

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital



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## Message From The GM

Winter is certainly upon us and the Hospital is noticing the increase in activity. The Emergency Department has had some challenges with an increase in the acuity of patients, ambulance presentations and of course admissions. The whole of hospital approach we are taking to managing patient flow across Fairfield is assisting us all to work as a team and provide safe high quality care. I want to thank all the clinical, non clinical, medical and hotel services staff for all working together to make this happen. Last week we were very challenged going into code orange and red rather quickly, but the team work de-escalated to green fairly quickly. Thanks one and all.

During June we conducted a workshop for managers on

Managing Misconduct, which gives managers the tools and education to manage performance that requires improvement. Feedback from the managers was this was very beneficial and worthwhile. District HR and site HR staff also assisted and we thank them for this learning opportunity.

The Executive Huddle each morning is proving to be a great step forward in updating at a ten minute meeting so we understand the last 24 hours and are proactive in managing the next 24 hours.

We have also had some significant investment from the District in replacing equipment that not many of us see or know about. Things such as chillers, which are big cost items have been replaced in June 2018.

I would really encourage staff to attend the afternoon tea when the Board meeting takes place at Fairfield. This invite is for all staff. Just let Sandra my EA know so we can cater for the numbers of attendees. My presentation to the Board will be on our future vision for Fairfield Hospital.

Finally we can see the ED taking shape with Fast Track now operational. There is a lot of work going on at the moment, which is great, and our patients and staff are going to have a beautiful new functioning ED in which to work.

We have many vacancies in clinical areas, and we are recruiting as fast as we can. Thank you for your patience and hard work. I appreciate it and I know the patients do too.

Ken Hampson – A/GM

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### Emergency Department Redevelopment Update

Over the past month we have had several community and school tours through our new area of the Emergency Department. The tours provide an opportunity to engage and reach out to local community about their new and improved ED.



Tour groups from Villawood Public School (above) & Navitas Cabramatta (left).



Staff are invited to attend an afternoon tea with the SWSLHD Board and Fairfield Hospital Executive to be held on Monday 23 July 2018 from 2.30pm — 3.25pm in the Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre

General Manager will be providing a presentation outlining the “Vision for the Facility”

Refreshments will be provided



An overwhelming majority of smokers want to quit! Over a one-year period, about 75% of smokers will try to change their smoking behaviour by making either a quit attempt or reducing the amount that they smoke.

A display and information wall was in the back end of the Zouki

to promote quit smoking.

At Fairfield Hospital we have a **Chronic Respiratory and Smoking Cessation Clinic** that can address your needs and assist you on your journey to quit smoking. For a flyer with services and other information, please contact Mercy Omega (Chronic Respiratory and Smoking Cessation Clinician) on 9616 8999.



## Community Engagement

Last month's Discovery Tour playgroup was a collaboration with Core Community Services and SSI .

This month our new Emergency Department (ED) areas were visited by the Fairfield Consumer & Community Participation Network, students from Navitas Cabramatta and senior students from Villawood Public School as part of a hospital tour.



Suchit Handa—Director Corporate Services together with members of our Consumer Network outside our new Emergency waiting area.

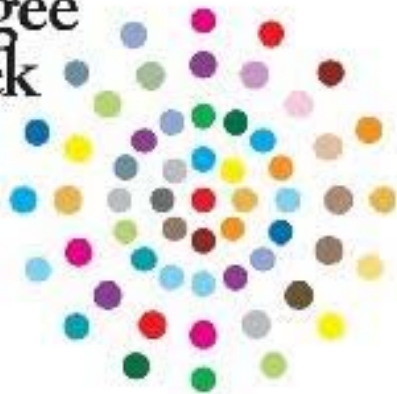
## PHS Health Expo

Fairfield Hospital participated in the 2018 Prairiewood High School (PHS) Health Expo. The event is attended by over 600 senior students from the region to learn and explore careers in health. Fairfield Hospital organised for a Speech Pathologist & Dietitian together with two nurses to support the event, promote health careers and answer student questions.



# Refugee Week #WithRefugees

Refugee Week



The theme for Refugee Week 2018 is #WithRefugees. A time to acknowledge the Refugees and raise awareness about their challenges and successes starting life in a new homeland.

Fairfield welcomes and homes the largest number of refugees in the state if not the whole of Australia, so its befitting to have their own hashtag #Fairfield stands with Refugees.

