

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital



Message From The GM

I'm proud to say that our Hand Clinic is up and running with over 138 procedures having been done. Staff continue to provide an outstanding patient care and service.

We are currently in the process of advertising for our Aboriginal Liaison Officer (0.5 FTE) to provide services for our indigenous community. Closing date for applications is 11 October 2013.

As previously advised, Kristen Ireland, Acting Director of Corporate Services and Finance has accepted to stay on with the secondment until the end of January 2014.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Annual Consumer

and Community Participation Conference this month, held at Campbelltown Catholic Club. Attending gave me a great insight on the significant role the Consumer Participation Networks play in partnerships with the Districts to provide better health services. The event was greatly attended by not only staff but wider community.

Time is getting closer to celebrate our 25th Silver Anniversary Ball for Fairfield Hospital at its current site. Tickets will soon go on sale, with a Working Party having been established to facilitate the

success of this event. The event will be held on Friday 29 November 2013 at Club Marconi. See you all there.

As of today (27/9/13) there are only 52 days remaining until we undergo accreditation (19–22 November 2013). Well done to all staff who have been busily preparing to ensure that we are ready to showcase our achievements and the good work we all do at this small and great Hospital.

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Dementia Week

A stall was organised in the Hospital front foyer on Tuesday 17 September 2013 to raise awareness for Dementia Week.

The main theme for this year was Brain Health: Making the Connections. This theme gives organisations and individuals an opportunity to get involved in promoting brain-healthy lifestyles, promoting early detection and raising awareness of dementia. Brain Health is important to everyone – Looking after your brain – and also the importance of early diagnosis – so that

irreversible causes can be treated and family, carers and the patient can plan their lifestyles. – Such as financial matters and future planning.



 **The new Fairfield Hospital facebook page!**



New Telemetry System

The Fairfield Biomedical Engineering Department will be installing a new Philips telemetry system in Ward 1A on Monday 30 October 2013 and this will provide a better health care service to our patients and our community.

Pink Day

Nursing Admin has received the PINK MERCHANISE in support of "Pink Day" - we have some very beautiful "teddy bears" in their "pink Pyjamas" for sale plus key rings, bracelets and pink lapel pins and of course some lovely stylish pens to purchase. Pop into Nursing Admin when you get a chance and purchase your goodies in support of a fantastic cause.



Fairfield Gala Night

Efforts have been pooled together to benefit sick babies at Fairfield Hospital. The maternity ward at Fairfield Hospital has partnered with the Fairfield Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce

A Gala Night will be held on Friday 11 October 2013 at the Paradiso Fairfield. The money raised will go towards purchasing a humidcrib for the nursery at the hospital. It is also hoped that this Gala night will help launch a foundation to support children's services in the Fairfield Cumberland region.



CIAP visiting Fairfield



Clinical Information Access Portal



**CIAP is coming to visit
Fairfield Hospital on
21 October**

Annual CP

The Annual Consumer and Community Participation Conference was held on Thursday 19 September 2013 at the Campbelltown Catholic Club. This year the theme was "Partnerships into the Future Health in South Western Sydney". The event this year was a partnership between the South Western Sydney Local Health District and South Western Sydney Medicare Local. The day was well attended by the district executive team, district community representatives, local community members and agencies that work regularly with the community.

This year the "Bill Little" key note speaker was introduced in honour of our late beloved Fairfield Community Representative Bill Little. Liverpool City Council Mayor Ned Mannoun gave the first "Bill Little" key note address and he did a fantastic job by sharing his health experience and the benefits of donor donation.



Sessions will be held in Board Room, Level 1. The sessions will include information about accessing and navigating CIAP, an overview of the nursing and maternity resources and information about education opportunities for CPD.

All staff are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact CIAP 02 8644 2306

CIAP resources include:

Drug resources, Online books and journals, Evidence based practice resources, Clinical tools and guidelines, Clinical Decision Support and Citation Databases.

Multicultural Health Week @ Fairfield

Fairfield Hospital together with Multicultural Health celebrated Multicultural Health Week on Thursday 5 September 2013 in the hospital front foyer. There were multiple Health Services including Fairfield's Hospital Pharmacy department that were present on the day to promote their programs and services to the community. This years theme is on "Patient Safety" with the main focus on medication safety for linguistically diverse patients.

Many Multicultural patients, especially those with limited English, are at a significantly higher risk of harm than those patients who speak English well. Evidence suggests that 49% of patient safety incidents experienced by culturally and linguistically diverse patients result in physical harm, which is 20% higher than English speaking patients. The majority of harm was as a result of medication error. Techniques such as "Teach Back" and using interpreters are recommended as you can use them to reduce the risk of patient harm and better communication

with patients from diverse backgrounds. For more information call 02 9816 0347 or visit www.multiculturalhealthweek.com.

You can also download the NPS MedicineWise Medicines List (Available in 11 languages) and other resources from www.nps.org.au/translated

Also to show how colourful the Fairfield Community is with cultural diversity, a World Map was placed in the front foyer for staff, visitors and patients to put a sticker on where on the World Map their country of origin was.

Two hospital tours were also conducted on the day. One for a group of Karen Women and the other for a Vietnamese community group. Both groups benefited greatly from the tours.



"Working together for safe quality care"

Education / Research

Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 4 September 2013 was presented by Allied Health on the topic "Top 5 and Carer's Project Education Session" presented by Janet Heslep, Carer's Program.

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 18 September was presented by the Department of Orthopaedics on the topic "Fairfield Orthopaedics Hip & Knee Service – FOHKS" by Dr Richard Walker, VMO

Fairfield Library

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

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Upcoming Health Events

Mental Health Month – October
8 – 11 October 2013 information stall in the Hospital's front foyer

Carer's Week Forum
16 October 2013 from 11am – 4pm
at Fairfield Council meeting room 5.

HDU education Day
16 October 2013

Cardiology Day
25 October 2013

Staff

HDU would like to welcome and thank Sheree Whitley who will be helping out in Cardiac Rehab to cover leave.

Erika Koo has recently joined The Podiatry department as a full time podiatrist.

Rachael Wright is still Acting in the position of the Patient Liaison Officer until the new Patient Liaison Officer commences.

Louise Noreika will be relieving as the Patient Flow Manager from October 14 for a period of 4 weeks whilst Colleen Thomas is on leave.

There are also lots of changes happening to the Speech Pathology Department. Annemarie Tripolone who was a part time Speech Pathologist is finishing up on Saturday 28 September 2013. Jenni Steel the full time Speech Pathologist is going on maternity leave in mid November.



Karli Gleeson is also finishing up in October to get married and commence a new role after her honeymoon. Wishing the three of you the best of luck in your future endeavors.



Fairfield Physiotherapy Awarded

Fairfield Physiotherapy staff member, Danella Hackett, Senior Physiotherapist Musculoskeletal Co-ordinator was the recipient of the South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) best Abstract and Platform presentation at the SWSLHD Allied Health Research Forum.

HDU Award

Congratulations to Markus Meshesha who was awarded the HDU award for Enthusiasm and Improvement in a Critical Care setting.

WH&S

This month Security and WH&S conducted an audit of the facility utilising the Security Improvement Tool (SIT). The purpose of the audit was to review the implemented Security Measures in the facility, with the objective to address any security gaps/issues that were identified.

The process of the audit involved a review of the completed Security Improvement Assessment Checklist completed by the Service Managers from various departments/wards, in total 10 departments/wards were audited. A report will be written with the findings and recommendations for the facility.

