

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital

### Message From The GM

Over the last month there has been a wave of activity across our facility. Our Nurses and Midwives celebrated International Nurses and Midwives Day on Friday 10 May 2019 which included a whole of hospital lunch and recognition awards. Nurses and Midwives were also delivered muffins for breakfast and pizza for dinner which was met with appreciation from all recipients.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dharug Community Solace “Dreaming’ Garden at the south end of the hospital is developing rapidly and will be officially launched on Wednesday 10 July 2019 in conjunction with NAIDOC Day celebrations. Fairfield has been afforded the opportunity to celebrate NAIDOC Day on behalf of the SWSLHD with an array of activities planned. The 2019 NAIDOC theme is Voice Treaty Truth— Lets work together for a shared future.

The ED Redevelopment is currently in transition of contractors which has been met with some delays. The Hospital Executive would like to thank all of the ED Staff for their hard work in overcoming the challenges and in particular maintaining performance.

On Tuesday 28 May 2019 the hospital underwent HETI Accreditation with preliminary feedback being very positive.

Accreditation processes are not an easy task both to prepare and deliver, so it is important that we recognise Dr Harry Doan, Dr Laurence McCleary, Richa Prasai and Bonni Dy who delivered a professional and well planned survey.

The People Matters NSW Public Sector Employee Survey is up and running and Fairfield has made a great start. The Hospital Executive would like to encourage all staff to have their say and complete the survey (more details on page 4).

As you would be aware Healthcare workers have a higher chance of contracting influenza and of infecting their vulnerable patients and the influenza vaccine is the most effective way to help prevent infection. The hospital has ‘flu vaccine clinics’ at no cost to staff that you are encouraged to attend. Please check with your manager for appropriate dates and times.

As we move into the colder months activity across the hospital continues to rise, therefore it is important that we continue to work closely as a team to ensure quality and safety of care is maintained. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Fairfield Hospital and the Hospital Executive look forward to continue working with you all.

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The Fairfield Consumer & Community Participation Network during their May meeting had the pleasure to see how the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander garden for rest and restore is coming along. It will be launched during NAIDOC week on 10 July 2019.

**Know an exceptional nurse or midwife?**  
Nominate them for a NSW Health Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Award

**Health Professionals**  
Nominate an excellent NSW Health nurse or midwife for the exceptional contribution they make to their profession, team and the community.

**Members of the Public**  
Nominate an excellent NSW Health nurse or midwife who has made you feel valued and demonstrated outstanding care to you and/or your loved ones in the CONSUMER APPRECIATION AWARD category.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2019**  
Nominate now via [www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/enma](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/enma)  
Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony in Sydney on Tuesday 1 October 2019

Enquiries to: [MCN-ExcellenceInNursingAndMidwiferyAwards@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:MCN-ExcellenceInNursingAndMidwiferyAwards@health.nsw.gov.au)





Mary Simeonov, EA to the DNMS, organised a fundraiser for the Cancer Council. Mary felt the Fairfield Family needed to participate in another charity fundraiser, as we haven't had a major event

since Leeanne Gray orchestrated the successful *Fiver for a Farmer*. Mary registered with the Cancer Council to hold *The Biggest Morning Tea*. They sent her a pack, and off she went. A raffle was run which was well supported by the whole hospital. Januki Rai, an RN from theatres was the lucky winner. Staff contributed delicious homemade goodies such as lemon cookies, lamingtons, cheese and chives scones, cinnamon rolls etc. Mary and her team manned the stall, and we raised \$1010.40 for this worthwhile cause. Well done Mary, and thank you to all who contributed to this successful event.

The Library would like to thank everyone for celebrating 2019 Library Week by visiting the Library and participating in the 'Bookworms' guessing completion. Staff enjoyed morning and afternoon teas where an assorted selection of cakes were enjoyed. The magic number of 'Bookworms' was 128.



The winners were:

- 1st: Stella Taylor
- 2nd: Vannak Ing
- 3rd: Dunia Daoud
- 4th: Davin Prasetyo
- 4th: Kendra Luong

The Library currently has a survey running until June 14<sup>th</sup> and would appreciate as many staff as possible to complete via:



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TSFBYCF> to help us improve/change our Library service to suit your information



Trivia Night Fun! 36 Fairfield Hospital staff headed to Grill'd Wetherill Park for a fun night of trivia to raise funds for our Ambulatory Care. Thanks to the dedicated hospital staff and Grill'd Wetherill Park, over \$360 was raised with many laughs and memories made. Fairfield Hospital was also the first prize winner for the May Local Matters, a community initiative from Grill'd which made us the recipient of a \$300 cheque.

Other Trivia nights will be organised in the future following the success of this one.

Thank you to Grill'd Wetherill Park for the opportunity to partner together to offer better patient care at Fairfield Hospital.



Fairfield Hospital staff from across all disciplines participated in the "Future In Focus Day - Connect to Job Skills Expo" at Cecil Hills High School. Dr Albert Shafrensky (Cardiologist), Rachael Wright (Occupational Therapist), Cveta Andary (Work Health & Safety Manager), Nadia Nocera (Patient Liaison Manager), Raj Gujraj (Nurse Unit Manager) & Robyn El-Khair (Community Participation Manager) did a great job engaging with students about Health Careers. Thank you to Mary Reid (Careers Adviser) for organising.

## International Nurses/Midwives Day

May is a special time of the year where we celebrate the hard work and dedication of our nurses and midwives. Without them no care facility could function and the care they provide help put our patients on the road to recovery.

