

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital



Message From The GM

Well, the day has finally arrived and the new Hand Clinic has commenced at Fairfield Hospital – started Monday 2 Sept 2013. Given the enormity of such a move of services from Liverpool, the day actually only presented reasonably small hurdles to overcome and it was indeed a very proud moment for me to witness the huge effort, Team work and support each one gave each other on the day. Our colleagues from Liverpool who came over to assist worked side by side and would easily fit into our staff profile. Whilst it is still early days, I can see that this service will develop into a top flight service of excellence for the people of South West Sydney. See photos on page four (4).

Great news also for Fairfield Hospital as we are now finalising the recruitment of an Aboriginal Liaison Officer (.5) for our Hospital that will add much needed resources to our indigenous community (small as it maybe).

Many of you will have noticed a change in the Director of Corporate Services and Finance position with Paul Miles taking up a secondment to Bankstown – we have been lucky though in securing the services of Kristen Ireland who has had experience here at Fairfield previously – we hope to keep her long term depending of other negotiations.

Just a reminder that our Staff Recognition Awards Day will be held in October/ November (date yet to be fixed) so please get your nominations into HR as soon as possible. The 3 major award winners will receive the latest iPads donated by our friends at SGE Credit Union – these will be presented at the Ball (see next item)

Also tickets will be soon going on sale for the 25th Silver Anniversary Ball for Fairfield Hospital – block out your diaries for Friday the 29th November at the Club Marconi who have generously donated the use of their auditorium and fit out of tables for free.

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Hat-trick for Fairfield @ Quality Awards

Congratulations to Fairfield Hospital who have scored at hat-trick at the Quality Awards in category two "Improving Access to Timely Quality Health Care".

Our Paediatric Services won the award for introducing Ondansetron for Paediatric Gastroenteritis in the Emergency Department. The aim of the Paediatric Ondansetron Project was to decrease the number of inpatient episodes for Gastroenteritis, improve discharge and clinical care of paediatric gastroenteritis,

shorten overall length of stay and facilitate early discharge from emergency to the children's ward.

Historically the use of anti emetics for children was considered inappropriate due to the risk of adverse effects. However the results of this project has shown that there are minimal adverse effects of administering Ondansetron. In actual fact the number of admissions and the average length of stay decreased significantly for children which were admitted after receiving ondansetron.

compared to children who did not receive ondansetron.



Congratulations



The new Fairfield Hospital facebook page!



Drug & Alcohol Team

Soung Lee is the Dual Diagnosis CNC—She provides consult liaisons to patients with both current mental and drug and alcohol issues at Fairfield Hospital (2 days a week) and Liverpool Hospital (3 days a week). Soung provides:

- * Full mental health and drug and alcohol assessments
- * Staff education/in service in the areas of mental health and drug and alcohol
- * Staff support.

Please contact Soung on mobile: 0405 137 108

Fairfield Community Network

The Fairfield Community Participation Network together with the South Western Sydney Local Health District and South Western Sydney Medicare Local invites you to attend The 2013 Annual Consumer & Community Participation Conference to be held on Thursday 19 September 2013 at the Campbelltown Catholic Club. RSVP by Friday 6 September 2013 to Katrina .

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Speech Pathology Week

Speech Pathology Week was from the 25 – 30 August. This year the week focused on starting the conversation about communication. *Did you know the following ?* At least 30% of people have language difficulties (Aphasia) after stroke. Most people with Parkinson's disease (85%) will have a problem with their voice, speech or swallowing. Over 13,000 Australians use electronic devices to get their message across. Speech Pathologists treat communication difficulties . They also treat swallowing difficulties (Dysphagia). *Did you know* 5% of Australians have trouble swallowing? Speech Pathology at Fairfield Hospital raised awareness of the event by a famous faces quiz where staff had to guess the famous person and their communication difficulty. Congratulations to Leonie Stevens (Mental Health) who won this quiz with full marks!. Competition two- Taboo was won by Marie Nguyen and Minh Nguyen from Physiotherapy . *Did you know* Kirk Douglas the actor suffered a stroke in 1996 that left him with Dysarthria? He has had therapy and continues to work as an actor.

If you have any questions or concerns about communication or swallowing difficulties, please see one of the Speech Pathology team Jenni, Annemarie and Karli.



Drop Off/ Pick Up Zones

A dedicated drop off/pick up parking spot has been established directly in front of the main entrance. This parking spot is indicated by specific line marking and “no parking” signage. As per the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), “no parking” signage indicates that:

- * A vehicle is permitted to park for a period no longer than two (2) minutes (mobility parking permit holders are allowed to park for up to five (5) minutes; and
- * the driver of the vehicle must be within three (3) metres of the vehicle at all times.

It is noted that a breach of these conditions will incur a parking infringement.

