

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital



Message From The GM

Well, winter has truly arrived if we go on the number of ED presentations and the sicker patients we are now seeing, but once again Fairfield is displaying that caring well developed model of care to provide timely and appropriate care to our patients – thank you to all of our staff for your hard work and commitment

Whilst speaking of the success of hard work, I'd like to congratulate Jotika Kumar for her completion of the Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Orthopaedic Nursing) at the University of Tasmania – well done and I know from personal experience how hard it is to do a Uni degree, work and raise a family all at the same time .

As mentioned later in the Newsletter we are losing 2 very hard working staff in Marietta Tan one of our Private Patient Officers and also Colleen Thomas our Patient Flow Manager – thank you for all your hard work for Fairfield and on behalf of all the staff I wish you the best in your future adventures.

This week at our Clinical Council meeting we had the privilege of having the Chief Executive Amanda Larkin and Dr Friebert Kohler the Chairman of the SWSLHD Clinical Council attend and participate – the contributions made by both added great value to our meeting and we look forward to further visitations.

I have just witnessed a wonderful thing by our good friends Jodie from Villawood Bunnings and Angie from Bonnyrigg Bunnings who have commenced supplying plants to all patients in 2 wards every month until all wards are done. The pleasure I witnessed on some of the patients faces was something else to behold and I really want to thank our great corporate friends at Bunnings for the joy they have created – once again shows how Fairfield Hospital is part of the community and the community is part of us – makes me very, very proud indeed.

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Fairfield Hospital Car Park—New Ticket System

A new ticket system for access to the car parks within Fairfield Hospital is currently being installed and is set to be completed by the end of August 2014. In the next few weeks (final dates to be advised) the boom gates will be switched over to the new system.

The new car park ticketed system will still allow entry for non-swipe card holders. Instead of paying coins upon entry, the driver will be given a ticket from the machines at the boom gate. Payment for parking can be made either of the two Pay Stations (at the

Main Entrance and just outside the entrance next to Renal Dialysis on Level 1). Payment is required prior to existing the car park.

For those who pay for car parking via payroll deduction, please ensure that you collect a new access card prior to the switchover of the boom gates to the new system. A memo has been distributed noting relevant locations from where access cards can be collected.

The option to pay for a car park access card for a designated period of time through Cashier will still be available under the new car park ticketed system.



Fairfield Hospital will be celebrating World Breastfeeding Week on 5 August with an afternoon tea cake competition, a quiz, and a lucky door prize!



On Friday 1 August 2014 Fairfield Hospital supported Jeans for Genes Day. Staff were encouraged to wear jeans, make a gold coin donation and purchase Jeans for Genes day merchandise from

Nursing Administration. This year the merchandise was different because Jeans for Genes is "21 year young."

Community Participation

The Fairfield Consumer and Community Participation Network had their July meeting on Friday 25 July 2014. The network is looking forward to participating with the Master Plan to expand the hospital as well as having a focus group to walk around the grounds of the hospital to identify hazards and present them to the Building, Equipment and Works Committee.

The Fairfield Hospital Auxiliary also had their Annual General Meeting on Monday 28 July 2014 with guest speaker Claire Walker from the Extended Care Paramedic Liverpool Ambulance team.

Intake Now Open in the health

Human Services Industry Curriculum Framework Intake Now Open.



Do you want to be a nurse or work in Allied Health? Then this is the course for you as part of Year 11 and Year 12.

The Human Services Industry Curriculum Framework and the associated nationally Recognised Qualification called the Certificate III in Health Service Assistance is gained through NSW Health, Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and all lectures and clinical placements are conducted at your local hospital.

These courses can:

- * Allow you to obtain a nationally recognised Certificate III VET qualification
- * Allow the results from the optional Human Services HSC examination to count towards your Australian Tertiary Entrance Rank (ATAR)
- * Provide a qualification for employment in the Health Industry when you finish school
- * Provide a pathway to further education and training to develop your career in health
- * Offer on-the-job training and experience.

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WoH Project

In-Servicing in the clinical areas was completed and now Allied Health and non-clinical areas are to commence.

A timeline study was conducted on 6, 7 and 8 July with a formal analysis to be provided from the MOH with strategies in the Emergency Department and Patient Flow to be implemented.

A special thank you to all the Clinical Areas for their corporation and enthusiasm with the project.

Please also note that the WoH Coordinator has moved location to sit within Administration and can be contacted on 9616 8187.

MRO Admission Avoidance Project

Fairfield Hospital is developing MRO (MRSA) screening processes of pre-existing MRO patients flagged in our data bases to reduce the impact on isolation bed requirement. Initially Fairfield is developing this process on a facility basis, with a future vision of referral process for community screening, district involvement, and as a future demand strategy, a linked eMR database for the Local Health District (LHD)

For further information please contact Belinda Lloyd MRO Admission Avoidance Project Officer on Exten: 68187 or Pager 47993.

General Practice Unit in Fairfield Hospital

The General Practice (GP) Unit is situated next to the Cashiers Office as you walk into the front foyer of the Hospital.

They are open Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 4.30pm and they bulk bill patients.