International Nurses Day winners:

Assistant in Nursing of the Year – **Milagro RODRIGUEZ**

Assistant in Midwifery of the Year – **Vanda YAKOO**

Enrolled Nurse of the Year – **Lidia SHLEMON**

Registered Nurse of the Year – **Vinh DANG & Caroline YOUKHANA**

Registered Midwife of the Year – **Nicole YOUNG**

Nurse Manager of the Year – **Winona RANYARD**

Director of Nursing & Midwifery Award – **Belinda LLOYD**

General Managers Award – **Shaniya OGUL**



On the 7 May, a morning tea was held for our Midwives and during the month of May, many of our nurses and midwives were featured in local papers and on the Fairfield Hospital Facebook page.



This is the family who had the first baby born on IMD, Mum's name is Alhan Shibo and her baby girl was born 5/5/19 at 0540hrs. Baby's name is Melania.

## World Hand Hygiene Week

On the 15th May, Fairfield Hospital celebrated World Hand Hygiene by hosting the 1st "Game of Germs". Sixteen departments participated in the game to promote hand hygiene and the winner was "CSSD".

Annual hand hygiene awards were awarded to:

- \* Renal Dialysis —Best Hand Hygiene Compliance by Department
- \* SCN—Most Improved Hand Hygiene by Department
- \* Sandra Szczygiel (2B) - Most Outstanding Hand Hygiene Auditor



Also as part of World Hand Hygiene Week and to raise awareness, Fairfield Hospital presented to Years K to 4, 540 students from John the Baptist Catholic School on the importance of Hand Hygiene and Infection Control. The presentation to the students included education on Infection Prevention and the correct hand washing technique. The students and staff were very impressed, one student coming up and telling us "Ms, I washed my hands before I ate my cucumber!".



**You said, we did!**

The People Matter Employee Survey is kicking off tomorrow. This is your chance to give feedback about your experience working with us. Make sure you have your say.

Each year we use the valuable survey feedback to improve our services and processes to make the public sector a better place to work. You will receive a link to the annual online survey via email from 30 May. It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

This year we will be having a draw for five prizes and early survey completion will give you entry into each weekly draw. The prizes and draw dates are as follow:

- Draw 31/05/2019: 1x \$50 Woolworths Gift Card
- Draw 10/06/2019: 1x \$50 JB-Hi-Fi Gift Card
- Draw 17/06/2019: 1x \$50 Myer Gift Card
- Draw 24/06/2019: 1x \$50 Wish
- Draw 01/07/2019: 1x \$150 Coles & Myer Gift Card

We will be also holding a survey launch day in the cafeteria — where you can come down to either complete a paper survey or produce a copy of the last page of the online survey and receive a raffle ticket to go into the draw early to potentially win more than one prize.

Maxxia will also be with us on this day with plenty of freebies and some snacks for those employees who get their survey in early and are happy to assist with any Salary Packaging queries as well.

Maxxia are also holding a savoury snack bar on the 11th June (location TBA) for all those staff who complete their survey in the first 10 days. In order to participate, HR will be handing out the raffle tickets upon staff showing completion of the survey and we would ask that you hold onto these tickets as a receipt that the survey has been completed. The raffle ticket will also put you in the draw for the weekly prizes for the month.

For more information, download the [FAQs](#) or contact Christopher Hadjisavas on: [Christopher.Hadjisavas@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Christopher.Hadjisavas@health.nsw.gov.au)

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**Employee Profile**



This month starts a new feature of “News From The Field” . Each issue we’ll be featuring one of our fabulous staff members and getting to know them a bit better.

This month its Edith Kealy from Domestic Services. One of our “oldies”, she

will have been at Fairfield Hospital for 19 years this coming August .

Edith grew up locally in Green valley, and cleaning has always been a big part of her life. TRULY! The love of always having everything look & smell nice & clean for her patients is of utmost importance to her.

When she’s not doing a fantastic cleaning job at work, she’s making her family home smell nice and clean and looking good for the family – 2 daughters, her brother, and the love of her life her 8 year old grandson, all living together in a happy, cheerful (and very clean) home.

Edith, we are so lucky to have your bubbly chirpiness and your complete dedication at Fairfield.

Thank you

**Meet our new Booking Clerks!**



We are pleased to welcome our two permanent Waitlist Coordinators to the Fairfield family....

Bernadette and Amita have been brave enough to accept roles in our Bookings department and all the challenges that come with it!



The ladies are settling in well and have already added a lot of value to the department.

I trust that everyone will support them so that they can enjoy long and fruitful careers at Fairfield Hospital.

Special thanks to Renata Odzic, Mary Simeonov, Sue Nissiotis, Kellie Carrier, Elizabeth Mafoe and Yvonne Alphonso for their assistance in Bookings during the long recruitment process.

Left hand side – Bernadette Qaqish, Waitlist Coordinator

Right Hand Side – Amita Kumar, Waitlist Coordinator



Apart from having an information stall at Fairfield Hospital on 31 May, Mercy Omega, our Chronic Respiratory Case Manager & Tobacco Treatment Professional, Ambulatory Care Unit also participated in a NO TOBACCO health

promotion day to Arabic community leaders addressing how to approach younger family members on smoking cessation, particularly those who smoke during pregnancy. Attended by two of the Arabic speaking GPs who helped to emphasize the reality of COPD incidences increase in our Fairfield Area.

