

# News from the Field

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## Fairfield Hospital



## Message From The GM

November was a very active and positive month for Fairfield Hospital. NEAT (National Emergency Access Targets) has been met 9 out of the last 11 weeks and was met overall for the months of September (69.65%) and October (70.47%). Fairfield is achieving well compared to other hospitals in the district in achieving this performance. Interviews for the Medical Superintendent position have occurred and finalisation is in progress. Further, an after hours Clinical Nurse Specialist has recently been recruited to provide greater senior clinical coverage and support after hours.

The GM position has been advertised, with a closing date of 7 December 2012.

Friday 23 November was the official launch by Local MP Andrew Rohan of the new state of the art X-ray machine.



Also on the day a generous donation from the Chinese Buddhist Society was received to purchase much needed medical equipment (see article on page 3).

The Auxiliary has also made a generous donation which will go towards purchasing

two new electric beds and two Zoll R (Defibs).

The hospital is also working on releasing a hospital brochure after seeking consultation with staff, patients and the Community Participation Network.

With the festive season approaching us clinical services will be reduced in accordance with reduced activity for this time of the year.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish every one a happy and safe festive season and thank you for all your hard work and dedication throughout the year.

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## Staff BBQ

A thank you barbeque was organised on Tuesday 6 November for staff in appreciation of the hard work during the winter period and the flexibility that staff have shown in supporting the hospital during periods of sick leave. The executive staff happily prepared and served staff during their lunch break. Extra thanks to the staff in the kitchen who guided and supported the exec!!



Staff on the day were also invited to an afternoon tea to watch the 2012 Melbourne Cup race in the cafeteria.



An updated Fairfield phone directory can be located at:

- [Microsoft Outlook](#)
- [Public Folders](#)
- [All Public Folders](#)
- [SWSLHD](#)
- [Fairfield #FRF Telephone Directory](#)



# Community

## Consumer and Community Participation Framework

The Consumer Participation network had their planning day for 2013 during their November monthly meeting. Projects discussed and planned for 2013 include completing the Hand Hygiene training in February next year, participating in Health Promotion events such as Falls week and Carers week. The network will also assist in completing patient interviews for the hospital.

At the planning day, the network was requested to review and provide feedback on the "Welcome to Fairfield Hospital" brochure.

On Monday 3 December, the Annual Consumer Participation Christmas function was held at the Campbelltown Catholic Club. The Fairfield network enjoyed having lunch with other district networks as well as Amanda Larkin (Chief Executive) and Graeme Loy (SWSLHD Director of Operations). Congratulations to our network members Yvonne Simmonds and Janette Hannaford who were nominated for the Harry Collins award for their contribution and hard work during the year.



Fairfield hospital would like to thank the network for all their hard work and dedication during 2012 and look forward to working together for our hospital in 2013.

## Wetherill Park TAFE Expo

Fairfield Hospital was invited along with other Fairfield Migrant Interagency members to participate in a Community Engagement and Support Services Expo at Wetherill Park TAFE on Thursday 8 November 2012. This Community Services expo provided the opportunity for local service providers, government, non government stakeholders as well as the general public to access information on services operating in the Fairfield area, on the same day at the same time. The event was a great success with over 500 attendees.



## Digital Photo Comp

The South Western Sydney Local Health District Disability and Carers' Committee organised a Digital Photo Competition for people including kids with disabilities who live or work in Bankstown, Camden, Fairfield, Campbelltown, Liverpool, Wollondilly or Wingecarribee shires. The event was a great success with many people attending including Amanda Larkin - (Chief Executive) and Barbara Chapman - (Director of Nursing). Professor Friedbert Kohler opened the event and gave an inspiring talk including different stories about people with disabilities.



First prize went to Greg Bellamy-Kendrick for his photo called "Zac in the pool".

Greg took his photo of Zac in the pool at Beverly Park School. Greg has a developmental disability and loves to have fun with his friend Zac in the pool.

The exhibition of selected photo finalists will tour the district throughout 2013. The event was so well received that it was decided that it will run again next year and maybe at a new venue – The Power house Museum!

# World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day was on Wednesday November 14. The Fairfield Diabetes clinic raised awareness by setting up an information stand in the foyer and the cafeteria. They also organised a Diabetes quiz and a free Zumba class for hospital staff. 31 Staff members won Diabetes cookbooks for completing the quiz correctly. The day was well supported and well received by management, staff and patients.

