

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital

### Message From The GM



I need to start and comment on the stories that follow later in this Newsletter with the incredible month or so we have had engaging, working closely and partnering with various groups within our community to raise much need funds for replacement of equipment. Not only has it been an achievement far exceeding our expectations with money raised, but to me personally an absolute honour to be allowed to work so closely with some of the most incredible community people I have ever met – this experience will stay with me forever as one of the highlights of my working career

I hope everyone had a fabulous Easter with Family and loved ones and thank you to all those staff that had to work and keep the Hospital running smoothly. Being the Executive on-call over the period I experienced first hand what a fabulous job our staff do even when resources are at the lowest – all patient flows were maintained and indeed we were able to help Liverpool out on numerous occasions by carefully manipulating our available beds – great work to all and thank you on behalf of our Patients.

Last week I had the privilege of meeting Mr Cecil Boland who celebrated his 90th Birthday last Tuesday (29th) - the staff in 1D presented him with Birthday cake when he came in for his dialysis on Wednesday. What an unbelievably spritely and quick witted 90 year old Cecil is – cheeky, full of humour and takes all that life throws at him in his stride. Besides now needing dialysis, Cecil served in WW11 in New Guinea and told of some lucky escapes he had experienced – I surely hope I'm somewhere near as fit in mind as Cecil is and all I can say is – look out the young ladies in 1D!!

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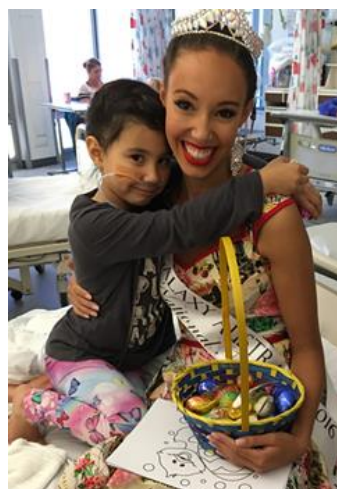
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### Ms Fairfield Galaxy 2016 Visits Fairfield

Shikye Alyce Smith – Miss Fairfield Galaxy 2016 who is now a National Finalist visited the Kids Ward on Thursday 24 March 2016 just before the Easter break and handed out Easter eggs and colouring in themed pictures to the kids.

She is a local and hopes to continue her community work and support to Fairfield Hospital.

Fairfield Hospital will invite Ms Smith to future community events held.



## Patient Celebration in Ward 1D(Renal Dialysis)

The Renial Dialysis Unit wanted to celebrate and had a great cause to do so! Mr Cecil Boland turned 90 on 29 March 2016. When he attended his routine treatment on Wednesday 30 March, he was surprised with an afternoon tea organised by the nursing staff and supported by the General Manager Arnold Tammekand and the Executive Team.

Mr Boland is a local and has being a patient of the Renal Dialysis Unit over the past five years. He attends treatment three times a week and will do so for the rest of his life.

He is a War Veteran who fought in WWII in Papua New Guinea.

Mr Boland might be 90 and attending haemodialysis treatment but he looks great and has a personality to match! He is one of the 70 patients that attends the Renal Dialysis Unit for regular treatment.



## Community Participation & Engagement

This month the Community Participation Manager hosted a tour for the Parents Café- Fairfield Inc . The parents had the opportunity to visit different departments and learnt about the many different services provided at the Hospital.

Haitham Jaju – Team Leader of the Parents Café said “Thank you very much for all everything you extended to us for organising such a wonderful tour at Fairfield Hospital on 4 March 2016. It was really one of best tour I had thank for your great efforts, patience and professional presentation to different departments”.

“We were also lucky to meet with the Hospital General Manager who welcomed us and was very nice with the parents.”

The parents also discussed the development of the Hospital and needs of the Community for the next 10-20 years.



A talk about the Hospital, smoking and its effects was presented to the students of Prairiewood High School at their assembly. The General Manager together with the Community Participation Manager and the Chronic Respiratory Case Manager/Tobacco Treatment Professional gave the talk.

The Fairfield Network had their first 2016 meeting on 26/02/2016. Main discussions were about the refurbishment of the Emergency Department that will commence soon.

Fairfield Hospital also participated in a Mini Seek a Skill Careers Expo at Smithfield Public School on 15/03/16. It was a great opportunity to talk to students from Year 5 & 6, discussing different career opportunities within Health. John Brotherhood from the NSW Ambulance

Service and Cynthia Valderrama from Oral Health also attended on the day to promote their careers and services. The Hospital will be attending more of these Expos in the coming months.



