

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital



Message From The GM

It is with great anticipation that we await the commencement of a lot of capital works at Fairfield. There is the installation of the new Nurse Call system for 3 of the wards, new car parking gates and payment booths, a covered walkway for Whitlam and the Hands Clinic, new cots, 20 IV Pumps, 4 Kangaroo Pumps and 4 wheel chairs.

In my absence last week, Barbara Chapman spoke on our behalf at the annual Sorry Day activities and from all reports, the day was very successful

Recently we also held our Open Day at Fairfield which was extremely well attended by not only the community members and community group – there

was a large number of children from local schools that attended. The kids asked very probing at times questions and were very impressed with the many other opportunities of employment in Hospital other than Nursing or Doctors.

We welcomed Nina Berry from the District Board and her husband Geoff who enjoyed one of the tours presented by myself. Nina commented on what a wonderful feel Fairfield had about itself as she spoke to many staff and patient's whilst we toured the facility.

A special thank you also to Graeme Loy our LHD Director of Operations who

represented our CE who had a previous engagement that she was unable to get out of. Graeme also joined one of the tours and indicated he was very pleased with how it was conducted and especially around the engagement by our staff and our visitors.

Thank you to Joseph, Barbara, Robyn, Vesna and all the staff that helped and provided stalls.

From feedback to date there is already a lot of interest in next years Open Day that looks like being much bigger and better.

We also celebrated International Nurses and Midwives Day – more inside

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Hand Hygiene Day

Fairfield Hospital promoted Hand Hygiene Day on Tuesday 6 May 2014. This year apart from setting up a table in the front foyer, members from the Community Participation Network conducted audits of the hand gel dispensers as well as a compliance audit of their use by staff, patients and visitors. Recommendations were also made as a result of these audits, which include an assessment of placing extra dispensers around the Hospital.

Thank you to the Bunzel and DEB for supplying donations and small samples of hand gels

as giveaways on the day.

As part of raising awareness, two competitions were organised for the day. The winner of the "Hand Hygiene Moments" was Leonie Stevens – Mental Health whilst the winner of "Jumble Letters" was Maika Alandy-dy – UWS student. Congratulations to the winners on their \$50 gift vouchers. Wine and chocolates were also given away as consolation prizes.

Fairfield Hospital Hand Hygiene results remains impressive at 88% which puts the Hospital above the average national benchmarks which is 80%.

Remember to use the hand gel dispensers available readily

throughout the Hospital.

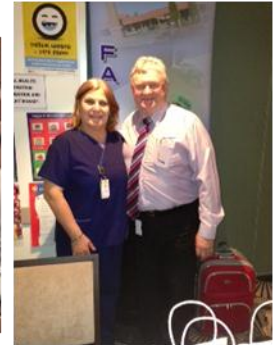
It only takes 5 moments to change the world... No action today, No cure tomorrow.



Community Expos

Fairfield Hospital participated in two Community Expos during the month of May. The first expo was at Mounties at Mount Pritchard on Wednesday 14 May 2014. This expo provided an opportunity for local service providers, Government and non Government departments to promote and share information on service provided to migrants and asylum seekers operating in the Fairfield Area. The General Manager Arnold Tammekand attended on the day together with the Dental Clinic and the Community Participation Manager. It was a great networking opportunity. The Hospital also participated in the Engaging School and Community Forum on Wednesday 21 May 2014 at

Fairfield High School. The Hospital Nurse Educators had a great opportunity to promote their programs together with the Dental Clinic.



Sorry Day

Sorry Day pays tribute for better relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with other Australians. Fairfield Hospital recognised Sorry Day on Tuesday 27 May 2014. The event included a flag raising ceremony as well as a smoking ceremony by Uncle Steve. The NYALA Aboriginal awareness group also provided an enlightening session about the history of the didgeridoo and other artefacts followed by a bush tucker experience which included tasting kangaroo and emu meat. Aunty Val Linow and Aunty Rita Wenberg shared a touching experience of what it was like to be part of the stolen generation and then they honoured our Director of Nursing & Midwifery Services Barbara Chapman by gifting her and the hospital a hand made painting made by Aunty Val. Staff, visitors, Elders and Aboriginal Services then enjoyed a BBQ and an opportunity to network with each other. Fairfield Hospital is also proud to have Sharon Brown as its Aboriginal Liaison Officer. She can be contacted on 9616 8292



Interpreter Services

Fairfield Hospital in partnership with Interpreter Services organised an in-service for doctors and nurses about how to access Interpreter Services for patients of the Hospital. The in-service was an informal discussion between staff and Interpreter Service to raise issues and come up with suggestions on how to better work together collaboratively. As part of the in-service an audit of all the wards was conducted to ensure Interpreter Services posters, as well handouts were given to nurses station. Interpreter Services is a 24 hour 7 days a week service that is available to all patients who present at Fairfield Hospital.

Community Participation

The Community Participation Network had their May meeting on Friday 30 May 2014. All network members were present as well as an observer who might join the Network next month. Other activities undertaken on the day, included a walking group with Network representative Charles Gream attending a session about the Able and Stable program with Minh Phong from our Physiotherapy Department. Also a tour was conducted for an Assyrian group by the Community Participation Manager. Both groups provided positive feedback from their experiences and advised that they had learnt new interesting facts about Fairfield Hospital.