Statistics suggest that about 3.6 million Australians have diabetes, or pre-diabetes and the sufferers are getting younger and younger. Moreover, people with Diabetics are twice as likely to have heart disease and strokes, however, over 85% of sufferers have Type 2 Diabetes, which can be prevented with good diet and exercise. For further information, please contact the Diabetes Clinic on : 9616 8026



# Chinese Buddhist Society Donation

On 23 November 2012, a generous donation of \$33,775 was made out to Fairfield Hospital from the Australian Chinese Buddhist Society (ACBS) dedicated to the purchase of important medical equipment. These items include a portable vein illumination system; three vital signs monitors; and one defibrillator. These items will ensure the Hospital continues to provide quality health services and care to patients in light of a growing population in south western Sydney. In attendance during



the presentation of the cheque were Mr Thanh Ha, Chairman; Mr James Chan, Vice-Chairman; Mr Hoa H. Tieu, Director; Mr Quoc Chau, Director; Mr

Vincent Kong, President; Mr Sen Huynh, Vice President and Mr Jensen Tran, Vice President representing the Board of the ACBS, Nick Lalich, Member for Cabramatta; Andrew Rohan, Member for Smithfield; Guy Zangari, Member for Fairfield; Kenrick Cheah; Senior Electorate Officer (Office of Nick Lalich); Dai Le JP, Fairfield City Councillor; Del Bennett, Fairfield City Councillor; the Executive of Fairfield Hospital and James Yeandel from the Media and Communication unit. Fairfield Hospital is most grateful for this donation.

**“Donation will be dedicated to purchase important medical equipment”**

## Education / Research

### Grand Rounds

Grand rounds on Wednesday 14 November 2012 was presented by the Radiology Department on the topic of *“Radiation doses of CT – The Minefield. What Clinicians need to know”* and *“Case history of an unusual complication of recurrent UTI”* By Dr Noelene Turton, Staff Specialist.

Grand rounds on Wednesday 28 November 2012 was presented by the Employee Assistance Program and Human Resources on the topic of *“Staff with carer responsibilities outside the workplace: advice, supports and your rights and responsibilities.”*

### Fairfield Library

The library now has access to the National Standards. If you require a standard, email or contact the library with the name or number of the standard. An electronic version will be sent to your email. You will have five days to print out the Standard at which time it will expire and only a green screen will be displayed. There is no option to store the standard in an electronic form on your computer, laptop, USB etc.

### Recruitment Advertising Closure

Recruitment advertising for 2012 has closed for the Christmas/New year period.

All advertising will recommence for operation on the 14 January 2012.

For further information, please contact the Recruitment Unit on: 9828 6070

## Appointments

Dr Laurence McCleary has been successful in the appointment as Head of Department Staff Specialist, Paediatrics. Dr McCleary brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Fairfield Hospital and as he worked as a Registrar here many years ago it is good to welcome him back.

Ms Lois Pilarcik has been appointment to the After Hours Clinical Development Clinical Nurse Specialist Grade 2. Lois commenced her after hours shifts from Monday 3 December 2012. Lois brings broad Clinical experience and will be a support for Clinical staff after hours. Lois can be contacted on pager 47773.

## Policy & Procedure

The Fairfield Policy & Procedure website has recently updated nine different Policy & procedures. Any enquires regarding policies, please contact Sajma Khan/Maria Pron on 68358/68118.

## Ipad to Assist with Hand Hygiene Audits

Hundreds of hand Hygiene Audits are conducted at Fairfield Hospital each month which are then submitted online to Hand Hygiene Australia's (HHA) national database. In furthering the hospital commitment to hand Hygiene. Fairfield Hospital is pleased to announce a recent purchase of an Ipad. The Ipad has been purchased specifically for hand hygiene and will allow audits to be conducted much more efficiently by removing the need for unnecessary paperwork. Auditors are now able to directly log on to the HHAs website using the Ipad and input date in real time.

The success of the Ipad hand Hygiene audits may potentially expand its use for additional audits conducted within the hospital.

For more information regarding access and training, please speak to your direct manager.



## Congratulations!

Best Wishes and Congratulations to Danijela (Boskovic) Social Worker who married Zoran Vusovic on Saturday 17 November 2012 in Rooty Hill. The reception was held in Albert Palais, Leichhardt and the newly married couple is enjoying their honeymoon in Mauritius.



*Congratulations to Ward 1C and Dr Harry Doan from Emergency who are our winners for the October and November Stockland Mall Gift Vouchers. HDU has received letters of thank you from patients and carers for the outstanding patient care provided to them during their hospital journey and Dr Harry Doan has been broadly recognised by staff for his ongoing dedication and commitment in making Fairfield Hospital a safe and lovely place to work.*



## Salary Packaging

Fairfield Hospital 11 December

HR MEETING ROOM

To make an appointment call

9828 6900

An advertisement for the My Stockland App. It features a purple background with a hand holding a smartphone displaying the app's interface. The text reads: 'I like a convenient App, but love one that's fun.' Below this, it says 'Download or update the My Stockland App now.' At the bottom, it says 'for iPhone &amp; Android' and 'now online shopping'.