# Community Partnerships Boasts Healthy Benefits For All

When Fairfield Hospital says we have sound community partnerships, its not tokenistic its real! Prime example is the local Vietnamese community group recently partnered up with Fairfield Hospital to strengthen ties by organising a fundraising dinner which resulted in raising over \$80,000 in donations for the Hospital.

The money was raised at a sold-out dinner with over 800 attendees on Friday 11 March 2016 held at Crystal Palace Restaurant , which included authentic Vietnamese food and entertainment.

Fairfield Hospital General Manager Arnold Tammekand said the Hospital was incredibly thankful to the group.

"Last year we held a Hospital Open Day, which many members of the

local Vietnamese community attended" Mr Tammekand said.

"We got some great feedback from the Vietnamese community members, who were very impressed with the work that we do at our Hospital. "

"Getting the community involved and having their input in our services is very important to us, so we are pleased to have formed such a valuable partnership."

"We were thrilled with the incredible generosity of the Vietnamese community." he said.

SWSLHD Multicultural Health Worker Ms Hien Le said the community wanted to find a way to show their support.

"After our tour of the Hospital during Multicultural Health Week, local community members approached and asked me to organise fundraising for the Hospital.

As a result, an organising committee was formed which includes numerous health,

students, community members and representatives from the Hospital," Ms Le said.

Dr Xuyen Thi Tran, a local Vietnamese GP, said she was happy to be part of such a healthy partnership. "It is a great pleasure to work for and support the local Vietnamese community members to raise funds for Fairfield Hospital," said Dr Tran. All the money raised will help purchase vital equipment for the Hospital.



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Community support just keeps growing for Fairfield Hospital.

A huge thank you to the team from ABC Tissues who donated over \$50,000 to the Hospital, allowing us to purchase four new CTG machines to monitor babies' heartbeats in the Special Care Nursery, Antenatal Clinic and Birthing Unit.



The Tran family, owners of Janbay Hardware (Home Timber & Hardware) at Cabramatta presented the Hospital with a cheque for \$33,000 at Fairfield City Council Chambers that will go towards purchasing a Steam Box for CSSD and Bladder Scanner.



The General Manager was also invited to a Chinese Fundraising dinner this month and from donations raised, \$30,300 will be donated to Fairfield Hospital.

The General Manager and staff are overwhelmed but so proud with the generosity and commitment to our

Hospital by the local Community.

For more information on how to support us or make donations, please contact Joanne McGowan , Director of Finance & Revenue on 9616 8109 or email: joanne.mcgowan@sswahs.nsw.gov.au.



It is with great sadness that Hospital

Management advises the passing of Hector Zabala, Registered Nurse who had worked in Ward 2B Orthopaedics.



### Library News:

The Library would like to wish Barbara Gifford a very happy and relaxing retirement. Barbara's last day was 31 January 2016. Barbara would like to thank all Fairfield Hospital staff for all their help and friendship over the years.



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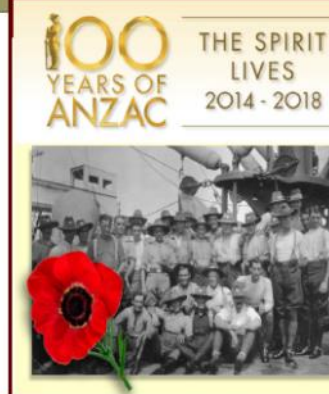
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**FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL  
ANZAC DAY SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL  
2016**



Tuesday 15 March 2016 marked the celebration of World Social Work Day. This was a great opportunity to highlight the role within Health Services and the community. Social Workers are professionally trained staff who provide counselling, advocacy, practical and emotional support and assistance. It was on this day that the Social Work Department held a stall in the main foyer where they had resources of community based services readily available. All were invited to come and participate by taking resources, asking questions and participating in our activities and competitions. Activities included a guessing competition which was won by Karina Brajovic and identifying roles of a Social Worker which was won with a tie between Rachael Wright and Donna Edwards. The Social Work Department would like to thank everyone who participated on the day and who acknowledged the importance of their role within a Hospital environment. The day provided an opportunity to showcase the skills, knowledge and contribution to patient care by the Social Work Team.



100 years of ANZAC is encompassed in the years from 2014—2018

Staff and visitors are invited to attend a special ANZAC Day Service which will be held on Wednesday 27 April 2016 from 10am in the courtyard located at the front entry to the Hospital (near the flag poles, opposite both Oral Health Services and Prairiewood Community Health Centre)

Mr Paul Ryant, Senior Vice President, City of Fairfield RSL sub-Branch will oversee the proceedings



**All staff are invited to attend a "Your Say Feedback" session, scheduled for Wednesday 13 April 2016 in the Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre at 12pm with the Hospital Executive.**