

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital



Message From The GM

It is with very mixed feelings I write this article for our Newsletter.

Firstly we have some exciting news with the signing off by the Ministry of Health on the tender for the Project Manager for our ED/ESSU/MAU refurbishment – getting closer and closer to a start date.

Secondly our new generator has finally been installed and is fully operational after much time and testing.

Thirdly, the refurbishment of our Cafeteria into a food outlet and retail centre has now been awarded to Zouki a very well respected food provision

company with design planning, ordering of equipment and other necessary construction works to commence in the near future, however given the usual Christmas downtime – handover will occur around March 2017 when service should commence in full.

Finally – all equipment purchased from very generous donations from various community groups has arrived and been tested by Bio-Medical and placed. We are now in the process of gathering the various groups to come in for

morning/afternoon teas and unveil plaques that have been placed on the equipment and of course associated photos shoots.

Now with sadness I announce the impending retirement of our much loved DON&M Barbara Chapman after some 22 years service at Fairfield – Barbara will be missed not only by the Executive, but by all nursing and other staff at Fairfield – we wish Barbara all the best for a health retirement.

Finally – last Sunday we saw the passing of Craig Lawson our AHNM – a very kind, gentle and highly regarded and loved staff member – he will be missed.

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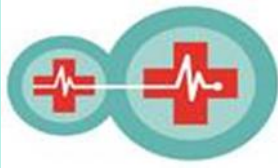
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Afternoon Tea with our Vietnamese Community

A heart felt thank you to our Vietnamese Community for their amazing fundraising efforts earlier this year which helped the Hospital purchase an ultrasound machine, a recliner and electric scales for our Antenatal Clinic. The group are already working towards a bigger fundraising event for 2017 to support the Hospital further with purchasing more equipment. Their efforts and partnership are very much appreciated and valued by the Hospital.



Intensive Care Unit in 2017



Have you seen this symbol???

It is a symbol of a larger care hospital supporting a smaller intensive care hospital symbolising the wider network of Intensive Care Support.

It is also the symbol of a very exciting time at Fairfield Hospital as the High Dependency Unit transitions into a level 4 Adult Intensive Care Unit in 2017.

Intensive care services are a precious and costly resource and the implementation of the Intensive Care Service Model across NSW will improve the delivery of intensive care services and the care of the critically ill patient.

The level 4 Adult Intensive Care Unit at Fairfield Hospital will service the community of Fairfield and in doing so will ensure our sickest patients are kept as close to their home and loved ones as possible leading to improved patient and carer experience in a unit lead by designed specialist medical and nursing staff.

Implementation of this exciting transition is expected to be completed by 2017 and will provide clinical care to our patients requiring both intensive care and a level

of care which cannot be provided in other areas of the Hospital.

The implementation is in collaboration with the Agency of Clinical Innovation (ACI) who will be partnering with Fairfield Hospital and together we will be developing models of care that will ensure optimal provision of clinical practise and safe patient care. We look forward to bring you more information as this exciting new transition unfolds.



Pinkintensive Care Day organised by the HDU team raised over \$200. Thank you so much for your

overwhelming support and the generosity shown. Congratulations to all winners of the Lolly Jar Guessing Competition.

Operation Angel Award



Congratulations to Marita Vecchio, a Social Worker at Fairfield who recently was the recipient of the Kidney Health Australia "Operation Angel Award" in recognition of her extraordinary determination and passion to the dialysis patients as well as her dedication and commitment to Kidney Health Awareness Week each year. This is a very prestigious award as it is a key part of the National Awards Program that recognises the unsung heroes of the Kidney sector.



Community Participation & Engagement

The 10th Annual Consumer & Community Participation took place at the Warwick on 21 October 2016. Consumers, staff and executives from Fairfield Hospital attended the day. The Conference included amazing speakers, valuable workshops, dedicated carers, staff and consumers participating and engaging throughout the day.

On the day, the "Donate Life Arabic DVD Project" was also launched which highlighted the importance and benefits of Organ Donation within the Arabic Community.

Consumers play an integral role of providing better health care within our Hospitals and we value and appreciate their commitment.

If you are interested in becoming a consumer representative at Fairfield Hospital, contact: Robyn El-Khair on 9616 8830 or via email: robynelkhair@sswahs.nsw.gov.au



A **HUGE** thank you to Credit Union Bankstown City who have donated 2 mini Ipads for Fairfield Hospital Staff recognition awards which will be held on Thursday 24 November 2016.

The Credit Union is also working with Fairfield Hospital on providing more donation in 2017.

