

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital

### Message From The GM

Well, we were all thinking winter had finally gone away. Maybe it did, but somehow we are experiencing the long tail of winter still wagging. We have been fairly busy both in the Ward areas and the Emergency Department.

Whilst this has been challenging across the LHD, we have been able to meet the needs of our community and worked with Liverpool in managing patient loads across both sites. We must remember that some of our patients need access to higher care than we provide at Fairfield, and they go to Liverpool for that care.

Our ability to accept transfers from Liverpool allows our patient great access to higher level care, and also when we accept them back it gives our patients and families the ability to be cared for very close to home. We just have to remember that team work extends across the LHD and every now and then we get a slight hiccup in communication, but mostly it works well.

We are busy locking in a date for the 30th Birthday celebration for Fairfield. Lots of work is happening in the background to make this happen. We are also working with the Ministers Office as he wishes to attend the day and see our fantastic staff and some of the work we do. I will keep you informed as the details firm up, but we will have the thankyou barbeque at this time for all the team work everyone did over winter.

I had the distinct honour of attending the 8th Patient Safety Seminar and Quality Awards and heard from some inspirational guest speakers and then saw the presentation of awards for the LHD winners and finalists. I was a very proud AGM when Yi Pan went up to accept her award, which in my mind was very well deserved. We do have a great bunch of staff who work here, and many of our staff work so hard to make the patients journey safe and high quality.

You will see many posters around the facility about CORE Chat. This is an important initiative that the managers will be undertaking over the next three months. If you would like to know more about CORE Chat please talk to your managers or stop me and chat to me about it whilst I do my daily rounds. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss CORE Chat with you.

We also participated in a few workshops across the LHD that was looking at our models of care and how we are working with these models across the LHD. Certainly the ones I attended were very informative, and our staff as always did a great job of presenting what we do at Fairfield.

Thanks to everyone for the work they do. Please remember we are here as employees to provide the safest care to our patients always.

Ken Hampson, A/General Manager

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### ED / MAU / ESSU Redevelopment

Leading up to Christmas and the New Year we are planning for Stages 9 and 10 (New Resus and Paediatrics) build which will hopefully be handed over to us before the New Year! Stage 7 which is currently nearing completion will be handed over to us by the end of the month. This will give us a new ambulance bay, disaster store room, treatment room, consult room, equipment room AND a Relatives Room! This will change our workflow in ED so please read the corresponding memo that will be circulated shortly. With all these new areas we need to ensure we are doing the best not to damage, scrap or dent the new space!

Let's keep it fresh!

Friday 30 November  
2018

9am to 2pm

Fairfield Hospital

Save  
The Date

- ◆ Open Day
- ◆ 30th Anniversary for Fairfield Hospital on this site
- ◆ Consumer & Community Participation Open Network Meeting
- ◆ Staff Recognition Awards and thank you BBQ
- ◆ Workplace Giving Program

FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL

## FUNDRAISING FOR NSW FARMERS

### “Fiva (\$5) for a Farmer”

Last month we reported on this

initiative, the brain child of Leeanne Gray. This month saw Fairfield Hospital Nurse Unit Managers Leeanne Gray and Belinda Pellizzon (together with their partners) travelling to Lightning Ridge Multi Purpose Service to present a \$5,828.95 cheque from this initiative. A hamper won at the Palliative Care Trivia Night was also generously donated to the MPS. Cheque and Hamper presented to Vicky Scott HSM and Kerry Irvin - Nurse Manager. **GREAT EFFORT!**

**HUGE** thank you to all the generous staff at Fairfield. The Fairfield Hospital Family ensured this venture was such a great success.



Fairfield staff members Michelle Robertson and Belinda Lloyd also organised donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and other items from Fairfield Hospital staff. The donations were dropped off at The Little Juddies collection centre. From there, they will be delivered to the Drought Angels who are helping drought stricken farmers in Queensland. Rita White from our Food Services also organised a raffle to raise funds for this group.

The **Fairfield** Hospital family has demonstrated that we are always more than willing to lend a hand to help not only their own community but any community in need. The generosity of all the staff who donated so much confirms how much our Fairfield Hospital Family cares for others in need. **THANK YOU TO ALL**

## Community Engagement

The 12th Annual Community & Consumer Participation Conference was clearly a huge success this year. Consumer involvement and World Café feedback sessions took this year’s conference to a new platform. An enormous thank you to our very own consumer representative Sammi Sayed who, along with Maternity Manager Stephanie Nunn, presented our successful ‘Fairfield Maternity interviews in CALD languages’ project. Sammi was instrumental in the project and it’s success. Fairfield posters highlighting our consumer engagement, documents translations and consumer rounding were very popular. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the overall positive impact of the day.

