

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital



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Message From The GM

Winter has come to Fairfield, with the fall in temperatures has come an increase in illness but as usual we have met the challenges this brings. There have been several exciting events this month such as the Winter Wound Wonderland, Refuge Week and the relaunch of the Red Dot Mobility System (further information below). Fairfield Hospital has featured heavily in several showcases held in May. Wards 1A and 2A presented at the SWSLHD Nursing and Midwifery Showcase and the Ward 2b poster was runner up in the

People's Choice Award. Posters from Wards 1A, 2B and Paediatrics were featured in the State Essentials of Care Showcase.

To bring a little winter cheer we are having a "Christmas in July" celebration on Friday 31 July, so please come along.

The Care of the Hospitalised Older Persons (CHOPS) program is being introduced. A series of movies will be shown to illustrate the issues to be considered when elderly patients are admitted to

Hospital. It is important that all staff learn about this initiative, so please come to one of the sessions, there will be repeat screenings so don't miss out!

As always our staff have done an amazing job caring for our patients and the community, so a big thank you to everyone.



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Refugee Week @ Fairfield Hospital

Refugee Week within the Fairfield Community is a very important and relevant event. On Wednesday 24 June Fairfield Hospital acknowledged Refugee Week with a presentation to a group of refugee students from Prairiewood High School. The students walked over at lunch time with teacher Ms Hiba Rizk for inspiring stories of hope from three staff members that came or had refugee background. Students were motivated to succeed by stories from Arnold Tammekand – General Manager; Sabrina Hami – Medical Services

Operations Manager ; and Maria Pron – Quality and Risk Manager . The feedback was very positive from all that attended.

"What Beautiful comments – another reason to be a Fairfield Hospital employee– great work – so proud" said Arnold Tammekand after reviewing the feedback.

Fairfield Hospital supports and encourages the local youth to learn and join the "family" at Fairfield Hospital that serves its community in providing

better health care.



Fairfield Staff Changes

The following staff changes have or will occur within the GM Unit over the next few weeks.

1) Ms Kristen Ireland has left the position of Director Corporate Services and Finance to pursue her career at Bankstown Hospital – effective 17 May.

2) Mr Munya Gwede commenced in Kristen’s position on 15 June for a 3 month secondment whilst recruitment takes place.

3) Mr Jonathan Lee has been successful in securing a position at Bankstown to also broaden his experiences. His last day at Fairfield was 12 June.

4) Mr Neale MacDonald has commenced in Jonathon’s position as of 15 June for a one month secondment whilst recruitment takes place.

Fairfield has now been approved to separate the Director of Finance and the Director of Corporate Service positions with the Revenue Mangers position being merged with the new Director of Finance position – this change better reflects the diversity of roles.

5) Ms Jotika Moopnar has also secured a secondment at Bankstown Hospital for 4 months and left Fairfield on 5 June 2015.

6) Ms Liz Mafoe will now be the Acting Executive Assistant to Munya Gwede whilst recruitment is undertaken for both Directors positions.

7) Dr Mushtaq Malik will be leaving us on 3 July to take a position of Director Medical Services Bankstown following the retirement of their Director Medical Services.

8) Dr Harry Doan has accepted the position of Acting Director Medical Services at Fairfield whilst recruitment is undertaken for that position.

9) Dr Lucy Ban will be Acting Director of Emergency during this time.

Fairfield Hospital has also appointed Mr John Newans as the new Fairfield Administration Manager. John has significant administrative management experience that he brings to his role and commenced in his role on 9 June.

A big thank you to Ms Elizabeth (Liz) Mafoe for providing the supervisory leadership to the Administrative Support team.

Ms Lilliana Levada is on leave from 28 May 2015 until 4 September 2015. During this time Ms Soji John will be Acting Perioperative Nurse Manager and Ms Liecer Daley will act in the Nursing Unit Manager role.

Please join us in thanking those that have /are leaving Fairfield and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours and the services they have provided to our Hospital. At the same time let us welcome our new staff members.

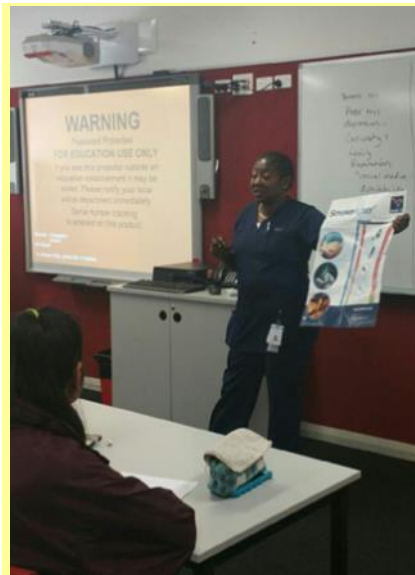
Community & School Participation

Fairfield Hospital prides itself on its strong Community engagement and this month is no exception.

One of our Paediatrics doctors gave a presentation to the Parent & Citizen group at Bossley Park Public School about Kids Safe and the right measures they need to consider during pick up and drop off school times. The presentation was well received by parents.

Ms Mercy Omega who is our Chronic Respiratory Case Manager & Tobacco Treatment Professional, Ambulatory Care Unit at Fairfield Hospital was invited to Cabramatta High School to talk to the senior students about the effects of tobacco and how they can get help to quit.

