

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital



Message From The GM

Happy New Year to all! I hope you were able to have some time off with family and love ones. For those that worked the Christmas and New Year period, thank you so every much.

As you read this newsletter, our General Manager, Arnold Tammekand is off gallivanting somewhere in Vietnam and Cambodia, on a well deserved break.

2017 has been one of the most difficult year in health service, with the unprecedented flu and presentations to the Hospital. Our Emergency Department has broken record after record, with record daily presentations, record ambulance arrivals with a 50% increase from 2016, and record yearly ED presentations which is now over 36,000 patients and

counting. We would not have coped with the increased demand without the wonderful and committed staff at Fairfield Hospital. I am so appreciative and thankful, and so proud to be working along each and everyone of you.

2018 will be a great and fantastic year for Fairfield Hospital, with many exciting initiatives and developments happening.

The ICU transition to Level 4 ICU is due for completion in April 2018. The ED refurbishment is in full swing with a completion date expected in March 2019, if not earlier.

We welcome new staff to Fairfield Hospital including the new Interns during their first weeks as qualified medical doctors.

Sadly, I announce the departure of our Director of Corporate Services, Munyaradzi (Munya) Gwede whose last day at Fairfield Hospital was on Friday 9 February 2018. We thank Munya for his services and wish him all the best in his future career.

Many more announcements to come in our next News from the Field newsletter.



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Emergency Department Redevelopment Update

The Emergency Department (ED) redevelopment stages 2 & 3 were taken over on the 21 January 2018.

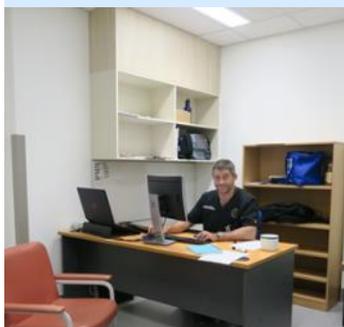
Stage 2 of the redevelopment is the ED administration & office areas, and stage 3 is the staff amenities, teaching and meeting room as well as a new storage area.

ED staff relocated in these areas on the 22 January 2018.

Upcoming Work

Stage 5 has commenced and consists of the current ED Director's Office, ASET Office, ED & Radiology Data Manager's office.

Further updates will be provided in the next issue of the Field.



Biggest Loser Challenge

ARE YOU OUR BIGGEST LOSER?

Maternity is getting healthy in 2018 – and the scales will show it.

PROPOSAL – “You can never be too skinny or too rich” – Wallis Simpson 1970

AIM – A Healthy Maternity Service

METHOD – Move more, Eat less

RESULTS – Weigh in weekly with digital scale in MSP office, greatest percentage weight loss wins

INCENTIVE - \$10 entry, winner takes all

RIGOR - all results observed and documented by a colleague at Fairfield Hospital



8 weeks starting Monday January 15th January 2018

For entry see Steph and Vicki



The maternity services thought up the concept of having this competition over Christmas as together we felt that we could keep each other accountable and energised while tackling a very common new year's resolution. As shift workers, many nurses and midwives struggle with healthy eating and weight due to the sheer demands that underpin the very job we do. As a group we came together to inspire and test one another's determination only to soon find that others around the hospital wanted to join us! We know have over 20 staff throughout the facility from all departments taking part in the competition. The end goal is to not only feel healthy, but it would be an understatement to say that no one was vying for the cash prize of over \$100. The competition also isn't designed to leave Fairfield Hospital out of the fundraising process, other revenues raised will go towards lactation and breastfeeding resources for our maternity staff.

Charity Event

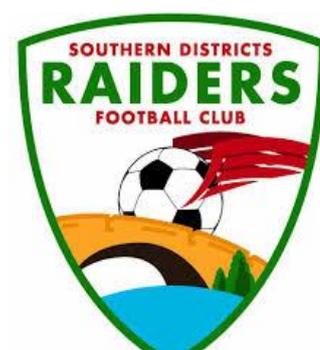
Fairfield Hospital Paediatrics are delighted to be nominated by SD Raiders FC in partnership with South West Sydney Football Club Inc. as the beneficiary of a series of charitable fundraising events in 2018.

