

# News from the Field

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## Fairfield Hospital



## Message From The GM

I would like to congratulate Mr Arnold Tammekand on his appointment to the position of General Manager, Fairfield Hospital commencing 11 March 2013.

Mr Tammekand brings to the position substantial experience in senior roles in various Health Services across Australia, most recently as General Manager, Central Australian Mental Health Service, Northern Territory.

In turn, I would like to thank the staff for their commitment and support whilst I was in the role. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Fairfield and will watch with interest how you develop. You provide an important and great service to the local

community and should feel very proud of your achievements. I wish Arnold and Fairfield Hospital every success into the future.

The month of February saw a decrease in presentations to our Emergency department as we are coming out of the holiday period.

The hospital is performing exceptionally well with its National Emergency Access Targets and is in the process of improving transfer of patients from the Emergency Department to the wards.

Equipment recently purchased for the hospital includes one Bariatric chair

and three extra computers on wheels (COWs) to assist with providing better patient care.

All new Medical and Nursing recruits have also now commenced their first term at Fairfield.

All staff have been busy preparing for the Numerical Profile Audit that will take place during mid April 2013.

The hospital also celebrated thirty years of Auxiliary dedication and support with a morning tea with the Executive Team. I would like to reiterate my thanks to the Auxiliary for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the hospital.

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## Fairfield Auxiliary Celebrates 30 years

Fairfield Auxiliary has celebrated 30 years of support and service with a commemorative morning tea with the Hospital executive team.

The Fairfield Auxiliary is very strong and plays a paramount role in raising funds for the Hospital. Their monthly stalls have raised over \$26,000 which have gone towards purchasing electric beds and defibrillators. Over the 30 years funds raised have purchased much needed equipment for patients and carers to provide

better care in the hospital.

Thank you to all the Auxiliary members for your tireless dedication and support.



### International Woman's Day 2013

*This International Woman's Day, support women experiencing violence by donating to the UN Women's Critical Services Initiative, to ensure that women have access to the services which will protect and support women and their children.*

**Donate online now:**

**[www.unwoman.org.au](http://www.unwoman.org.au)**



## Donate Life Week 2013

As part of Donate Life week 2013, Fairfield Hospital held an information stall about Organ and Tissue Donation for staff, patients, carers and visitors on Tuesday 26 February 2013 in the Hospital foyer. A special thank you to Social Work and Community Participation Representative Janette Hannaford for their assistance on the day with the stall.



### A Community Information Forum will also be held at Fairfield RSL on 14 May 2013 from 10am-12pm.

Community members, non government agencies and health care workers are invited to discover first hand the facts about organ and tissue donation.

This forum can help you make an informed decision about your donation wishes and empower you to communicate your wishes with your family.

The forum will include talks from health professionals, information about registering your wishes and tips on having a meaningful conversation about organ and tissue donation with your family. A light lunch will be provided.

RSVP: (02) 9828 6848 or [swsmedia@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:swsmedia@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)

For more information visit: [donatelife.gov.au](http://donatelife.gov.au)

Make your  
*wish* count

## “We Call We Care”

“We call We Care” is a **FREE** program from the Parks Community Network Inc. that supports isolated seniors and individuals with a disability who live alone. If you or someone you know would benefit from “We Call We Care” please call parks on 9609 7400 with any queries. Office hours are Monday to Thursday between 9.00am and 4.30pm.

## Community

The Fairfield Consumer and Community Participation Network has had a busy start to 2013. During February the network took time to come in and complete the online training component of the Hand Hygiene Training with fantastic results achieved by the network members. The Network will complete a tailored face to face Hand Hygiene training during their March meeting. Thank you to Corazon Izon – Infection Control CNC for her assistance on the day.

The network also had their first 2013 meeting on Friday 22 February at which time they have



committed to completing fire training at the hospital on Monday 11 March 2013.

On the day, the network welcomed an observer who might be interested in joining the network. For more information about this network and how to become involved, please contact: Robyn El-Khair – Community Participation Manager on 9616 8830 or via email:

[robyn.el-khair@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:robyn.el-khair@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)

# Management Trainees @ Fairfield

Fairfield Hospital held a farewell / welcome lunch for the Graduate Health Management Trainees.

Staff thanked Parisa Ghassemi for her hard work and dedication whilst on placement at Fairfield. and wished her all the best on her next journey at Bankstown Hospital.