The General Manager Arnold Tammekand together with the Community Participation Manager Robyn El-Khair attended the 2015 Pathways to Employment Expo this month and presented about careers in health as well as Hospital services to



over 100 attendees from Arabic and Vietnamese background.

The Fairfield Community and Consumer Participation network also met this month and had a presentation from Bernadette McNally – Wound Care Clinical Nurse Consultant. The network learnt about her role within the hospital and what are some of the initiatives that will take place to better address wound care within Fairfield Hospital. Network members were also invited to join the Pressure Injury Surveillance Committee that will meet monthly.

The Annual Consumer & Community Participation Conference is fast approaching. This year it will be held at the Liverpool Catholic Club on Friday 6 November 2015. This is an open invitation to the community as well as local services.



Fairfield Hospital's Winter Wound Wonderland



Fairfield Hospital has had a focus on wound prevention and management throughout June. Activities included a trade display featuring the latest products and technologies used in the management of wounds. The companies represented were Acelity, Coloplast, ConvaTec, Hartmann, JB Medical, Molnlycke, Prius, Smith & Nephew and Urgo Medical. Attendees at the trade display had the opportunity to participate in a quiz. First prize was a basket of men's products won by Jeeba Sajith from MAU, and Hoyts tickets were won by Bernadette Sadsad from the Diabetes Service. A special thanks to Community Representative Charles Gream for donating the first prize. At Grand Rounds Presentations on the patient's perspective on pressure injuries was well attended by nursing, allied health and medical

staff. The presentation showed two patient's stories of their experiences with pressure injuries. Molnlycke Health Care provided information on dressings to use prophylactically to prevent the development of pressure injuries as a result of shear, friction and /or moisture. Other education sessions were provided throughout the month by Stephanie Brown from Occupational Therapy and Bernadette McNally, Clinical Nurse Consultant Wound Care.



Workplace Giving Program

The South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) together with Sydney Local Health District (SLHD) are engaged in a Workplace Giving Program. The Program invites staff to donate one dollar each week to ensure regular reliable donations can be made to charitable organisations committed to ongoing health related projects.

The Workplace Giving Program assisted the Barbara May Foundation to build a fully equipped 20 bed maternity Hospital in Ethiopia and donates \$17,000 per month to run the operations of the Hospital. The program also gives one off donations each year to the foundation for capital development. All administrative costs are covered by the Health Districts.

Currently there are approximately 11,000 staff members in total at SWSLHD. Approximately 2,200 employees in total are registered for the Workplace Giving Program (WGP)

from SWSLHD, a total of 18.15%.

SWSLHD would like to rejuvenate this project and reach 50% of staff contributing the WGP. This is a great cause and all donations are tax deductible. Why not start of the new financial year with commencing a contribution to this worthy cause.

For more information:

<http://intranet.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/SSWAHS/WGP/>

Workplace Giving Program

Just \$1 a week

Making a Difference

RED DOT Mobility System



Red Dot Challenge

Be IN it to WIN IT!
**Be creative, be inventive
 and design a RED DOT
 feature in your
 Department!**

Winning Departments (1st, 2nd & 3rd place) will receive a hamper full of yummy goods!

Please have your departments designed by the 3rd July 2015.
 Official relaunch is on the 6th July 2015.



Payment Summaries

Payment summaries will not be printed for any active employee, with employees able to receive these documents via email or through Employee Self Service (ESS). If an employee currently receives their payslips via email, this is where their payment summary will be sent and if an employee logs in ESS to view their payment summary, this is how they will view their payment summary. Payment summaries will be posted to employees who separated from NSW Health within the 2014/15 financial year as normal. A printed payment summary will be provided for terminated assignments where an employee has transferred within NSW Health during 2014/15 financial year (these records will also be available within Employee Self Service if the employee holds an active assignments with NSW Health). To assist Workforce Units, Managers and employees alike, we have put together a number of Facts Sheets which are now available on the designated Payment Summaries and Reportable Fringe Benefits page on the HealthShare NSW intranet.
<http://intranet.hss.health.nsw.gov.au/about/healthshare/operations/shared-service-centres/latest-customer-updates/payment-summaries-and-reportable-fringe-benefits>

**CHRISTMAS
IN JULY
DINNER**

Staff are invited to come along and celebrate "Christmas in July"

Friday 31 July 2015
Smithfield RSL
at 6.30pm
\$50pp
(Buffet Menu / Soft Drinks / DJ / Tea & Coffee)

RSVP & payment to: Sandra Lombardini,
General Manager's unit by close of business
Friday 24 July 2015



Come and join us National Diabetes Week Information Session



Facts...
"In Australia 280 people a day are diagnosed with diabetes"
"In NSW alone 4 people each hour are diagnosed with diabetes"



Come and join health professionals from Fairfield Hospital for expert advice and management of diabetes



Cabramatta Library
 Wednesday 15 July
 12:30 - 2:00pm

Refreshments will be provided
 Bookings essential

Bonnyrigg 9725 0344	Cabramatta 9725 0365	Fairfield 9725 0370	Smithfield 9725 0371	Wetherill Park 9725 0338
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an imaginative fun learning space for all