

News from the Field

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Fairfield Hospital



Message From The GM



I am pleased and excited to share that Fairfield Hospital is getting a new Digital X-Ray Machine. The six weeks instalment process will commence on 4 June 2012. This is a great achievement for Fairfield as it is the first digital equipment purchased for the facility.

On Monday 28 May, I met with the Local Health District to discuss budget build up for the next financial year. During May we were also fortunate to showcase our Hospital the Local Health District Board.

Emergency performance for the month of May was impressive particularly for ED patient discharged within 4 hours (64.7%).

Advertising for the fourth medical team has occurred. This team will assist with work loads and allow more time for patient care and documentation.

As part of the winter strategies, we have funding to employ a dedicated ward orderly for the ED and a ED Nurse Unit Manager for the evening shift.

A special thank you to Stocklands Mall who presented Fairfield this month with a cheque for \$800 which will contribute towards purchasing an

oxygen analyser for the Paediatric ward.



Finally, I would like to wish Sophie Sharman our Trainee Graduate every success in her next placement within the district. It has been a pleasure having her on the Fairfield team over the past three months.

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SWSLHD Board Visits Fairfield

The South Western Sydney Local Health District Board came to visit Fairfield on Monday 28 May 2012.

The visit began with a presentation by the Director of Emergency Dr Harry Doan on the new four hour target



The Board then enjoyed afternoon tea with staff and community representatives.

The visit ended with the board then moving into the boardroom to conduct the May Board Meeting.



HCF
More for members.

HCF corporate representative Belinda Hemingway visited Fairfield on Friday 11 May 2012 to discuss Health Insurance queries for staff. For more info email: bhemingway@hcf.com.au

New District Website

The South Western Sydney Local health District (SWS LHD) has a new look website which now available at www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au The redesigned site comes after months of consultation from a large number of staff. The site now covers a large range of services and facilities for the LHD.

“This is the first stage of the site’s development. Over the coming months we will be working with hospital staff and consumers to develop the facility and service websites that sit behind the District site”, said District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin.

“I would like to thank all those involved in the website development and appreciate your feedback”



Community

Consumer and Community Participation Framework

The South Western Sydney Local health District launched the 2012 Consumer Participation Framework on Monday 14 May 2012 at Liverpool Hospital with the attendance of The Hon Jillian Skinner – NSW Minister for Health and Medical Research who officially cut the ribbon and launched the Framework.

The Chief executive Amanda Larkin, Consumer representatives and staff were also present at the launch with many other guests.

The new framework came together with the invaluable contribution of members of the Consumer and Community participation Framework Working Party, Consumer and Community Council. Community representatives, health consumers, carers and health service staff.

Activities

Sorry Day

Fairfield Hospital acknowledged “National Sorry Day” on Friday 25 May 2012. This day refers to the Stolen Generations who were Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.



Health Promotion

A new Health promotion Strategic Plan for the period of 2012-2017 is in the development process. A consultation workshop was held on 29 May 2012 at the Fairfield Community health Centre.

Community members, health and no health staff and agencies were invited to come and provide their views.

Policy & Procedures

The Fairfield hospital policy and procedure website has recently being updated.

Research Strategy

Over the past couple of months considerable consultation took place in developing two papers focusing on future local research directions. Following from that consultation forums have been organised to discuss the two papers in detail and to ensure that key issues are identified.

These forums are open to researchers, managers, staff and consumers.

The Fairfield Community Participation Network attended the forum held at Bankstown on 31 May .

Your Say

As a result of the 2011 "Your Say" staff workplace culture survey, Fairfield hospital has implemented an action plan to tackle the issues raised in the survey.

The top four drivers were identified for both positive and negative issues in consultation with the Clinical Council, Service Managers and the Hospital Improvement Committee.

The positive drivers were:

* My job makes good use of my skills and abilities ; I am given the opportunity to complete my annual mandatory training requirements as part of my every day work. The areas requiring improving, and which the Hospital is committed to improving are: too many approvals are required for routine decisions and at my workplace we are too focused on monitoring rather than delivering services.

Each of these recommendations now have actions and progress reports to improve processes.

The most exciting progress is that tablets are being purchased to assist with direct data entry. This will be a measured Quality Improvement project for the hospital.



International Nurses Day

As part of the celebrations for International Nurses Day 2012, Fairfield Hospital expressed its gratitude to staff by hosting a BBQ on Friday 11 May followed by an afternoon tea in the cafeteria where awards were presented to staff and the 200 club winner was announced. Fairfield Hospital also hosted the inaugural Nurses and Midwifery Showcase. This was a day long

symposium which exhibited the programs and research that nurses are involved in from each hospital in the District. Fairfield Director of Nursing Barbara Chapman said : "Nurses are the backbone of our health system, with a majority of people relying on their outstanding commitment to patient care at some point'."

"A nurses role is crucial and has come a long way over the years. "Not only

do they provide important patient care, but also possess advanced clinical knowledge and support other members of the Health Care System"



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Education / Research

Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 9 May 2012 was presented by Department of Anesthetics on the topic of : "*Analgesia for Hip and Knee Replacement* " by Dr Giles Sampson.

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 29 May 2012 was presented by Pharmacy Department on the topic of "*Medication Reviews and Medication Safety*".

Library

The May issue of "I didn't know that" included articles on infectious disease, medical documentation, self management of upper limb after a stroke and understanding and overcoming barriers to medical errors.

Currently the library is also running a survey to improve information services.



Respecting The Difference Launch

South Western Sydney LHD launched "Respecting the Difference" which is a cultural awareness training package on 17 May 2012 at Liverpool Hospital.

Fairfield Hospital held its own local launch on Friday 29 June 2012.



Appointments

Ms Belinda Lloyd has been seconded to the position of Nursing Unit Manager High Dependency Unit until February 2013. Belinda has many years of critical care experience

Duties Bring Joy

Meet our Williams mother daughter nurse team at Fairfield Hospital. Megan, 26 has been a nurse for six years whilst her mother Christine has been walking the halls of Fairfield Hospital for over 38 years. Christine is the nursing manager of the rehabilitation unit whilst Megan works in the maternity ward as a midwife. Both mother and daughter were recognised as part of International Nurses Day for their dedication and expertise.



OH&S

The Occupational Health and Safety department was busy during the month of May preparing for Safety Week.

The launch of the Safety month was held on Tuesday 5 June with fantastic support of staff and committee members.

Many exciting, relevant and educational activities are planned throughout the month of June including: vaccinations, in house presentations, mandatory training and the opportunity to visit different departments and stamping your *health and well-being passport*.

The most exciting of the activities is the Egg-lympic games held on the 28 June.

For full details of the month activities see your manager or contact Theresa Tran—OHS Manager (9616 8348)



Salary Packing



A representative from Salary Packaging visited Fairfield Hospital on Thursday 31 May 2012.

Salary packaging reduces an employees taxable income, reducing the amount of tax payable, which increases take home pay. This is done by packaging pre-tax income against non-cash benefits. For more information visit: [Http://intranet.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/hrr/salarypack/documents/flyer.pdf](http://intranet.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/hrr/salarypack/documents/flyer.pdf).

The SWSLHD salary packaging is relocating to Bangala Eastern Campus Liverpool from 7/6/12. New contact details for SWSLHD **HOTLINE 9828 6900**

Your Healthcare

The updated - Your HealthCare "Rights and Responsibilities" booklets have been distributed throughout Fairfield hospital wards and departments. An electronic version is also available on the SWSLHD website. Other languages can also be accessed electronically. This booklet in essence provides information on the rights and responsibilities of NSW Health services and staff and patients and carers.



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