

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital



## Message From The GM

The “Town Hall” meeting with CE was again a success with staff hearing from the CE about current District happenings including the recent launch of the ‘Transforming Your Experience Program’. Staff also had the opportunity to voice and discuss any issues of concern however from the responses it seemed that staff were happy with the positive actions taken by the Hospital executive since the last Town Hall visit and had indeed acted on issues raised

We recently were involved in the People Matters Survey and it was extremely rewarding to see how many staff decided to participate—I don’t know

whether the dinner for 2 from Grill’d Stocklands each week had anything to do with it, but great result to have 46% of our staff participate in this very important survey on how we perform and respond to staff and their needs

This week sees the commencement of our ‘One Step Extra For The Team Award’ - a weekly award to a staff member who is witnessed to have done something above and beyond their normal duties. Whilst all the Executive and Managers are able to nominate it will be my ultimate final decision (from previous experiences) - just don’t know were to start with so many staff working and doing above and beyond their normal duties!!

The incredible Vietnamese Fundraising dinner held a couple of weeks ago again showed what an incredible community we live in by raising over \$50,000—they are amazing and a HUGE thanks!

With the ‘madness’ of end of financial year purchasing and building works I must give special mention to our unbelievable Finance Officer Mel Stanley How she has managed to process all the PO’s etc is just amazing

Finally we had our recent WHS audit - I am so proud of the results (soon to receive formal report). The Auditors spoke so highly of Fairfield—thank you

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**PEOPLE MATTER 2017**  
HSW Public Sector Employee Survey

Have your say by participating in the People Matter Employee Survey. The survey runs from 1 – 30 June.



Fairfield staff had until 30 June 2017 to complete the People Matter Survey to help improve the workplace. This year the response rate was 46% up from 24% last year thanks drive of the committee this year. A People Matter Survey BBQ for Fairfield staff was held on 16 June. The food was donated by HSU, the salad by Health Share and a new BBQ by Bunnings at Cross Roads.

Grill’d Burgers at Wetherill Park Stocklands also donated 4 x dinner for 2 to as a prize for each week during June for those that complete the survey.  
Winners were:  
Week one: Nancy - CID  
Week two: Selma – Receptionist  
Week three: Maria – Physio  
Week 4 Pippa – Palliative Care





Refugee Week is always a big deal at Fairfield with the large number of refugees settling in the Fairfield LGA. Fairfield Hospital hosted Prairiewood High School and Core Community Services working with students from refugee background. The activities included a tour of the hospital followed by a burger making Master Class thanks to our friends at Grill'd Burgers Wetherill Park. The result was inclusive, informative and satisfying! "With Courage Let Us All Combine".



## Community Participation & Engagement

The Mini Seek & Skill Program in partnership with South West Connect finished up this June with the last two expos at Old Guildford School & Fairfield Public School. This program was a great opportunity for school kids to learn about health & careers in health. The Hospital enjoyed visiting the schools and growing partnership with our future generation.



The General Manager together with the Community Participation Manager also attended a parents health session at Fairfield High School.

The Hospital also hosted two tours this month followed by lunch with the General Manager for a Parents Café group from Fairfield High School and the second for a youth group from Core Community Services. These tours are receiving very positive feedback from the community. Barriers are breaking down and confidence in our hospital is growing.

The month ended with a Consumer & Community Participation meeting with two new members signing up to the network. We also had special guests from the Vietnamese Fundraising Committee come in to the meeting to handover cheques and funds raised on the night. All members were gifted our new Fairfield Hospital merchandise show bag.



For any information about tours, community information sessions, school visits or joining our valued network, please contact: Robyn El-Khair – Community Participation Manager on 9616 8830 or via email: [robyn.el-khair@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:robyn.el-khair@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)

Fairfield Hospital and its staff pride it self for working with the community rather than for it.