This year the Fairfield Emerging Communities Action Partnership, led by CORE Community Services, explored for the first time to have refugee students express their feelings through art.

Local refugee school students were encouraged to participate in an Arts competition to celebrate the event. Over 41 entries were received and judging proved difficult with the art work presented. The Judges were: 1 judge from the Power House Youth Theatre and two local artists.

Three winners were chosen and they kindly agreed to have their art work displayed at the Hospital for the month of July.

The winners together with their families and teachers were invited for a morning tea with the Executive Team at Fairfield Hospital on Thursday 5 July.

Together the students, guests and the Executive Team learnt about each others stories and what the paintings meant to each of their owner.

It was an incredibly inspiring morning tea and a pleasure to host these students.



Rachel Liso  
8 yrs old  
St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School, Smithfield



Haneen Butrus  
Mary MacKillop Catholic College  
Catholic Intensive English Centre



Adrina & Sarah representing  
Mary MacKillop Catholic College  
Catholic Intensive English Centre





# Reminder!

- ◇ All staff are to complete annual Fire Training.
- ◇ All staff to complete Annual Performance Management Reviews.
- ◇ Child Wellbeing & Child Projection Training through My Health Learning. All staff must complete.



Students from Westfields Sports High School came to the Hospital on Wednesday 4 July with a variety of toys for our Paediatric Ward. A huge contribution to their local community which was very much appreciated by the Hospital and in particular staff working with children that get admitted.



A People Matters morning tea was held on Thursday 28 June in the front foyer. This was an opportunity to have your say, enjoy a friendly cuppa and go

into the draw to win 2 x free movie tickets. Response rate for Fairfield was 41.9% on paper . Congratulations to Suresh Raju - Radiology & Stephanie Nunn - Maternity who were the winners.

**Call 13 20 50**  
20 minutes every 2 years could save your life

## Service Schedule 2018

BreastScreen NSW South Western Sydney Local Health District

MOBILE LOCATIONS

**CABRAMATTA** - 8 January - 9 February  
McBurney Rd car park, opposite Community Centre

**GREEN VALLEY** - 19 February - 11 May  
Valley Plaza, 187 Wilson Road, car park near front

**PICTON** - 30 April to 18 May  
Davidson Lane car park, off Menangle St, near St Mark's

**MILLER** - 14 May - 25 May (Aboriginal/general)  
Beside Lady Woodward Park, Woodward Crescent

**CAMDEN** - 21 May - 22 June (New location)  
Onslow car park, opposite Camden Sports Club

**WETHERILL PARK** - 28 May - 3 July  
Prairiewood Leisure Centre, Prairie Vale Rd, Prairiewood

**ROSEMEADOW** - 25 June - 27 July  
Rosemeadow Marketplace, Fitzgibbons Lane side

**AIRDS** - 9 July - 11 July (Aboriginal Specific)  
Beside Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Service, 21 Deans Rd

**MINTO** - 16 July - 3 August  
Minto Marketplace, near car wash bay, Moss Glen St side

**REVESBY** - 30 July - 24 August  
Abel Reserve, off Marco Ave, beside train line

**FAIRFIELD** - 6 August - 9 November  
Fairfield Forum, top level car park, Station St side

**TAHMOOR** - 12 November - 19 December  
Harper Close, beside Tahmoor Community Centre

FIXED LOCATIONS

**BANKSTOWN**  
Ground Flr, Civic Tower Building  
Cnr Rickard Rd & Jacobs St  
Bankstown 2200

**LIVERPOOL** (Screening)  
157 - 161 George St, (Unit 5)  
Opposite Liverpool Court House  
Liverpool 2170

**LIVERPOOL** (Screening & Assessment)  
102 Bigge St  
Liverpool 2170

**CAMPBELLTOWN**  
Mawson Centre, 4 Browne St  
(Ground Flr, Units 3-5)  
Campbelltown 2560

**BOWRAL - New Location**  
Bowral Street Specialist Centre  
Suite 4/70 Bowral St  
Bowral 2576  
(BreastScreen NSW is no longer at Bowral Hospital - same staff)

**Detecting breast cancer early is vital**

For women aged 50-74 years

- Free service
- All female staff



**Grill'd Wetherill Park is collecting toys for the Fairfield Hospital Children's Ward from 15 - 31 July.**



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