Sibi Mathews was welcomed to Fairfield for his first placement over the next four months. We hope it will be a great learning opportunity for him.



Parisa Ghassemi



Sibi Mathews

## Compound Site

A work site will be set in the grounds of Fairfield Hospital from early March 2013. The site will be located between the North visitors car park and Polding Street. A ramp will be constructed to allow access to the site from Polding Street.

Signage will be displayed to alert Pedestrians of the truck movements. The site will also be fenced off for

safety.

The work is scheduled to start in early March with an expected completion date of May /June 2013. Completion will be dependent on the Weather.

The contactor of this work site is Sydney Water . They will be working on underground water pipes, however there will be no water interruption to Fairfield Hospital while the work is

being carried out.

Once work has been completed, disturbed roads and footpaths will be restored.

For further details, please contact Paul Miles – Director of Corporate Services and Finance on 9616 8105.

“There will be no water interruption to Fairfield”

## Education / Research

### Grand Rounds

Grand rounds on Wednesday 6 February 2013 was presented by Corazon Izon, Infection Control CNC on the topic “FairSab Project”.

Grand rounds on Wednesday 20 February 2013 was presented by a Visiting Medical Officer on the topic “Opiates”.

### Fairfield Library

The January edition 2013 had many interesting articles including:  
Medical: Changing Physical Activity Behaviour in Type 2 Diabetes: A systematic review and meta analysis of Behavioural interventions.  
Health Management: Patient- Centered Care: The Role of Healthcare Management; 2012. Changing the paradigm of care to a patient-centered model. Contact the library for a free copy or access via CiAP.



Fairfield Hospital during March will participate in the Close the Gap campaign to help close the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.

## Training

Fairfield Hospital is preparing for **WHS Numerical Profile Audit**, and as such it is pertinent that staff complete all required mandatory training. The training matrix outlines training requirements relative to the role of each staff member as well as the frequency with which the training needs to be undertaken.

Managers are requested to keep a record of all training. Individual training records can be accessed through Total LMS.

Should staff require any assistance or clarification regarding mandatory training, please contact your supervisor, manager or Mr. Joseph Pineda, Human Resources Manager on 9616 8120.

**StaffLink Training** scheduled for Fairfield staff will take place on Friday 22 March 2013 at the Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre. All staff should attend ESS training and all department managers should attend ESS and MSS training. Staff involved in recruitment of new employees should also attend an eRecruit session. No need to book atten-

E.S.S.	M.S.S.	eRecruit
9:30-10:00am	10:00-11:00am	11:00-11:30am
11:30-12:00pm	1:00-2:00pm	2:00-2:30pm
12:30-1:00pm		
2:30-3:00pm		
3:30-4:00pm		

## WH&S

The below departments have been selected to participate in the **Numerical Profile Audit 2013**.

Although, the above departments have been selected during the profile, auditors may request to inspect, review and speak to various different staff and managers outside of the schedule, therefore please be prepared.

1. General Services	6. Dialysis
2. Engineering	7. HDU
3. Security & Fire Safety	8. Surgical Orthopaedics - 2B
4. Infection Control	9. Pharmacy
5. Theatres	10. Allied Health - Physiotherapy

## HESTA Awards

Nominate the best and brightest in your workplace!

Know someone in primary health care @ Fairfield who deserves an award!

HESTA is searching for Australia's most outstanding physiotherapists, dentists, GPs, pharmacists, therapists and other primary health care professionals, Make a nomination by 31 March 2013 at [phawards.com.au](http://phawards.com.au).



## HCF Representative

Want to Improve your health cover

Your **HCF** representative is Debra Green. She is available to discuss all your health cover needs. She can also take you through HCF's great value cover packages and explain which are best for your needs and budget.

Debra can even assist with switching your cover to HCF by completing paperwork for you!

Contact Debra Green on: 0414 559 865 or email: [dgreen@hcf.com.au](mailto:dgreen@hcf.com.au)



**Numerical Profile Audit** dates have changed to **Thursday 11 and Friday 12 April 2013** due to an overlap with the HETI accreditation.

An email will be sent to all departments that have been selected to participate in the Numerical Profile Audit 2013.

If you have any questions call Cveta Andary- WHS Manager on 9616 8348 or Paul Miles – Director Finance and Corporate Services on 9616 8105.