Open Day

On Thursday May 22, The Hospital held its first Open Day.

“A Smooth Operation” is what the Fairfield Advance described it as.

The event officially ran from 10am until 2pm with over 14 Hospital departments and other services holding information stalls in either the front foyer or the cafeteria.

Food Services and Dietetics also ran two presentations on the day.

One of the highlights of the day were the tours that were held throughout the day for Fairfield Navitas, the local schools and community groups.

Board Member Nina Berry also attended on the day and was given a special tour by the General Manager Arnold Tammekand. SWSLHD Director of Operations Graeme Loy and SWSLHD Director, Clinical Governance Unit Mark Zacka also joined the afternoon tour of the hospital.

The day was also concluded with a

free BBQ served by the Executive team and students from Prairiewood High School to all our staff and visitors.

Visitors and students expressed a great appreciation and overwhelming positive feedback during the Open Day activities. Likewise Hospital staff and the Open Day Committee were extremely pleased with the large amount of people who attended on the day. The figure was beyond expectation. “Next year, Open Day will be bigger and better” said General Manager Arnold Tammekand.

“Open Day is a great opportunity to showcase the great work we do but also provides a fantastic opportunity to the local school kids about the different career options available within Health”.

A special thank you to Prairiewood High School for their involvement and for the Open Day staff committee for making the day a great success. The day was sponsored by BUPA and State Super Financial Services



State Super Financial Services hampers: People’s Choice Best Stall Award went to Dietetics and Food Services stall.

The lucky door prize was won by Ms Corazon Izon – Infection Control

BUPA \$50 gift voucher winners were:

Ticket Black D 054

Ticket Orange F022

Ticket Black D 007

Ticket black D100

All winning ticket holders may claim their gift vouchers from Human Resources Department. Please bring your ticket along.



Grand rounds

Grand Rounds on Wednesday 7 May 2014 was presented by Sydney South West Pathology Services on the topic of “Recent Advances in Microbiology including test ordering and correct specimens to collect” presented by Dr Michael Mailey, Director of SSWPS Microbiology and Infectious Diseases.



International Nurses Day

Everyone was invited to celebrate International Nurses Day at Fairfield Hospital on Monday 12 May 2014 in the Hospital Cafeteria. The event included a BBQ, competitions and an Award Ceremony.

The competitions included *bed making competition*, put the *nappy on the baby* and can you *decipher the writing*.

Winners of the day were:

200 Club grand prize

Number 372 yellow – Nanda Vererua (Maternity)

Raffle

1st Prize Bicycle and Umbrella – Rachel Ward 2A

2nd prize Pendopad – Glenda Soma MAU

3rd prize David Hookes Biography - Poumensing Gujraz Ward 1A.

Bed making competition

The winning team was Catherine Neic and Vicki Beckwith who now hold the trophy for the year!

“ A big thank you for making International Nurses Day such a success” was the message from Barbara Chapman - Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services.

Each nurse also received a small stainless steel drinking bottle as a small gift to mark their special day.



Staff Farewell

Fairfield Hospital would like to extend best wishes to Cathy Jear our Peri – Operative Nurse Manager on her retirement. Cathy has worked her whole nursing career which extends for over 40 years within Western Sydney Health and the last 3 1/2 years at Fairfield.



Midwives Week

Fairfield Hospital celebrated International Midwives Day on Monday 5 May 2014. The International theme reminds us how important midwives are around the globe. Midwives are the guardian of women's safety in childbirth. The focus of Midwives care is the health and safety of women and babies before, during and after birth. Midwives also assist women and their families as they make their challenging transition to parenthood.

At a special afternoon tea, General Manager Arnold Tammekand, Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services Barbara Chapman, and the Maternity and Paediatric teams had the opportunity to say thank you to members of the Fairfield Lions Club, Mamma Lena & Dino Gustin Foundation and the Fairfield Chambers of Commerce for their generous gift of two new humidcribs. The humidcribs are state of the art technology that will be used in our Special Care Nursery for premature and sick babies. Dr McCleary presented certificates of appreciation to our generous benefactors as babies and their families will greatly benefit from their donations for years to come.

At the afternoon tea we had the opportunity to view the indigenous artwork of a pregnant belly cast. The cast was presented to Fairfield Hospital by the Young Women's Group from Hoxton Park.

Sharon Brown, Fairfield's Aboriginal Liaison Officer was able to provide information on the beautifully crafted artwork.

On the day, staff were invited to wear purple and to participate in the maternity quiz. A small gift basket was presented to Jasmina, the mother whose baby was first born and to the other babies born, the below verse was given to them on commemoration of International Midwives Day.

International Midwives Day 5th May

Sweet baby born this autumn day

The Midwives at Fairfield Hospital would like to say

Welcome to life and congratulations to your family

We wish you well as you travel through life sharing

Your special day with midwives

Celebrating their work with women and babies

@Pamela Avis 2012

