

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital



Message From The GM

May has been an incredibly busy month for Fairfield Hospital.

The new bed installations are going well and should have 70% in by the end of June.



The new X-Ray machine should also arrive by mid-June together with two new medical gas generators to replace current ones. Hand Surgery is also moving over from Liverpool to Fairfield and should start

around 2 September 2013. Ward 1A is the second Fairfield department after Emergency to start using Computers on Wheels (COWS). These mobile computers will allow improved and more timely patient care.



We are currently in the process of replacing our two Medical Gas Compressors which will ensure Fairfield will be able to maintain a

high level of service to our community.

Communication with Purpose training has been rolled out to our Managers and this will strengthen relations with all levels of staff. Those Service Managers who missed the first lot of training will be given the opportunity to undertake this important training at future sessions which will include all levels of staff.

I am proud to announce that we will be recruiting an Aboriginal Patient Liaison Officer and have held discussions with the Director of Aboriginal Services for the District.

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Sorry Day @ Fairfield

Fairfield Hospital recognised Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week on Tuesday 28 May 2013. The event included a Didgeridoo player during the Flag raising ceremony, followed by guest speakers and a light lunch.

Aunty May gave a most inspiring Welcome to Country and Aunty Yvonne shared a heart warming story about her childhood journey being part of the Stolen Generation.

During lunch guests and staff had the opportunity to take

part in the sea of hands which was then displayed in the Hospital Foyer until Friday 31 May 2013.

Fairfield Hospital was proud to host this meaningful event in the attendance Amanda Larkin – Chief Executive of South Western Sydney Local Health District.

National Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day pays tribute for better relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with other Australians.



Hand Hygiene Day

Fairfield celebrated Hand Hygiene Day on Thursday 9 May 2013. A table was set up in the front foyer from 10am -12 midday with promotional Hand Hygiene Posters. A representative from Cutan also was present giving away samples of hand rub to staff, patients and visitors.

To promote Hand Hygiene and increase awareness for the months of May – there was a Hand Hygiene Competition for a slogan / poster / or a jingle. The winners of the competition were Chris Rigney from CSD and Vesna Duricic from Social Work.



walking group

Are you over 50 and wanting to keep active!

Take the first step to fun & fitness today by joining the Fairfield Seniors 50's and Over Walking Group!

Where: Fairfield Leisure Centre Car Park , Vine street

When: Every Friday at 9.30am

What: 60 minutes less strenuous walk for Seniors 50 and over. Well behaved dogs OK

Contact: Fairfield Community Participation Representative – Walk Organiser Charles on 0447 428 542.

To find out more go to

www.heartfoundation.org.au/walking or call



Strategic and Corporate Plans Forum

The South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) are in the process of developing a new ten year NSW state Health Plan (2013-23). This will outline the context for health services in NSW and highlight strategies to deliver on health priorities and improved health outcomes over 10 years.

Consultation is being sought from staff, community members and local agencies via planned forum throughout the district.

It is imperative that staff and the community are aware of the proposed directions for local services and facilities and provide feedback as to whether they support the directions (or not) and whether they have alternative ideas for future service developments. Fairfield held its consultation forum on Monday 27 May 2013 at the Fairfield RSL in the morning, followed by a staff consultation in the afternoon at the Whitlam Joint Centre. The information obtained through these consultations will be used to confirm or amend the directions outlined in the plans to help strengthen the District's future activities.

There is still time to provide feedback. Staff and the community can comment until the 21 June 2013 via email on

area.serviceplanning@sswahs.nsw.gov.au or by fax on 9828 5962

A summary of the consultation has been developed which outlines broadly the proposed directions – the summary and full copies of the plans can be found on the Consultation webpage at

<http://www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/consultation/>

For more information, contact the SWSLHD Planning Unit on 9828 5755 or email mentioned above.

Community

The Fairfield Consumer and Community Participation Network had their May meeting on Friday 31 May 2013. During the meeting, the network completed the face to face component of the Hand Hygiene Training. We also had a Katina Varelis from Interpreter Services come and discuss with the network Interpreter issues and services for Fairfield.

Carmen Lazar, the Deputy Chair also gave the network an update about the Falls Prevention Forum that she attended with Linda Byrnes - Nursing Unit Manager at Fairfield.

Also as a follow up on the Organ and Tissue Donation Forum that took place at the Fairfield RSL on Tuesday 14 May 2013, the organisers have agreed to give a presentation on the topic at upcoming Fairfield Interagency Meeting at Fairfield Council on Friday 21 June 2013.

For more information on the Fairfield Community and Consumer Participation Network and how to become involved, please contact Robyn El-Khair – Community Participation Manager on 9616 8830.

Car Park fee adjustment

The current car park flat rate for public access will increase from \$4 to \$6 from 1 July 2013. The fee is a slight increase adjusted for average annual inflation since 2000. The weekly rate of \$20 available to long term patients will also increase to \$30 accordingly. The refundable deposit for a card will remain unchanged at \$20.

Signage will be placed near the coin operated boom gate entrances prior to the 1 July 2013 and a notice will be

posted on the Intranet Bulletin Board . Car parking information on the Hospital website will also be updated.



Key stakeholders such as Community Representatives, local members and long term patients have been notified of this change separately.

Should you require any clarification on this matter, please contact Yun Tang – Acting Revenue Manager on 9616 8109.

