

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital

### Message From The GM



Everyone will have noticed the recent removal of trees and bushes from our car park – it really has improved the look of the area and also an added bonus is that it has also made it safer with much better viewing of peoples movements.

The Staff Recognition Awards have seemed to have proven very popular amongst staff with some very strong candidates nominated for awards. The Staff Recognition Day was also a chance to recognise our staff who have worked at the Hospital for many years with our longest staff member being Mrs Moore – 55 years – an incredible effort of dedication to one place.

NEAT results continue to verify the models of care we use at Fairfield as being some of the best in NSW given that we now on a weekly basis exceed 81% (NSW NEAT target is 71%) This is a great display of caring, assessment and clinical decision making in a timely manner and not only within ED, but also the rest of the Hospital ensuring placements from ED happen as quickly as possible.

The Ball – what a celebration of 25 years on our current site. Not only did everyone dress up to the nine’s, had lots and lots of fun, but celebrated the winners of the main Staff Recognition Awards. Most Outstanding

Team Award went to ED Department – Most Outstanding Individual Award went to Merv Stone - Most Outstanding Customer Service Award went to Leenne Gray - Most Outstanding Manager Award went to Lyn Cohen and the Outstanding Executive Award went to Barbara Chapman. Congratulations to all category winners and we will do it bigger and better again next year. I must thank our sponsors of the award prizes – SGE Credit Union, State Super, Hill-Rom and Priceline Pharmacy. A big thank you Club Marconi for not only providing the venue for free, but also the great job done .

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### Accreditation Summation

Fairfield Hospital went through and concluded a week of accreditation by the Australian Council on Health Care Standards (ACHS) survey team from Tuesday 19 –22 November 2013.

The Survey Team recognised the incredible work that is done at Fairfield and the incredible staff that work cohesively together to benefit our patients.

A full report will be provided in about six weeks, but the Survey Team were full of praise and have informed that Fairfield will not go down any

ratings (as supplied by Fairfield) but rather the ratings will be elevated in numerous Standards and Criterion.

The biggest and best was saved to last – The Surveyors stated quiet clearly that in Standard 2 – Partnering with Consumers that they had not seen anything done so comprehensively and of that high standard in any other organisation that they had surveyed and indeed suggested to nominate this category in all the Health care awards categories as they

Fairfield was superior in that particular standard. Congratulations again to all staff for the hard work, diligence and commitment provided by them to hospital its patients and consumers.



**The new Fairfield Hospital facebook page!**



## Annual Public Meeting

The Annual public Meeting of the Board of South Western Sydney Local Health District will be held on Thursday 5 December 2013 at 1pm. The event will be held in the Liverpool Hospital Auditorium, Thomas and Rachel Moore Education Centre – Entrance A, Elizabeth Street, Liverpool.

This is a great opportunity for the District Board to interact with staff and the local general community and showcase the great work that has been achieved over the year.

## World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day (WDD) is celebrated every year on November 14 to mark the birthday of Fredrick Banting who, along with Charles Best first conceived the idea which led to the discovery of insulin in 1922. The celebration is to raise awareness of 366 million people worldwide with diagnosed diabetes. The Diabetes Clinic staff and Nursing Management at Fairfield Hospital wore the World Diabetes Association logo of the circles in the sky blue on this day to help raise awareness.

The World Diabetes Day campaign is led by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and more than 200 member associations, including Australian Diabetes Council. The campaign engages millions of people worldwide in diabetes advocacy and awareness. In line with the worldwide health awareness initiative for diabetes, the Diabetes Nurse Educators set up an information stand in the Cafeteria with the aim to help staff, families and carers understand Diabetes can be a costly complications but it can delayed or prevented.

The Diabetes Nurse Educators also organised an afternoon tea and Diabetes Quiz for staff. Many staff participated in the Diabetes Quiz as there were over 21 prizes handed out for the winning entries. The winners were drawn by Barbara Chapman, the Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services.



## Community Participation

The Fairfield Consumer and Community Participation network had their last meeting for 2013 on Friday 29 November at the Prairiewood Health Centre.

The General Manager Arnold Tammekand thanked the network for their long standing commitment and contribution in making our hospital, a better place to provide health care for patients are carers’.