Apart from treating patients the General Practice Unit also recently :

(1) Treatments for the Common Cold

Drs Catherine Lip and Samuel Cheng, GP registrars (GP trainees) at the GP Unit together with Dr Michael Tam, Staff Specialist GP unit published an article in *The Conversation* on various treatments for the common cold. At the moment many patients are presenting to the GP Unit with lot of respiratory tract infections. The article can be found on: <http://theconversation.com/health-check-can-you-treat-the-common-cold-25323>
Dr Michael Tam also had a short appraisal of the evidence for the use of *Echinacea* in children for the

common cold published in this month in *Medical Observer* , a GP news periodical <http://www.medicalobserver.com.au/news/the-evidence-for-echinacea>

(2) PhD Student at the GP Unit submitted his thesis

Mr Ali Reza Rahimi, a PhD student at the GP Unit submitted his thesis this month in eHealth. His PhD project was supervised by Prof Siaw-Teng Liaw, the Director of the GP Unit. Ali is returning home to Iran after studying in Australia for several years and we wish him all the best.

(3) Dr Andrew Knight writes about the eHealth revolution

Dr Andrew Knight, Staff Specialist at the GP Unit, published an article on eHealth implementation in MJA InSight this month.

(4) Presentations and workshops at 2014 PHC research conference

Prof Liaw and Dr Knight are delivering research presentations and workshops at this year's Primary Health Care Research Conference in Canberra.

<http://www.phcris.org.au/conference/2014>

The GP Unit also has a social media presence:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/gpunitfairfield>

Twitter: @GPUnitFairfield: <http://twitter.com/GPUnitFairfield>

For more information, you can contact the GP Clinic on 9616 8520

Grand Rounds

On Wednesday 2 July 2014 Hand Surgery presented on the topic of "Principals in Management of Hand Fractures" by Dr Ian Yuen , Hand Surgeon VMO

On Wednesday 23 July 2014 The Department of Surgery presented on the topic of "Colonoscopy Indications and Complications; Ischemic GUT; Testicular Tortion; and Cholangitis" by the Surgical Team

Community Presentations

Fairfield Hospital Staff recently joined forces with Tony Golshani head Pharmacist from Priceline Pharmacy, Stocklands Wetherill Park in conducting a series of community based presentations targeting a number of important health promotions topics. On 1 July, 30 eager participants gathered in Stocklands Wehherill Park to hear a presentation by our very own Minh Pham Senior Physiotherapist together with Tony Golshani on preventing Falls. Participants were welcomed with a coffee/tea compliments of the local coffee shop before being led through an informative and practical session on how to safe proof yourself from falling at home. Given the location of the presentation in the busy shopping precinct, Minh did a great job in teaching Thai-Chi techniques to the enthusiastic group. On the 15 July, Fairfield Hospital staff united forces with our local partners at Chemistworks Wetherill Park in conducting a community presentation in conjunction with Diabetes Week. 20 eager participants gathered for the presentation by was given by a number of informative speakers including Dean Mercurio from our Dietetics Department before embarking on a well-deserved coffee compliments again of the local coffee shop.

The large number of attendees at both sessions and feedback provided on the day indicated that the "Partnering of Fairfield Hospital with Local Businesses promote Better Health Outcomes for Our Community". This education initiative was not only well received but also generated requests for further presentations with a number of local community groups into the future.

Thank you to all concerned for driving this great community education initiative.



Staff Announcements

Speech Pathology Manager

Ms Kimberly Coote has been appointed as Speech Pathology Manager.

Kimberly has relieved in the Speech Pathology Manager position for several months and has made a valuable contribution to the service.

Peri-Operative Nurse Manager

Ms Lilliana Levada has been appointed as the Peri-operative Nurse Manager at Fairfield Hospital. Lilliana commenced duty on Monday 7 July 2014.

Lilliana brings with her a wealth of knowledge and Operating Suite Experience.

I would also like to extend thanks to Mr Craig Lawson who had so ably relieved as Acting Peri-Operative Nurse Manager during the past few months.

Emergency Department Data & Clerical Manager

Ms Marian Sammut has been appointed to the role of Emergency Department Data and Clerical Manager, Fairfield Hospital.

Ms Sammut brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. Ms Sammut was acting in the role at Fairfield Hospital and in a similar capacity at Bankstown Hospital.

Ms Sammut's contact details are as follows:

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Staff Farewell

Mrs Colleen Thomas is leaving after 4 1/2 years as the Patient Flow Manager at Fairfield Hospital. She will be joining the Demand Management Unit at Bankstown Hospital as they are expanding the role within the facility. Colleen is looking forward to the new challenge. Her last day at Fairfield will be Sunday 10 August 2014. Fairfield Hospital wishes her all the success with the new role.

After 17 years of service at Fairfield Hospital, Marietta Tan is about to embark on a new chapter in her life. Marietta has held various positions throughout Fairfield Hospital over the years, most recently as one of the Private Patient Officers. "On behalf of everyone at Fairfield Hospital I would like to thank Marietta for her hard work and dedication and wish her a prosperous and relaxing retirement."

Acting
Revenue
Manager –
Jonathan
Lee said.



Food Services Awards

On Monday 21 July 2014 Food Services celebrated staff recognition awards with an afternoon tea and award presentation to staff who have worked in Health for over 20 years. Staff members who have reached 25 years of service also received a patch to iron on their uniform.

This will now become an ongoing recognition program for food services staff each year.

Food Services Manager Kerry Garufi said "it's a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with staff that have such loyalty to the Health Service."