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**BỆNH VIỆN FAIRFIELD**

Fundraising Project supporting

**FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL**

Với nhiều tiết mục đặc sắc & 6 món ăn hấp dẫn



Health  
South Western Sydney  
Local Health District

Mua thêm dụng cụ y khoa để phục vụ cộng đồng  
To purchase medical equipment to serve the community



The highlight of the evening apart from funds raised was the General Manager—Arnold Tammekand speaking Vietnamese and then topped off with Dr. Harry Doan—Director of Medical Services special tap dance !



A huge thank you to the Vietnamese Community for coming together for the second year to fundraise over \$50,000 this year which will go towards purchasing an new anaesthetic machine for the hospital. This year the event was held on 23 June 2016 at Crystal Palace Canley Vale with over 700 attending the event from the local Vietnamese Community, Fairfield staff, friends, family, and a couple of politicians. A special mention to the event committee, volunteers, helpers and performers who all donated their time for the event. Its initiatives like this that make you proud to be working with such a dedicated and giving community. This is a true reflection community partnerships growing.



## Lions Club 6 Chairs Donation

Sydney Baseball Club Fairfield are wonderful donators of vital equipment to our facility. Day Only Ward has recently been the recipient of new recliner chairs assist with the admission and discharge of our patients. Our chairs condition had been declining so the President and Members in conjunction with the Lions Foundation were not only able to replace the two required but we were able to purchase six with the generous grant from the Lions Foundation. This was exceptional as the hospital was replacing two at a time. Not only were chairs donated but also an observation machine. The Renal Dialysis unit recently received as a donation a regular wheel chair & bariatric wheelchair. Ante—Natal and 2D were also recipients of equipment.



This photo with the President of Sydney Baseball Lions when she was a patient that came through the Hand Clinic & required surgery.



## 2017 Prairiewood High School Health Expo

Fairfield staff attended a Health Expo that was attended by approximately 500 high school students from across the LGA.

It was an opportunity to showcase the different health careers available and gave students the opportunity to ask questions about their professions; where to study and what to do now to help in the future.

Vicki Aguilar, Nurse Educator from the Centre for Education & Workforce development was a key note speaker at the event.

Two stalls for information and hands on activities were present on the day.

Thank you to those staff across nursing, Allied Health and medical for your support and attendance on the day.



## “World Breastfeeding week” .... Is almost upon

us once more. This year it will be celebrated from August 1st to August 7th, with Maternity enjoying a celebratory day, so watch this space. If you see someone wearing bright gold clothing, then it is probably a maternity staff member. The gold is for “liquid gold”, an affectionate term for breast milk, particularly colostrum and its value to the newborn baby. We will be inviting all staff to participate in a quiz. In the Foyer of the hospital, photos and posters will be on display, celebrating the wonderful tradition of breastfeeding and the value it holds for mothers, babies, families and the environment! Yes breastfeeding is environmentally friendly. It uses no water or energy to create or transport, it creates no waste, and provides life long health benefits for mother, baby and therefore society as a whole. I am a big fan! My name is Heather Gale and I am the newly appointed, full time Lactation Consultant & Parent Educator (Clinical Midwife Specialist 2). Some call me the “new Pam”, some call me the “new Megan”, all of those names are just fine as they represent those shoes that filled the position in some way in the years preceding me. I look forward to building on and adding to, much of Pam and Megan’s legacy. I also want to take the opportunity to say that Fairfield Hospital is a breastfeeding friendly workplace, and has policies in place to support staff returning to work & maintain breastfeeding. Our dedicated breastfeeding/expressing room is found near the Special Care Nursery, Staff tea room. The key is available from 2D. I look forward to meeting people by the by. I have been told that Fairfield is a friendly place, much like a big country family. I travel from the “country” every day to be here, and so far I have not been disappointed.

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## WHS Audit 2017

The Work Health & Safety (WHS) audit was conducted over two days in the month of May.

Thank you to all staff, profile leaders, audit contributors and the Executive for assisting and participating in the Audit preparation process.

The feedback from the auditors has been very positive, indicating that Fairfield have some fantastic auditing processes, reporting, plans & consultation processes.

Many processes implemented across the facility will be promoted and adopted across the District.

The Auditors also thanked all staff and managers for their warm welcome and their audit preparation.

Once the final report is received, it will be circulated to all staff.

