

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital

Message From The GM



Well, I hope everyone had a very enjoyable and safe Easter and Anzac Day weekend and whilst the Hospital was very busy, we managed once again to not only hold our own, but comprehensively provide a wonderful service to our community.

Thank you to all those staff that worked – we are once again very grateful for the incredible job you do whilst the rest of us enjoy time away from work and being with our families.

I received a call from the Australian Council on Health Standards (ACHS) yesterday and they informed me that we have once again being re-accredited for a further four (4) and indeed the

recommendations of the Survey Team to elevate twenty nine (yes, that is 29) Criterion from SM (Satisfactorily Met) to MM (Met With Merit) has been agreed to by the voting Council for ACHS. Our new plaques and certificates should arrive soon so we can proudly display them to our patients, relatives and visitors that we are a quality Hospital providing safe care whilst heavily engaged with our patients and consumers – I am just so very, very proud of you all for this truly magnificent result.

The LHD has informed us that there may be some money to spend at the Hospital so we have gathered quotes for

improving the car park (much needed), new Nurse Call system to 3 of the wards, new computers, and numerous other much needed pieces of equipment – hopefully all in place by the end of June – I'll keep you posted as things progress further.

Following discussions with the local High School (across the road) and other people, we will be holding a Fairfield Hospital Open Day on Thursday 22 May and will give us an opportunity to let the community see what services we have and also to display some of the great things this Hospital is achieving – the school students will be heavily involved – much more below

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Fairfield Hospital Open Day

You are invited to the
Fairfield Hospital Open Day
10am-2pm, Thursday 22 May 2014







The Open Day will include Hospital tours, information stalls, demonstrations and a BBQ lunch.

For more information call 9616 8830.





Are you following the Fairfield Hospital Facebook page?



Community

The Fairfield Consumer and Community Participation Network new members: Lorraine Mock, Linda Smith, Najia Khalil and Inocenta Marco attended an Orientation session on Community Participation within the South Western Sydney Local Health District. District Community Participation Manager Lynda Johnston delivered the orientation on Tuesday 08 April 2014. Members will soon also complete facility orientation at Fairfield Hospital. New members are always welcomed to join. For more information contact Robyn El-Khair on 9616 8830



Sorry Day Invite



Fairfield Hospital invites staff, patients, carers and the Community to attend our Sorry Day Event that gives people the chance to share the steps towards healing for the stolen generation, their families and communities.

Close the Gap Posters



Posters encouraging to ask the question about self identifying as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander has been posted up in all the Wards and Departments within the Hospital as a follow up to the Close the Gap Day by Sharon Brown – Fairfield Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

Sharon is available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to assist and provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and their carers.

She can be contact on Pager: 47548 or phone 9616 8292.

Falls Week

“Medicate Right to stay Upright” was the theme for this years April Falls Day at Fairfield Hospital. The day was packed with activities including a BBQ for all staff to enjoy, a cup cake/cake cups decorating competition, a cross work puzzle competition and a “Challenge your Balance competition”.

Nursing Unit Manager of Ward 1A Kelwin Green and Community Participation Network Chair Carmen Lazar also attended the Falls Forum that was held at Liverpool as part of the activities for Falls Week.

Kelwin was a guest speaker at the forum presenting the 52 Falls Free Days initiative that he implemented within Ward 1A at Fairfield Hospital.

The winner of the cross word puzzle was Christine Williams (Nursing Unit Manager 1B).

The people choice winner of the cup cake completion were the staff of Ward 2B whilst the Judges choice also went to the staff of xx.

Ward 2B. Cup Cake judges were Dr. Mushtaq Malik – Medical Superintendent and Robyn El-Khair – Community Participation Manager.

The Physiotherapy Department also organised and coordinated the “April Falls Day 2014 Challenge Your Balance Competition”. Thank you to all those that participated and made the sessiu on fun and entertaining. The winners of the competition were:

- 1) Mexican Squat Challenge – Yan from 2E
- 2) Low Ball Challenge – Marita Vecchio from Social Work
- 3) Flamingo Challenge – Christine Henderson from ComPurs.

A special mention to Wetherill Park **Priceline** who donated the prizes for our winners.



The peoples choice cupcake winner.



The Judges choice cupcake winner.



Photos of the Executive Team and the Community Participation network together preparing the BBQ for staff to promote Falls Week at Fairfield Hospital.

Grand rounds

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 2 April was presented by Allied Health on the topic “Podiatry presents the red, hot and swollen foot” by Erika Koo, Senior Podiatrist.



Lost Property

Fairfield Hospital wishes to advise as per the "Lost Property Policy" the Security Department is responsible for the handling and storage of all lost property. All lost property should be handed over to Security as soon as possible.

The Security Department will inspect the property. Log the property in the Lost Property Register kept in the Security Office and store it in the Security Office until such time as the property is handed over to the rightful owner, NSW Police or disposed of.

The Security Office is located within the Main Foyer, Level 2 of Fairfield Hospital.

Please ensure that any owners of lost property contact Security.

Should you have any queries regarding the above information please do not hesitate to contact Ned Veljovic, Fire Safety and Security Manager on 9616 8896.



Extra Public Holiday for Award Covered NSW Health Employees

Health Share NSW has liaised with Local Health Districts and the respective Health Unions on behalf of NSW Health to confirm that Monday 29 December has been agreed as the extra public holiday date.

For 2014/15, the Christmas/New Year public holiday break will be:

Christmas Day Thursday 25 December 2014

Boxing Day Friday 26 December 2014

Extra Public Holiday Monday 29 December 2014

New Years Day Thursday 1 January 2015

Should you require further information, please contact Noelene Salmon on 8644 2086 or via email:

noelene.salmon@hss.health.nsw.gov.au

Midwives Week



Fairfield Library

There are numerous new books that have arrived and are available to staff at Fairfield Hospital Library.

If you need help finding any of these titles or any other information please don't hesitate to contact the Library on 9616 8226.

