

# News from the Field

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## Fairfield Hospital



## Message From The GM

With the winter season essentially coming to a close, I would like to thank all staff for their incredible hard work. Despite the many challenges, Fairfield still managed to exceed its National Emergency Access Targets (NEAT) for the past three weeks running.

The Fourth Medical Team is going well, and feedback from staff indicate that their contribution is helping deliver better patient care.

The steering committee for Activity Based Funding (ABF) is steadily working with the clinicians to gain a better understanding of the processes and the role each will have under the new health funding reform. Working together will ensure that funding is allocated directly to patient care and it

allows for greater accountability.

Fairfield is also conducting a review of its radiology services to identify system and process improvements to better support the department, patients and other hospital departments it services.

I would like to wish Jonathan Lee our Trainee Graduate every success in his next placement within the District. It has been a pleasure having him on the Fairfield team over the past four months. Parisa Ghassemi will commence in October as the new trainee and we look forward to working with her.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Dr.

Mushtaq Malik, Medical Superintendent of Fairfield for his 21 years of commitment and dedication to Fairfield Hospital and approximately 40 years service to this District. He has commenced 12 months leave. His knowledge, expertise, humour and tenacity will be sorely missed by all. Whilst seeking to recruit for the Medical Superintendent position, I wish Dr. Malik all the best and would like to offer him our sincere thanks.

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## GP Clinic

The General Practice unit (GP) at Fairfield Hospital plays a crucial part in supporting patient care. Some of the things that the clinic offers include:

- \* Working with the Fairfield Hospital Emergency Department, Ambulatory Care and Connecting Care services to integrate care with the general practice.
- \* Liaising with Local Health District and Fairfield Hospital to connect them with the general practice.
- \* Carrying out research into

local chronic disease care, needs in cancer care, the connection between academic performance and the health of local students.

- \* Establishing an electronic practice based on research network.
- \* Providing high quality training to GP registrars and UNSW students.
- \* Providing monthly seminars on topics of interest and relevance to the registrars and practicing clinicians.

The GP Clinic is also an accredited Yellow fever

Vaccination Provider. Recently the GP unit has joined with South Western Sydney Cancer Services, the Ingham Institute and the South Western Sydney Medicare Local to find out what will make a difference at the grass roots general practice level.

For further information or feedback, please contact: Dr. Harry Doan Director of Emergency and Ambulatory Care on 96168145 or email [harry.doan@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:harry.doan@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)



# Community

## Consumer and Community Participation Framework

The Fairfield Community and Participation network attended the Annual Community and Participation conference on Friday 28 September 2012 at the Campbelltown Catholic Club.

It was a very productive day full of work shops and information sessions given by District Executives and Clinicians on "hot topics" that were chosen for the day. The Fairfield network also had the opportunity to spend time with Mr. Graeme Loy, (SWSLHD Director of Operations) to talk about any issues or concerns that they had for Fairfield. A big thank you to Lynda Johnston for all the hard work she put in to make the day a success for the network members and the district.



At the October network meeting, a planning day will be held to map out projects and events that the network would like to be involved in for 2013.

## Patient Liaison Officer

Fairfield Hospital Patient Liaison Officer (PLO) Erin Riley will start a new and exciting role with the Community Care Team, Sydney Local Health District. Her last day at Fairfield will be the 19 October 2012. She has done an outstanding job over the past 18 months in the PLO position. We wish her every success in her new career journey.



# Multicultural Health Week

Multicultural Health Week celebrations were held on 25 September 2012 at the Aged Day Respite Service, Fairfield Community Health Centre.

The event was a great success with a large number of attendees from many different cultural backgrounds that represent the Fairfield Community.

Guest speakers on the day included the Mayor of Fairfield Frank Carbone and the Philippine Consul General Anne Jalando -on Louise.

The highlight of the event were performances by the Clients of the centre. All that attended also enjoyed a morning tea and a light lunch.



# Computer Classes

Fairfield City Library Service is running single sessions of Basic Computing, Email and Google/Internet at Cabramatta, Wetherill Park and Fairfield libraries in Term 4, 2012.

All classes will be run in English, however tutors are bilingual.

All sessions are \$5.00 each include training on internet safety as well as handout notes.

Participants are required to make payment at time of booking. For more information call:

Fairfield Library: 9725 0369  
Cabramatta Library: 9725 0365  
Wetherill Park Library: 9725 0338



# Health Work Shop

Do you speak Assyrian, Kmer or Spanish and would you like to meet like minded women that like to share artistic skills and learn new ones? THEN why not attend the free Health Information and Art Work shop at the Fairfield Immigrant Women's Health Service.

The work shop is run every Thursday from 12.30-2.30pm.

For further information contact:

Ravy: 0425 291 528  
Marlin: 0417 048 019  
Marisa: 0414 594 471

# Falls Sticker

The Falls Sticker project in ward 1B / Rehabilitation was an initiative to help alert and facilitate awareness of patients having had a fall and are then subsequently at a higher risk of falling again. The sticker was trialled and on survey was found to have been well accepted by staff.