The donations generated will be used to purchase and upgrade much needed medical equipment for our babies and children of the Fairfield Hospital Community.

The game between Southern Districts (SD) Raiders FC v Apia Leichhardt took place on Sunday 4 February 2018 at Ernie Smith Reserve.

A newborn incubator was located at the entrance of the stadium for fans to deposit gold coins.

Stay tuned for updates on this incredible charity and community event.



Cheque Presentation – Thor Specialities



Thank you to Thor Specialities for their very generous donation to Fairfield Hospital. The money will be used to buy four Connex vital signs monitors with mobile stands.

Fairfield Hospital #EndPJParalysis Poster Competition



Calling all creative minds....

We're on the look out for the most original and imaginative poster to help promote the "end of PJ paralysis" and "the last 1000 days"

#EndPJParalysis is aimed at encouraging patients to get mobile during their stay in hospital and to wear normal day clothes instead of their PJ's
So come on and get those creative juices flowing!!

Entries are to be forwarded to Nursing Administration by Friday 23 February 2018

125 Years of Cabramatta Benefits Hospital with \$17,000

You know you are an integral part of the community when a 125 year celebration of Cabramatta ends up benefiting the Hospital with a \$17,215.00 donation.

The proceeds were raised at a celebration event hosted at Milano Restaurant Lansvale from ticket proceeds, auctions & raffles.

Fahiza Farhad, from IBIS hotels & South Western Sydney Tourism Taskforce said: "We are proud to be part of the community of Cabramatta and Fairfield, and have immense support from our Chamber of Commerce, Council and business community who come together for a great cause."

Sponsors for the event included: Cabramatta Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club of Cabramatta, IJ Hooker Cabramatta, Cabra-Vale Diggers, Newscorp, Publisher of the Advance, the South West Tourism Taskforce and Fairfield City Council.

Fairfield Hospital would like to thank the organisers of this initiative and all other community & corporate support that is provided to make their local Hospital better.



Staff Notices

New appointments to the Nursing Division:

- * Ms Fae Albulario to the position of Nurse Unit Manager Intensive Care Unit as of the 8 January 2018.
- * Ms Farhana Khan to the position of Nurse Unit Manager Medical Assessment Unit as of 12 February 2018.
- * Ms Kathy McGuire to the position of Nurse Unit Manager, Ward 1A as of 1 January 2018.
- * Ms Lilianna Larkin to the position of Nurse Manager Workforce on a six (6) month secondment whilst formal recruitment processes are undertaken.



Passing Away of Fairfield Hospital Volunteer - It is with great sadness to advise that Mr Robert (Bob) Jenkins, a long serving member of the Fairfield Hospital

Volunteers, passed away peacefully on Wednesday 17 January 2018 at Braeside Hospital.

The Funeral service had be held on Wednesday 24 January 2018 in the North Chapel at Pinegrove



Fairfield Hospital in on Grill'd Wetherill Park local matters jars again this month. Money raised will go towards purchasing an orientation clock for Dementia Patients. It would be great to support Fairfield Hospital to ensure first place in the local matters program.

Grill'd Wetherill Park provide ongoing support and donation to Fairfield Hospital. Their corporate responsibility and commitment is admirable.



Louise Norden, from Social Work at Fairfield Hospital and also sits on the facility Disability Working Party participated in the District event for

International Day of People with Disability at Bankstown Hospital on 4 December 2017.

It was a great turn out which made the event a huge success, with many inspirational guest speakers sharing their stories. Stalls were held by service providers such as NDIS, Autism Awareness Australia, Carers Program NSW and IDEAS (Information on Disability and Education Awareness Services).

Top 5 was relaunched and District Disability & Carer Strategy.

A 2018 event will also be organised at a District level with participation from Fairfield Hospital.



Wound Community of Practice

This year's wound group commenced in January with a case presentation by Brooke Fennelly, RN from Ward 2A. The case related to a patient who presented with a deep pressure injury, and the challenges to heal the wound due to the patient's co-morbidities. It was great to see the patient recently whose wound has completely healed. Excellent presentation, and well done to the staff on Ward 2A, 1B and Braeside Rehabilitation Unit for their great care of this patient.