 19 July 2013.

The training will take place on Fairfield Hospital in the HDU Seminar Room.

If you have any nursing staff that wish to attend, please forward names to Jane Gibson on email:

[jane.gibson@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jane.gibson@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)

## EQuIP

In November 2013, Fairfield Hospital will be undergoing the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) EQuIP National Accreditation Wide Survey. It will be imperative that all staff are familiar with the National and EQuIP standards.

The major impact of these new standards on our accreditation process is that the action items are assessed as being **MET** or **NOT MET**. It is the responsibility of the service/department manager to ensure that your staff are knowledgeable about the National and EQuIP standards and how changes/improvements within Fairfield are linked to the standards.

To assist with the education of staff regarding the new EQuIP National Standards, Maria Pron – Quality and Accreditation Manager will be releasing a series of emails and fact sheets.

Fairfield Hospital will have a Mock Survey conducted on 5 July 2013. Sue Colley and Carol Farmer will be the surveyors. They will be meeting with various managers to determine our current status against EQuIP National Standards.

## WH&S

This month WHS launched the "After Dark Program"! The after dark program promoted personal safety principals that can be applied in any life threatening situation! The program was run over a period of two weeks, with close to 100 staff attending! Handouts and presentations from the program will be emailed to all staff.

Congratulations to the below staff who each won the lucky door prize- A personal Panic Alarm.

1. Janina – Radiology
2. Ljubia – General Services
3. F Lartey
4. Tania Wilcox – CSSD
5. Vaska – Genral Services
6. Nikolina K – General Services

## Zumba Classes

Every Tuesday afternoon at 4.30pm Zumba classes are held for anyone interested at the Braeside Hospital Gym. The cost is \$10 for a 1 hour class. No contact details, just turn up for lots of fun while having a good workout.

## Social Work & Mental Health

In June Jola Swierczynski and Leonie Stevens attended the annual Australian College Mental Nurses (ACMHN) Consultation Liaison Special Interest group conference held in Noosa.

The theme of the conference was CL Nurses: Present and Available, with the main focus being on the work of mental health nurses in practice setting where mental health care is not the predominate focus.

Jola and Leonie presented a plenary session on the joint work between social work and mental health in the context of Fairfield Hospital with the focus of work being improvement of patient journey.

The presentation showcased collaborative practice between two disciplines in enhancing the patient outcomes in non-mental; health setting through initial joint assessments. This has come about as a result of a Q1 commenced in 2008 and has now been adopted into practice where deemed appropriate by the clinicians.

The joint work has increased awareness between disciplines, maximizing strengths and expertise, decreased duplication, ultimately resulting in positive benefits to the patients.

This has resulted in a decrease of inappropriate referrals and more streamlined patient pathway through the hospital, more efficient use of resources such as interpreters and most importantly the patients are not required to "tell their story" multiple times, thus "improving their journey".

The presentation received positive feedback from the delegates and conference.



### Winner of I-Pad Raffle

The raffle for Belimda Sidman, the enrolled Nurse at Bowral Hospital who is representing Australia at the International Water-Ski Championships in Italy raised \$1,272.25. The winners of the prizes were:  
1st Prize: Ipad and accessories won by Marie Standley  
2nd Prize: Leather goods won by Cheryl Oytaben  
3rd prize : mugs won by Raymond Shlemon  
4th prize: picture frame won by Vitha Sor.  
Thank you to everyone for the generous support.

