

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital

### Message From The GM



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Well – not only are we into a New Year the first month is gone already!!

So much happening with further work being done with the ED/MAU/ESSU refurbishments planning nearing completion - it certainly will be wonderful to offer our patients a contemporary ED to come to rather than the greatly outdated and outmoded current one. Bringing both MAU and ESSU together into the current GP Unit site will provide a much more robust and complete service and make the

journey so much better for our patients.

Other exciting news is that we have now finalised our Hospital Executive Team with Munya Gwede appointed as our Director of Corporate Services and Joanne McGowan appointed as our Director of Finance and Revenue – this will give much more stability to the leadership Team to take us through what will be a very hectic/chaotic couple of years ahead

Whilst welcoming new staff and as in the next article, I would like to welcome both

Chelsea and Kendra to Fairfield were I'm sure they will be made welcome and learn a great deal.

Whilst we have made numerous gains we have also lost a long servicing staff member in Chris Williams who has now decided to kick up her heels after a long and distinguished service for our Hospital best wishes from all of us and Chris it was always that the patients came first.

See below for a very exciting fund raising dinner on 11 March organised by our friends in the Vietnamese Community – tickets are selling fast so don't miss out on a great night to hopefully raise some \$50,000.

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#### In Memorandum:



*It is with the saddest of decisions to have to add this column to my monthly report*

*Last week Fairfield Hospital lost one of its favourite 'sons' - David Watson. Not only had he provided over 30 years of passionate and dedicated service to our Hospital, he was much loved by staff and patients alike as nothing ever was a bother to him and he always greeted everyone with a smile and a 'g'day' - we will all miss him terribly. He indeed was what Fairfield Hospital is all about.*

#### GM with the new Management Grads

Fairfield Hospital would like to welcome Chelsea Nichols and Kendra Luong as our new Graduate Trainee Management students. They will have the opportunity to work closely with the General Manager and staff at Fairfield Hospital over the next 3 months.

All the best to Katrina Maunder our last Management Graduate who has now moved to relieve in an Administration role at District.



## Christine Williams Retires

This month Fairfield Hospital said goodbye to its Ward 1B Nurse Unit Manager Christine Williams as she embarks on her retirement journey. Christine has had a long and varied career in nursing although prior to commencing nursing she worked at Woolworths as a checkout chick. She has worked in various nursing roles as an Student Nurse, Enrolled Nurse, Registered Nurse and then later as a NUM.

Chris as she known by most has worked in many areas of the Hospital such as X-Ray, Emergency Department, Surgery, Orthopaedics and Pre-Admission Clinic. Chris also became a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS). In 2005 Chris was appointed as the Nurse Unit Manager (NUM) of Ward 1B.

One of her early performance appraisals said that "Chris is a dedicated NUM who runs an efficient Ward from a management and clinical perspective" and this is still true. Chris sees herself as an advocate for her patients and staff.

Over the years, Chris has acted in roles such as Patient Flow Manager and the Workforce Manager many times at

short notice.

"Chris's commitment to Fairfield Hospital was very evident, she has a very unique style of clinical management" said Barbara Chapman – Director of Nursing & Midwifery. As Chris leaves Fairfield Hospital, she should be justly proud of her contribution to the Hospital and the nursing profession. She even has two daughters who have also followed in her footsteps, one is a Midwife and the other a Nurse.

Chris, you will be very much missed within Fairfield Hospital but we wish you all the very best for a happy and healthy retirement.



## GRAND ROUNDS-

Presented by Allied Health

TOPIC: "To Discharge or Not to Discharge – Should I send this ED patient home?" by Dr Rob Boland and Andrew Wong, Physiotherapy and "PEACH Program – Palliative Care Home Support Packages" by Jolanta Swierczynski and Therese Smeal on Wednesday 3 February 2016 at the Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre.

## Community Participation

The Consumer and Community Participation Networks ended 2015 with the Christmas Function held for the all the District Networks at the Bankstown Bowling Club.

After a warm lunch, the winners of the Harry Collins Awards were announced. From Fairfield Network both Janette Hannaford and Charles Gream were recognised for the outstanding contributions they made during 2015.

Everyone was then invited to attend the Annual Public Meeting that was held across the road at the Bankstown Arts Centre. The Community had the opportunity to meet the Board and hear "first hand" about the highlights of 2015.

A huge thank you to the Fairfield Consumer & Community Participation Network members for all their efforts, commitment and

contributions during 2015.