Fairfield Hospital is looking forward to hosting it’s annual open Consumer & Community Participation meeting on Wednesday 31 October 2018. This forum is an opportunity to learn about your local hospital and how the consumer network is an integral part of the planning and delivery of it’s services.



### Moon Festival

Mercy Omega - Chronic Respiratory Case Manager & Tobacco Treatment Professional, Fairfield

Hospital was part of the health promotion staff at the Moon Festival on Sunday 23 September 2018. The Cabramatta Moon Festival takes part in the heart of the Cabramatta CBD every year. The festival is recognised as one of Sydney’s largest and brightest Asian Cultural Celebrations, attracting over 90,000 people across Sydney and NSW.

The stall drew a large number of people of all ages, and was staffed by workers from Bankstown, Liverpool and the Quit Line. Mercy said ‘It’s amazing how many people actually think of quitting smoking but never get the courage to go for it, and were happy to find people who can actually direct them on the right pathway’.





## Stroke Awareness Day

Ward 1A staff held a Stroke Awareness Day as part of the annual National Stroke Week which was 3rd to 9th September.

Dr Lucy Ban, Deputy Director of Emergency Services presented together with an Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Dietitian and Diabetic educators. Activities such as the tie game—speed with which someone could put on a tie with their non-dominant hand—were organised for staff and guests to stroke raise awareness in a fun and engaging way.

In 2018 will see almost 50,000 new and recurrent strokes—that is one stroke every nine minutes. Stroke is medical emergency so dial triple zero (000) immediately if some one is experiencing a stroke. Getting fast treatment can make the difference between death, disability and good recovery.

Acknowledgement and thanks to our wonderful sponsoring partners:

- ◆ HOYTS for sponsoring the 2 movie vouchers
- ◆ Grill'd for the meal vouchers
- ◆ Boehringer Ingelheim for sponsoring afternoon tea.



## 2D Maternity Shared Space



On Friday 28th September 2018, Maternity staff and guests celebrated the opening of a new 'shared space'. It will still be used as an open waiting room / visitor space, but will now also cater as a learning space for in-house parent and staff education. The opening was celebrated with an International Feast Luncheon. Staff contributed to the lunch with meals from their own cultural heritage. Hazel Simeon, Midwifery Unit Manager "cut the ribbon", and special guest Dr Harry Doan, Director Medical Services formally congratulated the Maternity team on their new space.

The Luncheon was also used to farewell Amal Zeiddan (pictured left, receiving flowers) from her role with Newborn Hearing Screening. Amal has been a much loved and valued member of the Maternity team and will be missed by all.

The new shared space is yet to be named so watch this space for updates.

Thank you for the team effort involved—from support to our vision for the room, through to the celebration enjoyed on the day.



NATIONAL **CARERS** 14-20 OCTOBER  
**WEEK 2018**

**Carers Week celebration  
Fairfield Hospital**

**Free Coffee & Tea vouchers for**

**All Carers!**

Vouchers will be distributed on the wards during Carers Week, along with goodie bags for carers.

**Staff** who complete the HETI module

**'Partnering with Carers'**

Course Code: 58522287

will also receive a voucher. Just email your certificate of completion to Robyn:

[Robyn.Elkhair@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Robyn.Elkhair@health.nsw.gov.au)

**There are 100 Zouki coffee/tea vouchers available.**

**For more information, contact Robyn on:**

**9616 8830**



A heart-felt thanks to Grill'd Burgers at Wetherill Park for their ongoing support. Store manager, Shavar Kanniappen with his staff, personally delivered toys for our Paediatric Ward. Your generosity will help brighten the hospital stay for children.

**Stockland Wetherill Park  
Food Court**

**SOUL  
ORIGIN**  
FEED YOUR SOUL

Soul Origin Wetherill Park also donated **over 100 lunch vouchers** for Fairfield Staff as part of their 3rd birthday celebrations.

Vouchers were distributed to staff as a "Thank You" for all their hard efforts through out the winter period.

**Important Notice**

Mrs Kim Silverstone, Human Resources Officer, is on leave until 19 November 2018.

Welcome to Ms Stevie Roberts, who is relieving in this position.

Stevie can be contacted on 9616 8123 or via email.



Congratulations to Yi Pan (Fairfield CNC—Infection Control, pictured above right) **winner of the 2018 SWSLHD Patient Safety Champion Individual Award.** Yi is a well deserving recipient who has championed infection control at Fairfield Hospital amazingly. A true leader empowering staff to become leaders.

Yi presented Fairfield Hospital's "Hand Hygiene Better Together – Improving Medical Compliance" quality improvement project at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Infection Control Conference in Hong Kong on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2018. The project expressed our hospital's commitment to Infection Prevention and received positive responses from Infection Prevention professional around the globe.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

