

# News from the Field

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## Fairfield Hospital



## Message From The GM

Fairfield Hospital has had good start to the year with the overall national Emergency Access Target (NEAT) met. A big thank you to all staff for their hard work in contributing to these results.

Fairfield Hospital NEAT results have also being acknowledged at District Level for their success.

January 2013 was the hottest month on record as a result five elderly residents of Fairfield were admitted to the Emergency Department due to the heat.

The General Manager and Medical Superintendent positions are still in the recruitment process.

We are anticipating that the commencement of our new graduate nurses will happen in February. In the meantime, Fairfield hospital has welcomed the new medical interns for 2013.

On the 27 February, an official launch for DonateLife campaign will be held at Liverpool Hospital with other forums to follow at Fairfield to encourage organ and tissue donations. (See page 2 for more information).

The auxiliary will be celebrating thirty years of service to Fairfield hospital during the month of February.

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## Welcome to the new INTERNS

Fairfield Hospital has welcomed new interns for the term one roster which began on 21 January 2013.

Sachitra Fernando and Ravishankar Raju will be in the Department of Medicine.

David Ross for this roster will be between Neurology and Medicine.

Elise Pasco for this term will be in Department of Medicine and Cardiology.

Thuy An will be in Surgery with Maria Zajackowska

who also assist in Gastroenterology.

The Orthopaedic interns for this roster will be Lahib Rahman and Galabadage Jayasinghe.

Sarah Maloney is assigned to the Emergency Department whilst Liang Xu and Chin Leng Poh will be in Geriatrics/Rehabilitation department.

The term one roster will finish on 7 April 2013.



Looking for people who started PTS training in February 1963 at Fairfield District Hospital and those that sat their finals with that group for a 50 year reunion! Call Margaret Rossiter 0432 402 290 or email: [margyross5@gmail.com](mailto:margyross5@gmail.com)



## DonateLife Week 2013

You are invited to the  
South Western Sydney  
Local Health District  
launch of

**DonateLife**  
**Week 2013**  
SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY – SUNDAY 3 MARCH

**Wednesday 27 February 2013**

at **10.30am**

Conference Room 1  
Thomas and Rachel Moore  
Education Centre  
**Liverpool Hospital**

A BBQ lunch will follow  
Please RSVP by Monday 11 February  
to [swsmedia@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:swsmedia@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)  
or (02) 9828 6848

*A Community Forum on organ and tissue  
donation will also be held at the Thomas  
and Rachel Moore Education Centre at  
Liverpool Hospital from 1pm.*

*The forum will provide facts to help you  
make an informed decision about your  
donation wishes.*



**Make your  
wish count**

discover, decide & discuss [www.donatelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelife.gov.au)

## Public UniSex Toilet

Fairfield Hospital would like to advise that a public unisex toilet has recently been commissioned and is located on Level 1 of Fairfield Hospital. The toilet is located off the Level 1 corridor, near Renal Dialysis Unit.



## Community

### Community Participation Network

The Consumer and Community Participation network will have their first meeting for 2013 on Friday 22 February 2013.

During February the network is also undertaking to complete a two part component in Hand Hygiene Auditing Training.

## Bus Service Success

Due to the success of the City Connect Bus Service, Fairfield Council has agreed to keep it running and has recently also added several new routes.

The service was introduced in July 2012 on a six month trail which ended January 2013.

Fairfield mayor Frank Carbone said "The City Connect Council Bus Service has been created to alleviate cost of living pressures our residents endure on a daily basis".

For more information on the Bus Service and the new routes, visit the Fairfield City Council site:

<http://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au>

# Better Communication

Fairfield Hospital is continually looking at strategies to better communication for staff and patients. Two strategies recently investigated and implemented include:

Addressing an EQuIP Periodic Review Recommendation, An Access Guide to Multicultural Services has been developed. This guide is available in an electronic and printed laminated version for staff. For more information, contact Maria Pron- Quality and Accreditation

Manager on 9616 8118.

The other is ComPurS (Communication with Purpose). Part of this excellence program is already implemented within some departments of the Hospital. Now the Performance and Redesign team is looking at rolling out the "A to E of Communication" strategy. The purpose of A to E of Communication will:

- \* Improve patient safety, patient health and outcomes.
- \* improved patient compliance and

reduced anxiety.

- \* Improved patient safety satisfaction and patient/carer experience.
- \* Implement good patient communications – always; every patient, every time.
- \* Standardised communication approach to all patients and carers and
- \* Improved staff morale – happier patients make it a better place to work.