International Midwives Day

This year's international theme was "the world needs Midwives more than ever now". Our unit celebrated the day by giving a gift basket to the parents of first baby born with a poem as a memento of the day. We also presented the poem/certificate to all mother's whose babies were born on International Midwives Day. Midwives enjoyed the activity of guessing competition with their

colleagues – baby pictures of current staff members kept us entertained by guessing who's who on a very busy day in Maternity. Some of the baby photos were so easy to identify. Hazel – one of the new midwifery students and long term staff member was the most identifiable person.

An afternoon tea was also held in honour of the work that midwives' do with women and their families.

Midwives at Fairfield assist and guide women and their families through their journey of pregnancy, birth and early parenting. We teach new parents how to safely and confidently care for their infants thus contributing to the strengths and foundations of the families in our local area. Midwives' also play a major role in the educating of midwifery and medical students.



"the world needs Midwives more than ever now"

Education / Research

Grand Rounds

Grand rounds on Wednesday 22 May 2013 was presented by Belinda Pellizzon and Colleen Thomas on the topic "NEAT – National Emergency Access Targets".

National Emergency Access Target



Fairfield Library

The May Edition of "I didn't know that" included articles on blood pressure and cold weather, the first 6 months in a new job, finding evidence to support practice in Allied health and putting evidence into practice.

For more information contact Barbara Gifford on 9616 8226.

"The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library"

- Albert Einstein

Staff Union Representatives

Staff Committee Representative election was held on Friday 7 June 2013.

There are six (6) positions for Staff/Union representatives to be filled as outlined in the Terms of Reference. The Staff Consultative Committee requires representatives two (2) from the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association, one (1) HSU, one (1) ASMOF (Medical), one (1) ETU (Trades) and one (1) Allied Health. Further information can be obtained from Human Resources on 9616 8120.

Weekend to end Women's Cancer



Jennifer Stein and Winona Ranyard are participating in the Walk for the Weekend to End Women's Cancer on November 9 and 10. They will be walking 60kms over 2 days to raise money for the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA. Jennifer and Winona are also planning to hold a fundraising mufti day on Friday 29 July and a cake stall in the coming months to raise funds. The girls are on mission to end all women's cancers that's why they are participating in the Weekend Walk. All proceeds from the weekend will support the development of a world class centre that will transform cancer treatment for Australians in an environment thriving on discovery, research and uncompromising. This weekend is dedicated to making a real difference in the fight to end breast cancer and gynecological cancer.

Winona and Jenny are required to raise \$2000 each to be able to walk so join in the flight and be generous to this cause. All funds raised go immediately to the cause and are tax deductible. Please go to <http://sy13endcancer.org.au> and click on the green donate button and search for Winona Ranyard and Jennifer Stein. Alternatively, you can also donate through Ambulatory Care.

WH&S

As part of the June Safety month WHS are launching **After Dark Program**

This is a fantastic initiative for **YOUR** personal safety, the program promotes personal safety whilst commuting after dark! The program will be run over two weeks, with a total of 4 sessions. Each session will be approximately 1.5 hours, with two guest speakers. The program agenda is as per below:

Thursday, 13th & 20th June 2013

10:30am – 11:00am – **Constable Ece Hasan** (NSW Police - Fairfield Police Station)

11:00am – 11:30am – **Ned Veljovic** (Fire & Security Manager – Fairfield Hospital)

11:30am – 12:00pm – **GKR Karate** – (basis self defence demonstrations)

2.00pm – 2.30pm - **Constable Ece Hasan** (NSW Police - Fairfield Police Station)

2.30pm – 3.00pm - **Ned Veljovic** (Fire & Security Manager – Fairfield Hospital)

3.00pm – 3.30pm - **GKR Karate** – (basis self defence demonstrations)

Zumba Classes



Every Tuesday afternoon at 4.30pm Zumba classes are held for anyone interested at the Braeside Hospital Gym. The cost is \$10 for a 1 hour class. No contact details, just turn up for lots of fun while having a good workout.

Care Flight Training

On Wednesday 23 May 2013, Fairfield Hospital was chosen as a first assessment location for a Care Flight emergency exercise for one of their paramedic staff undergoing a practical examination in order to become a qualified air paramedic. The Care Flight helicopter is utilized as a deployment vehicle, whereby the paramedic team, is sent to the emergency and then transported to a hospital via a road ambulance. The response time is 15 minutes for an emergency within a 160km radius from Bankstown Hospital. They take two minutes to be airborne.



Your role in taking a patient related complaint

A complaints handling workshop on "Your role in taking a patient related complaint." was held on Wednesday 15 May 2013.

There were a total of twenty nine (29) staff who attended the workshop. The group was engaging, receptive and was well represented by staff across the organisation, including department managers.

Staff that attended the workshop will receive a recognition of attendance.

Thank you to Colleen Thomas – Acting Patient Liaison Officer for her support and preparation of this workshop.

Payment Summaries

All employees will receive two (2) payment summaries at the end of the 2012-2013 Financial year. One for Supero and one for StaffLink. Supero printed summaries will automatically be posted to home address listed in StaffLink.

The Stafflink summary will be Electronic, however for staff who wish to receive a printed Payment Summary further information will be provided at a later date.

For any queries regarding this matter, please contact the Human Resources Department.