The first meeting for 2016 will take place on Friday 26 February 2016.



Fairfield Network at the Christmas Function

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# BỆNH VIỆN FAIRFIELD

Fundraising Project supporting

# FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL

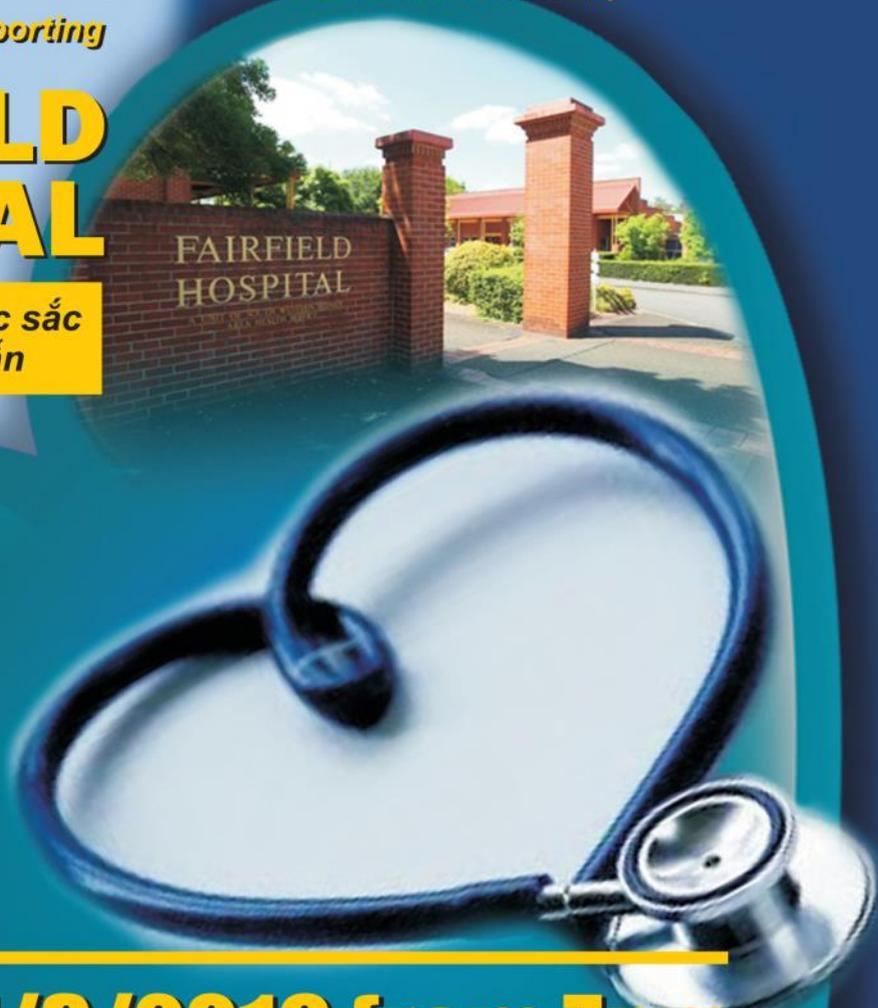
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Health  
South Western Sydney  
Local Health District

Mua thêm dụng cụ y khoa  
để phục vụ cộng đồng

To purchase medical equipment  
to serve the community



**Friday 11/3/2016 from 7pm**  
**Crystal Palace Restaurant**  
*219 Canley Vale Rd, Canley Heights*

**Authentic Vietnamese food & Entertainment & Raffle tickets**

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This project is a special contribution  
from the local Vietnamese community  
to Fairfield Hospital

Chương trình này là một đóng góp đặc biệt  
của cộng đồng người Việt tại địa phương  
dành cho Bệnh Viện Fairfield

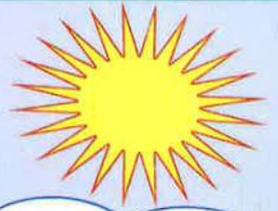
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per head

**Tickets available from:**

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Dr Sang Giang Phan 9728 4228  
Dr Tan Ngoc Vu 9790 5375  
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**FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL**



**JERSEY /  
MUFTI**

**FRIDAY'S**



**Following on from 2015's success of  
Jersey / Mufti Friday's,  
commencing 8 January and every  
Friday throughout 2016,  
staff have the choice to wear their  
favourite team jersey's or casual wear**

**Gold coin donation will continue, with the  
proceeds raised to go towards the funding of  
future Fairfield Hospital Social Club events**