When a patient has a fall, the sticker is completed and placed in the patient's clinical record. This project was done in conjunction with Campbelltown

SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT  
**IN HOSPITAL FALL: POST FALL REVIEW**  
[ ] WITNESSED [ ] UNWITNESSED  
Ward: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Room/bed number: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of Fall: [ ] Bed area [ ] Patient's room [ ] Bathroom [ ] Corridor [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Falls Risk Score: Pre fall score: \_\_\_\_\_ Post fall score: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pre fall score: \_\_\_\_\_ BP: \_\_\_\_\_ Pulse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post fall score: \_\_\_\_\_ RR: \_\_\_\_\_ SpO2: \_\_\_\_\_ SG: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Continue Observations as per Falls Management Risk Chart)  
Name of RSG notified: \_\_\_\_\_ Page Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date - Time notified: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notified by: [ ] YES [ ] NO  
Planned notification if answer NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary cognitive impairment: [ ] Yes [ ] No Pain / Incontinence: [ ] Yes [ ] No  
Delirium present: [ ] Yes [ ] No Near CT: [ ] Yes [ ] No  
E-Tag: [ ] Yes [ ] No  
Complete documentation in progress notes as per Falls policy including details of investigations, interventions and follow-up referrals.

Hospital. There are plans to trial the sticker throughout other wards in the hospital and the Local Health District. Fairfield Hospital is also looking at introducing Safety Champions in each ward like Bankstown Hospital who meet on a monthly basis to look at and implement falls strategies.

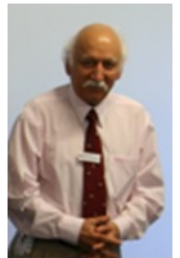
## Dr Mushtaq Malik – Medical Superintendent

Dr. Mushtaq Malik, Medical Superintendent has commenced annual leave from 2 October 2012 for one year.

Dr. Malik has been an institution at Fairfield Hospital, having been here for 21 years. He has provided expert advice to many people over this time and provided a very solid foundation for medical services at Fairfield

Hospital. His knowledge, professionalism and expertise is well recognised and he will be very sorely missed.

To wish Dr Malik all the best during his well deserved break, a lunch was organised for him on Thursday 27 September 2012 at the Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre where all staff past and present were invited to attend.



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## Education / Research

### Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 12 September 2012 was presented by Cancer Services on the topic of “Unusual clots – How haematology can give you a headache” by Dr. Danny Hsu, Consultant haematologist, Liverpool Hospital. Grand Rounds on Wednesday 26 September was presented by Department of Orthopaedics on the topic of “Recent advances in shoulder surgery” by Dr. Chandra Dave, Orthopaedic Surgeon.

### Fairfield Community Drug – Action Team

The Fairfield Community Drug Action Team are seeking new members to join. They meet every 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Fairfield City Council lunch room from 2pm – 4pm. Community Drug Action Teams (also known as CDATs) have representation from government and non-government agencies, community, volunteers and local business and welfare organisations to respond to the impact of drugs and alcohol in their community. Each team operates according to the objectives in the 1999 NSW Drug Summit Government Plan of Action. Over the years CDAT has been working actively to address issues relating to drug use and impacts and prevention.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 October 2012. For further information contact Project officer Joe Gormley via email: [joseph.gormely@sswahs/health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:joseph.gormely@sswahs/health.nsw.gov.au)

## Appointments

Fairfield Hospital is pleased to announce that Ms. Christine Parker has been successful in the appointment of Workforce Nurse Manager. Ms. Parker will take up her duties commencing Monday 22 October 2012. Ms. Parker brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position having worked at a number of Hospitals in both New South Wales and Queensland.

## Relieving Positions

The Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services, Barbara Chapman will be on leave from 22 October to 4 November 2012 inclusive. At this time Ms. Lynda Byrnes will be acting in her role and Ms. Belinda Pellizzon will be Acting Operational Nurse Manager. Please support these staff during their period of relieving.

## WH&S

Ms Cveta Andary commenced in the role of Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) Manager on Tuesday 18 September 2012. Cveta comes to the role with extensive experience in Workplace Health and Safety in the public and private sectors. She will be working on a part time basis, which will be six (6) hours per day, five (5) days per fortnight.

Cveta's contact details are:  
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Phone:: 9616 8348 Fax: 9616 8240  
Pager: 47892  
Email: Cveta.andary@sswahs.nsw.gov.au  
Please join me in welcoming Cveta to Fairfield.

## Salary Packaging



FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL

MEAL ENTERTAINMENT ROAD SHOW

STAFF CAFETERIA

TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2012

7.30AM-12.30AM

FESTIVE SEASON, MEAL ENTERTAINMENT, SELF CATERED FUNCTIONS.

ALL QUESTIONS ANSWERED

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND HAVE A CUPPA

## Feedback Questionnaire

### Employee of the Month – Feedback Questionnaire

An evaluation of the Employee of the Month award is currently being undertaken to obtain feedback from employees. Your feedback is highly valued in improving the current process and will be used to evaluate the Employee of the Month (EOM) award to make process improvements. Please return the questionnaire to Human Resources by COB Friday 12 October 2012. The award was introduced to recognise and reward outstanding employees and /or teams for their commitment, clinical service, innovation, customer service, leadership and excellence performance on a monthly basis.

*Congratulations to the staff from HDU/CCU who are the winners of our September Stockland Mall gift voucher for receiving thank you letters from patients and carers in September for outstanding service and compassion they provided.*



Wetherill Park