

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital



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FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT / MAU / ESSU REDEVELOPMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS



Staff are invited to attend one of the following information sessions at which Jeremy Wilson, Senior Project Manager Capital Insight will provide information in relation to the upcoming redevelopment of ED, MAU and ESSU

Sessions will be held in the Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre on Monday 20 March 2017 at:
9.30am & 10.00am
12.00pm & 12.30pm
3.00pm & 3.30pm

Message From The GM

I am very excited about the redevelopment of our Emergency department/MAU/ESSU.

Along with building improvement, cultural change programs for staff are also being implemented for achieve better patient care.

Also our new improved cafeteria is expected to be finished and open for our patients/ staff/visitors by the end of May.

This edition details our community support and engagement activities. We aim to keep growing and working with our community as we believe this is best practice to provide a better health service for all.

24/7 Emergency Children's Services

The Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Care at Fairfield Hospital proudly announces the enhancement of their service with the provision of a children's doctors on site at Fairfield Hospital at all times, 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

With close links to the Sydney Children's Hospital Network and local tertiary neonatal intensive care units, the Paediatric Department provides a comprehensive paediatric service close to home for families in the

Fairfield Local Government Area. The services provided include:

- * Dedicated children's doctors in the hospital, providing around-the-clock coverage every day of the week supported by tiered networks.
- * Paediatrician Led Care
- * 24/7 Emergency Children's Medical Services, with close support from the Dept of Paediatrics.
- * A Neonatologist-led Neonatal Special Care Nursery and new-born follow-up services.
- * Family-friendly dedicated

paediatric and adolescent inpatient areas, play facilities and adolescent-friendly entertainment.

- * The Paediatric Ambulatory Care Service (PACS), which conducts outpatient clinics, paediatric Burns Clinic (the Joint Outreach Paediatric Burns Service) and a nursing Paediatric Outreach Service (POS) providing care in the home.
- * Specialised surgical services including hand surgery and selected general surgery.

This enhancement will ensure safe and timely specialised care of sick new-born babies, children and adolescents 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.



Kidney Health Week 2017

During Kidney Health Week 5 – 11 March 2017, Social Work Dept. and the Renal Dialysis Staff at Fairfield Hospital hosted an awareness event to inform the general public about the risk of developing kidney disease. An information display stall was organised which included helpful information on all aspects of kidney health and living with kidney disease provided by Kidney Health Australia, blood pressure checks, a visit from Billy the Kidney and other fun interactive activities. An afternoon tea was also held for the renal patients and their families and carers in the Renal Dialysis Unit. Fairfield Hospital has just over 70 renal patients attending haemodialysis throughout the week. The Fairfield Renal Dialysis Unit was officially opened in 2008, which only had approximately 35 patients.

This year we share the World Kidney Day Theme of **Kidney Disease and Obesity – Healthy Lifestyle for Healthy Kidneys**. Kidney disease can affect anyone and it could be you! Every day more than 60 Australians die with kidney related disease – that’s more deaths than breast cancer, prostate cancer or road traffic accidents. Sadly 1 in 3 Australians is at risk of kidney disease and an estimated 1.7 million Australians aged 18 years and over already have at least one clinical sign of existing chronic kidney disease.

With that in mind, we aim for Australians to understand how

important kidneys are to their overall health and to keep a look out for risk factors leading to kidney disease, which include obesity. Early detection and effective management can halt chronic kidney disease or slow progression by as much as 50%. Understanding the role of your kidneys and risk factors of kidney disease can save lives!



Community Engagement & Participation

Fairfield Hospital together with Oral Health Fairfield participated in the Mini Seek & Skill interactive career expo for over 150 students at Smithfield Public School.

This program is organised through South West Connect to help young people achieve their full educational, social and employment potential. The students enjoyed practicing and learning about the variety of careers available within Health.

Fairfield Hospital is also exploring the opportunity to present to the parents of the students in the near future.