The network was also congratulated for the feedback received from the accreditation summation and the comments regarding Standard 2 - Partnership with Consumers – The GM summed it up as “ it will be something I will never forget as one of the great moments in my working career.”

## Melbourne Cup Afternoon

Fairfield Hospital staff celebrated Melbourne Cup Day on Tuesday 5 November with an afternoon tea while watching the main race. Congratulations to the winners on the day and a special thank you to the ladies who participated in the hat parade



# Diabetes Presentation @ Stocklands

The Priceline Pharmacy at Stocklands Shopping Centre in Wetherill Park has Organised a Diabetes Talk for the shoppers and the Local Community members on 21 October 2013. The talk was focused on "What is Diabetes and "Diabetes Management". The Diabetes Clinical Nurse Consultant and a Dietitian of Fairfield Hospital were among the four speakers and they presented

information on diabetes management and healthy eating. A local Physiologist and Pharmacist provided information on physical activities and diabetes medications. There were more than 60 people who attended the talk. The feedback was very positive from Priceline Pharmacy. This is only one of the many examples where Fairfield Hospital works in partnership with the local community

to provide excellent care and services.



# Breast Pump for Fairfield Nursery

The Maternity Unit at Fairfield Hospital is grateful for the generous donation from the company Medela and Australia's representative, Joanne Griffin who donated to the Special Care Nursery - A Latina Breast Pump to be used for the hiring service we offer to Mothers' when their babies are patients in the Special Care Nursery. The value of the Breast Pump is \$1750.00

mothers' because of illness or because they are small – mothers need to express their milk in order to establish and maintain their supply of Breast Milk. Breast Milk provides many short and long term health benefits for both baby and mother. The Maternity Unit at Fairfield encourages and supports all mothers to consider breastfeeding their babies especially when they are sick or small.

When babies are separated from their



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## Education / Research

### Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 6 November 2013 was presented by Radiology Department on the topic "New Concepts in Radiology" presented by Dr. Neil Shaba, Staff Specialist Radiologist

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 13 November 2013 was presented by Renal Dialysis on the topic "Dialysis at Home" by Susana Sanmiguel, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Home Therapies.

### Fairfield Library

This month you can find a great article about "The Silent Epidemic Dementia" in the Elderly will soon become a cakk for all public health experts.



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### Health Events Held In November

**PROGRAM**  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY**  
**"DON'T DIS MY ABILITY"**  
**DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2013**  
**CASULA POWERHOUSE ARTS CENTRE**  
1 POWERHOUSE RD CASULA (entry via Shepherd St Liverpool)  
<http://www.casulapowerhouse.com/about-us/visiting-us.aspx>



## Staff

Karen Steel, Patient Liaison Officer (PLO) commenced in her position from 04 November 2013. prior to commencing at Fairfield, Karen was employed by Nepean & Blue Mountains Community Health as a Clinical Nurse Consultant Wound Management. Her background is community nursing and emergency nursing. The Patient Liaison Officer at Fairfield is available to provide feedback, consultation and support to patients, their families and carers

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Joseph Pineda, Human Resource Manager will be on leave from 2 December 2013 to 17 January 2014 (inclusive) During this period, Kim Sliverstone will be Action Human Resources Manager. Kim can be contacted on 9616 8123. Your usual support to Kim will be much appreciated. The Human Resource Department will be closed from 25 December 2013 to 1 January 2014 (inclusive).



## 25th Anniversary Ball

Fairfield Staff, special guests and our community representatives and volunteers all came together to celebrate Fairfield turning 25 years at its current site with a Ball at Club Marconi. The Ball was a huge success that included guests like Amanda Larkin (Chief Executive of SWSLHD), Mr Graeme Loy (Director of Operations of SWSLHD), Mr Andrew Rohan (Member for Smithfield) and Guy Zangari (Member for Fairfield). Staff recognition awards were announced, a fabulous dinner was served and then the DJ took the mood away from a formal to a fun celebrating one! A great time was had by all.



Congratulations to ED! For winning the Top Team Award!



25th Anniversary Cake



Fairfield staff with district staff and community representative enjoying the ball.