They will also have a stand on the day with discounted bank rates for staff.



International Infection Prevention Week

Fairfield Hospital celebrated International Infection Prevention Week, 17th to 21st October 2016. Activities for the week included: Hand Hygiene promotion station, IV management station, and interactive cleaning station. Many entries to the "Infection Prevention Starts With Me", sign the pledge competition were received and the competition was fierce. The signed pledges outlined health care workers' commitment to infection prevention and promise to set examples for patient safety. Judged by the Infection Control Committee, the prizes were awarded to Medical Assessment Unit for exceptional level of commitment and Ward 2A for creativity.



World Mental Health Day



On the 10th of October Fairfield Hospital celebrated the 2016 annual World Mental Health Day. The theme for 2016 is "Learn to Grow". The aim of this event was to encourage all of us, whether we have experienced mental illness or not, to learn and understand the importance of looking after our mental health. To celebrate Mental Health Month at Fairfield Hospital and as part of the Bounce Back Program a display was held in the front foyer of the Hospital with resources and information provided in English and various other languages. Information packs were distributed throughout Hospital wards and departments.

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National Carers Week



There are over 2.8 million carers in Australia and National Carers Week is a time to acknowledge the outstanding contribution made by

unpaid family, friends and carers. In Australia, carers spend a total of 36 million hours providing care and support every week to a family member or friend who has a disability, mental illness, drug and /or alcohol dependency, chronic condition, terminal illness or who is frail. The value of that unpaid care is \$1.1 billion per week.

Fairfield Hospital and the team of Aged Care (Dementia Advisory) acknowledged the carers group for our district at the Dementia Café by presenting them morning tea and a pot of flowers. The Hospital is encouraging staff and carers to join partnerships for best outcomes for the patient and the carer.





Congratulations to our GP unit at Fairfield Hospital as the Fairfield Electronic Practice Based Research Network came second in the NSW Sydney Research Hub Prize.

Dr. Michael Tam from the GP Unit also received one of the conjoint teaching awards at UNSW Medicine. A great achievement by the GP Unit that is open to the general community and staff of Fairfield.

The 18th Annual NSW Health Awards 2016 were held on 28 October 2016. Fairfield's WJRC entry "Equal access for the culturally and linguistically diverse community" made it to the finals.

In 60 seconds Maria Pron—Quality & Accreditation Manager presented the purpose of the project

"I would like you to imagine 2 patients, Mrs Jones 76 who speaks English and Mr Odisto 82 who only speaks Arabic. Both have been placed on the waiting list for knee replacement surgery.

Mrs Jones is called within a week to book her initial pre operation assessment appointment, however for Mr Odistio, the interpreter is booked and the appointment details are sent in a letter to him.

Mrs Jones attends her appointment, Mr Odistio fails to attend. As you can see the appointment bookings process for the CALD community was clinician centred and very little to no involvement of the patient.

By collaborations with our CALD community, we redesigned the process making it more patient focused for our entire community. The new process resulted in a 35% increase in attendance by our CALD community, making it in par with our English speaking community."



Our DON retiring

It is with great regret to announce the impending retirement of Ms Barbara Chapman—Fairfield Director of Nursing & Midwifery. Barbara came to Fairfield Hospital in May 1994 as the Deputy Director of Nursing and has given incredible loyal, dedicated and passionate years of service to this Hospital and will be sorely missed, not only by our Executive, but all of the Nursing Division and all other Divisions within Fairfield. Barbara has decided to have a short period of leave and then retire on 20 November 2016. Fairfield Hospital will be organising a farewell for her in the coming weeks.



Passing of Mr Craig Lawson—AHNM

It is with the heaviest of hearts to inform the passing of Craig Lawson—Fairfield After Hours Nurse Manager.

Craig commenced work at Fairfield in February 1998 and was extremely loyal and professional caring Nurse and Manager.

Many of the staff have worked with Craig and the loss weighs greatly on a lot of Fairfield staff.

Craig was a true gentleman, had a wicked sense of humour even in these difficult last weeks of his life and would always do anything to help anyone. Our sincere condolences to Craig's wife and son from all the staff at Fairfield and offer any support we can provide to them. Craig's funeral will take place on Friday 4 November at Pinegrove Cemetery from 1.30pm



Fairfield Hospital's



International Stop Pressure Injury Day

'Design a Door'

Competition

Thursday 17th November

Create a door display in your ward/unit/department with the theme



pressure injuries

Judging will occur on

Thursday 17th November

With a prize for the most creative door

Wear orange on the day to support Pressure Injury Prevention