Other parking spots within the turning circle (which have recently been line marked) should be utilised if a longer period of time is required regarding drop off/pick up zones. Please be reminded that these spots have an allocated time of 30 minutes (mobility permit holders have an allocated time of two (2) hours.

It would be appreciated if the drop off/pick up zones, and the relevant conditions of use, are promoted.

World Breastfeeding Week

Fairfield Hospital celebrated World Breastfeeding Week on Monday 5 August – and what a sweet day it was! Our Slogan “Bake a cake for Breastfeeding Sake” captured the interest and imagination of a number of our staff from various departments. Our cake competition had 9 fabulous entries. First place was awarded to Liz from Corporate Services and Finance for her beautiful cake with the emblem of the Australian Breastfeeding Association. 2nd prize went to Ngan, a midwife who symbolized this year’s theme breastfeeding – support for mothers, 3rd prize was awarded to Paul, a medical student with his “breast is best” message. A people award was presented to Lubi from General Services for her novel cake entry. Special mention must go to the late entry from Sophea who is both a midwife and a breastfeeding mum for her creative entry which demonstrated nipple variation with her cup cakes. This is the daily

challenge for both mothers and midwives working in Maternity.

Other activities included a Breastfeeding Quiz and afternoon tea with our special guest, the VET senior high school students, and the future workforce of the health industry. Maternity presented a gift basket to a young mother Jamie who had chosen to exclusively breastfeed her baby. Jamie had her antenatal care through the Midwives’ clinic at Fairfield. The education she received on benefits of breastfeeding helped her to make an informed decision on feeding her infant. A big thank you to Linda Byrnes and Paul Miles who were our judges. Also a thank you to Regina from Fairfield Child and Family for her assistance on the day.



“ Bake a Cake for Breastfeeding Sake”

Education / Research

Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 7 August 2013 was presented by the Pharmacy Department on the topic “*Medications in Renal Impairment and Prescribing on Medication Charts*” .

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 21 August 2013 was presented by Critical Care on the topic of “*The role of thrombolysis in pulmonary thromboembolism*” By Dr Stan Baude, VMO Intensivist.

Fairfield Library

Fairfield Library has recently received a series of new books. Visit the Library or call for more information.

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Living with Arthritis

Free presentation by
Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre
Fairfield Hospital

17 September 2013 1-4pm
St Johns Park Bowling Club
93 Edensor Rd, St Johns Park
RSVP by 10/9/2013

Susan Dietsch – Clinical Nurse
Consultant, Fairfield Hospital

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Presentations will be made by
Orthopedic Surgeons, Nursing and
Physiotherapist.

Staff Appointments

Fairfield Hospital is pleased to announce that Ms Sabrina Hami has been successful in the appointment of Medical Services Operations Manager. Ms Hami has been acting in the position since March 2013.

The hospital also recently recruited for the casual pool staff. Please make welcome to :

- * Aminah Lelilio
- * Kasey Wraith
- * Jessica Wilcox
- * Sally Wright
- * Tamara Ranyard
- * Kathie Lebius
- * Kassandra Zimmer
- * Ernesa Kulovic

Staff are also advised that Cora Izon – Infection Control CNC will be on annual leave from 2/9/2013 – 1/11/2013 inclusive. During this time Ms Liliana Larkin, will be Acting Infection Control CNC, she can be contacted on extension 68290 and pager 47521.

The Staff Specialist in the GPU will continue to provide staff consultation and follow up in regards to screening and vaccination. Staff will be seen during the dedicated vaccination clinic hours:

- * Tuesday morning – 08:30 – 12:00
- * Thursday afternoon – 14:00 – 16:00

Fairfield Staff Recognition Awards

Fairfield Hospital strives for excellence in the delivery of patient care and takes pride in the high level of customer service and significant contribution of its employees.

The employee of the month scheme was reviewed and replaced with Staff Recognition Awards.

Fairfield hospital will now have an annual Staff Recognition Awards. Nominations are open for the following categories:

- * Most Outstanding Team of the year Award
- * Most Outstanding Individual of the Year Award
- * Outstanding Customer Service of the Year Award
- * Divisional Awards
- * Most Outstanding Manager of the Year Award
- * Most Outstanding Executive of the year Award

In addition to these categories, Service Awards will also be given based on the length of service at Fairfield Hospital.

As we celebrating the 25th year anniversary of the hospital in its present location, the major staff awards will be given during the Hospital Ball scheduled for 29 November 2013.

Meanwhile you are encouraged to consider nominating individuals and teams for the various categories.

Please complete the nominations forms and forward them to Mr. Joseph Pineda, Human Resource Manager by close of business Monday 30 September 2013.

Should you require any assistance of clarification, please contact Joseph on 9616 8120.



Fairfield's New Hand Clinic



Fairfield Hospital is very excited to have had the Hand Clinic commence operations in the first week of September 2013.