Parent’s Café group within Fairfield High School who have been in Australia for only a few years received a first hand insight into the importance of exercise and falls prevention from a Physiotherapy Department. Dr Jay Stevens from the GP Clinic also presented about safe medication & how to report medication history when going to hospital or any medical service. The group also heard from the General Manager about the upcoming refurbishment of the Emergency Department. The group then also came in to the Hospital for a tour and light lunch with the General Manager. Both events were very well received and appreciated by the group.

Thor Specialties P/L

Fairfield Hospital now has 6 cardiac monitors thanks to a recent \$10,000 from Thor Specialties P/L. These monitors detect and read heart rhythms and determines cause if recurrent fainting, palpitations, unexplained stroke or atrial fibrillation.



Southern District Soccer Football Association



Children at Fairfield Hospital were surprised with a visit from the Southern District Soccer Football Association. Rod Galic & the team together with the Mayor Frank Carbone delivered a box full of football gear & merchandise to the kids in our ED, Paediatric and Maternity Wards.



Humpty Dumpty Donation

The Humpty Dumpty Foundation and Hitachi presented Fairfield Special Care Nursery department with a Radical -7 Pulse Oximeter valued at \$4,440.

This piece of equipment measures the amount of oxygen in babies

capillaries. This ensures correct & safe oxygen delivery during highly critical times in an effort to prevent damage to organs such as the brain, eyes & lungs.



Vietnamese Fundraising Dinner

SAVE THE DATE:

After last year's successful fundraiser dinner for Fairfield Hospital, the Vietnamese community are putting on a fundraising dinner again on Friday 23 June 2017. Tickets are \$50 each and includes dinner and entertainment at the Crystal Palace Restaurant in Canley Vale. More details & who to purchase tickets from will be coming soon!



Thank you

FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL

**VOLUNTEERS,
AUXILIARY &
COMMUNITY
PARTICIPATION
APPRECIATION DAY**

MORNING TEA

Members of the Fairfield Hospital Volunteers, Auxiliary and Community Participation are invited to attend a Morning Tea to be held on Monday 27 March 2017 at 10.30am in the Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre



Australian Government

HARMONY DAY

11am to 1pm

Court yard near the Hand Clinic

Come and join us to enjoy the taste of Middle Eastern and Cambodian authentic food prepared by Parents of Prairiewood High School students and The Cambodian Women's Group

Supported by Health Promotion Service, South Western Sydney Local Health District and Fairfield Hospital

EVERYONE BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au

Late last year Social Work asked staff at Fairfield Hospital to check their wallets and offload any 5 cent coins for the

Love Your Sister

(<https://loveyoursister.ecwid.com/>), a charity that was established by the actor Sam Johnson and his sister Connie who has been fighting Breast Cancer for a number of years now. Their goal is to raise funds for Breast Cancer research. Their latest attempt is to establish a new world record in the longest line of 5cent pieces which of course will be donated to the above cause. The current record is 74.5km and is held by a town in Austria.

Contributors to the fundraiser were invited to either purchase a metre for \$2.90 or donate 5cent coins via Bendigo Bank. At Fairfield Hospital we have collected 22.2 metres of 5cent coins (total of \$64.5) which was deposited at Homebush Bendigo Bank. Thank you to all the contributors.



Fairfield Hospital Library— After Hours Return Boxes

Due to the Hospital Cafeteria renovation, the out-of-hours returns Library box is now in the **General Administration Area** (next to internal mailbox area). Which is open from 7am to 5pm daily. If you wish to place your returned library book in either after-hours return boxes after 5pm: **Ward 2b Tutorial Room** (back wall) or the **General Administration Area** (near internal mailboxes) please contact the After-Hours Nurse Manager (for General Administration) or Security (for both General Administration & Tutorial Room)

Do not request to access to the library after hours to return your overdue/due library books. The library is open from 8.30am til 5pm Monday to Friday.

If the Library is closed please place all returning items in the 2 out-of-hours return boxes.

