

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital

Message From The GM



Well – winter is really starting to hit with more sick people through our doors and indeed the bed juggle has started – so far so good, though there has been a marked increase in staff sick

Thank you all staff that continue to pick up shifts and cover for staff off with the flu.

The People Matters staff survey has come and gone and a big thank you to all staff that took the time to complete the survey that will now enable us to better support staff

The response rate was down a tad on the previous Your Say Survey however we still

achieved a healthy 23.8% completion rate that is 230 staff out of a possible 968

The Executive will provide a report on the results once we receive them and will also then indicate on what we can do better to manage the Hospital

The winner of the mini iPad was Ms Alma Zahirovic from the Ante Natal Clinic – congratulations

Everyone would have noticed the increased activity in our main foyer due to the Coffee Cart Team providing the essentials of good coffee and now increasing the variety of

food on offer – it is very packed at times, however the tender for the Cafeteria Upgrade has now been advertised and we had a large number of companies come through to view what we are requiring in the refurbishment – appears very positive indeed to have such a large amount of interest and with everything going smoothly we will have a first class food and retail outlet for staff and visitors and the busy times in the foyer will decrease substantially

As detailed below it is very rewarding to have local schools come to our Hospital and look at potential work opportunities.

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Community Sharps Bin

A Community Sharps Bin has been installed on the Fairfield Hospital Grounds, located in the courtyard outside the Dental clinics.

The purpose of the sharps bin is to encourage outpatients and broader community participation in the safe disposal of sharps by providing an accessible, convenient and free community sharps bin. In addition, the sharps bin will minimise the risk of occupational exposure to hospital staff from the handling and disposing of

community sharps. The Community Sharps Bin is available to patients, outpatients and other relevant people.



The Fairfield Hospital Facebook page!



Al-Faisal College Visit

Fairfield Hospital is proud of the strong relationships it has built with local schools and students who will shape our future.

For the second year running and coinciding with Refugee Week, Students from Al-Faisal Collage came in with a friendly cheer on Tuesday 21 June 2016.

They came in carrying toys for patients in our Children's Ward. Toys which they fundraised for and purchased to bring cheer to children in their local Hospitals.

Staff and patients are incredibly thankful for your generosity.



Community Participation & Engagement

Local school involvement during June continued with students from Smithfield Public School in Year's 5&6 coming in for a Hospital tour. They had the opportunity to learn about the Dental and GP clinic's as well as a guided walk through our Emergency Department to learn how it works and best serves the community. The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit and there is a plan to organise a visit to present to the parents at the school about their local Hospital at Fairfield.



equipment installed as well as audit & training results. This Network plays an integral role within the Hospital and on Friday 15 July the launch of the SWSLHD Consumer & Community Participation Framework 2016-2019 will be held at Liverpool Hospital. For details and to RSVP, please contact Pat Vuibureta on 8738 6848 or email : swsmedia@sswahs.nsw.gov.au



Our Consumer and Community Participation Network had their June meeting on Friday 24 June with a warm lunch & Appreciation Certificates from the General Manager, Arnold Tammekand. The Network discussed the Emergency Department upgrade, new



Humpty Dumpty Balmoral

On Sunday 29 May, Fairfield Hospital took part in the Balmoral Burn Run, and as a result received a donation of two advanced neonatal resuscitators priced at \$29,150 each. The Benefactors were OOH Media and Loyal Foundation. With a total of 30 participants representing Fairfield Hospital, the cause for Fairfield was highlighted. Throughout the day anyone wearing a Fairfield T-Shirt was given a supportive cheer and warm encouragement. A number of Midwives and Paediatric nursing staff worked the night shift before and after the Charity run. This clearly demonstrated the level of commitment and dedication of Fairfield Hospital staff keen to provide the very best level of care for their patients. The much needed neonatal resuscitators will contribute to the safety of our most vulnerable

Rugby League, and played more games for the club than any other player in its history was instrumental in ensuring funds were provided through the Loyal Foundation for one of the neonatal resuscitators donated through the Humpty Dumpty Foundation for Fairfield Hospital. The Balmoral Run is an initiative of the Humpty Dumpty Foundation offering a little help & hope through donations for sick kids for the past 16 years! A great achievement for Fairfield Hospital this year.



“Fairfield Hospital staff keen to provide best level care for their patients”

patients and assist in the provision of stability for 1 in 10 babies that will need additional resuscitative measures following birth. Doctors and nurses representing Fairfield Hospital in this way not only benefit our patients but also provide a feeling of “spirit de corps” a feeling of pride and mutual loyalty shared by members of participants representing our hospital. Following the delivery of the resuscitators there will be a formal presentation ceremony where our generous benefactors will be invited so we may bestow upon them our sincerest gratitude and provide them with a first hand view of how these resuscitators will be used to save lives.

Anthony Minichiello, who was born and grew up in the Fairfield –Liverpool area is a former Australian professional rugby league footballer who captained the Sydney Roosters of the National



DiABETES

Know Your Diabetes Risk



Diabetes Week 2016

11th-17th July

Fairfield Hospital will be raising awareness of diabetes during National Diabetes Week for

Staff ONLY

When: Tuesday 12th July 2016 12 – 2 P.M.

Where: Hospital Cafeteria

Take the opportunity to come along for a free diabetes risk screen & have a talk to The Fairfield Hospital Diabetes Clinic staff, in conjunction with the GP Unit.

Kindly sponsored by: Abbott Diagnostics, AstraZeneca, BD, Eli Lilly, MSD & Sanofi

#hello
my name is...



"Hello my name is..." is an initiative started by Dr Kate Granger who is a terminally ill cancer patient. This simple campaign is aimed to encourage and inspire every health care professional to introduce themselves to every patient they meet. It is about much more than common courtesy but rather human connections, establishing therapeutic relationships and building trust. This initiative aligns with SWSLHD ComPurs strategy to increase communication between staff, patients and visitors. The aim of this initiative will be to engage staff in the points raised by Kate regarding compassion and the importance of communication from a patients perspective. The sessions will commence from Monday 11 to Friday 15 July. Each session will consist of two parts: 1) watch the video 2) discuss with staff using discussion points.

To ensure the focus on "Hello my name is ..." is sustainable Fairfield Hospital will host a board of display competition between Wards. The displays can have feedback from staff and patients about the impact introductions can have on care, the importance of empathy, ComPurs or any other points that are taken away from the sessions. The winning Ward will be given a prize and the judges will include the General Manager, Christine Henderson – ComPurs Coordinator and a Consumer Representative from the Fairfield Consumer and Community Participation Network.

Transforming your Experience Workshop

Fairfield Hospital staff from all disciplines were nominated to attend the South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) Transforming your Experience Workshop on Monday 6 June 2016 at Bankstown Hospital. This was one of many workshops organised and facilitated by Zest Health Strategies to help define and describe the current and future state of patient and staff experience within the SWSLHD. The workshop purpose was for staff from all over the District to explore the key issues which impact the patient, staff and community experience in the SWSLHD. Participants also explored and defined what an ideal health service looks like and identified key strategies to improve the patient care, community health and leadership at all levels of the organisations. Findings from these workshops will be presented to the SWSLHD by ZEST strategies in the near future.

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