For more information, contact – Christine Henderson – ComPurs Co-ordinator on 9828 6908.

# Delegations Manual

The South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) was formed in 2011 after the dissolution of the former Sydney South West Area Health Service (SSWAHS).

The Delegations Manual for the former Area Health Service was modified and adopted by the Local Health District as an interim model until a formal review was completed.

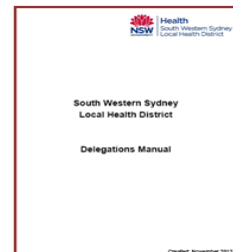
A revised delegations structure was developed and endorsed by the SWSLHD Board. The review has now been completed.

The approved Delegations Manual can be located at:

<http://intranet.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/swslhd/pdf/DelegationsManual.pdf>

Please ensure this document replaces any former SSWAHS Delegations

Manuals and your staff and managers are aware of this manual and their responsibilities within the manual.



## “Delegations Manual review completed for SWSLHD”

# Education / Research

## Grand Rounds

During January 2013 no Grand Presentations were given.

In February presentations will be given by the Infection Control and Medicine departments.

## Fairfield Library

Staff can access the list of Standards updated in the last 60 days from Fairfield Library.

Contact: Barbara Gifford on 9816 8226 or email:

[Barbara.gifford@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Barbara.gifford@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)

“The only thing you absolutely need to know is the location of the library”. – Albert Einstein

## Seniors Expo 2013

**Its on again**

**SENIORS DAY OUT EXPO 2013**

**Thursday 21 March 2013**

**10am-3pm**

**\$5 Entry includes light lunch @ CLUB MARCONI**

**Prairie Vale Road, Bossley Park**

**(Fairfield Hospital will be holding an information stall on the day)**

## Appointments

Ms Belinda Pellizzon commenced as the Acting Patient Safety Manger from Monday 21 January 2013 for a period of 3 month! Please be supportive of Belinda as she takes on this new and challenging role. Belinda can be contacted on extension 68046 or pager 47808.

Debbie Trimboli will be relieving as Nursing Unit Manager in the Emergency Department for the same period.

Mr Paul Miles – Director of Corporate Services and Finance is on Annual leave until 4 March 2013. From Monday 4 February 2013 Ms Kristen Ireland, Business Manager , Aged Care and Rehabilitation Services will be acting in the role of Director of Corporate Services and Finance. Ms Ireland is contactable on 9616 8105. Please note that for all revenue related matters continue to contact Mr Yun Tang on 9616 8109.

## Meal Receipt Notice

FROM THE **1/4/2012** EFTPOS OR CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED.

ONLY ORIGINAL DETAILED MEAL RECEIPTS ARE VALID FOR MEAL CLAIMS.

Meal entertainment claims for this FBT year should be included on your renewal form and sent together with your 'normal' packaging or extra fees apply. For more information call 9828 6900



## ACHS Survey

Fairfield Hospital will be undergoing an ACHS Organisation Wide Survey over 4 days from the **19-22 November 2013**.

During the 4 days Surveyors will be meeting with staff and patients to determine the facility's compliance to the **EQuIP National Standards**. These new standards were released in late 2012 and will shortly be available to staff via the Quality Management Folder on the X-Drive.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Pron – Quality and Accreditation Manager on 9 616 8118.

## WH&S

The District Work Health Safety Team will be running **Manual Handling –**

**Train the Trainer** sessions at Liverpool Hospital.

The sessions will be in two parts – Theory and Practical and are for both Clinical and Non-Clinical areas.

The sessions may also be utilised as a refresher for current trainers.

### Course Prerequisites:

1. Complete the online Manual Handling Train the Trainer (OHS1266) through (CEWD) <http://intranet.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/CEWD>

2. Register for Train the Trainer via CEWD (OHS1219)

3. Submit application utilising CEWD form and cc Cveta Andary (WHS Manger).

See below for session dates for both clinical and non clinical staff.

Session times are between 9.00am – 12.30pm



Dates:	THEORY SESSIONS Thomas & Rachel Moore	PRACTICAL SESSIONS Clinical Skills
February	Thursday - 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday - 27 <sup>th</sup>
April	Wednesday - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday - 24 <sup>th</sup>
June	Wednesday - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday - 26 <sup>th</sup>
August	Wednesday - 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday - 28 <sup>th</sup>
October	Wednesday - 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday - 15 <sup>th</sup>
December	Wednesday - 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday - 11 <sup>th</sup>