

News from the Field



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Fairfield Hospital



Message From The GM

They told us that this winter was going to be hectic – not the most appropriate word I would say!!

We are seeing 11% more presentations, 55-60% more ambulance presentations each week compared to last year and indeed the patients are sicker.

Ambulance off loads continues to be a major headache, but can I add what an incredible job you all are doing to ensure our patients are treated and cared for in the most timely manner possible – you amaze me day in and day out on what you achieve – without doubt “Best in the West”!! Good news – the retail outlet/cafeteria is close to completion.

The official opening is planned for Monday 21 August at 5pm with the doors officially opening on Tuesday morning for staff and visitors.

Also getting very close to getting under way is the ED refurbishment planned to commence at the beginning of September with the successful tender appointed – watch for ongoing communication.

To add to the very busy nature of our activity at the moment, we were selected to be the first site to move to the electronic Health Roster system – lots of hard work, lots of heart ache and we went live with Nursing this last pay cycle. The reports back from the

Health Roster implementation Team was that there were no mistakes or rejections and it appears that all nursing staff got paid – this is a huge tribute to all cost centre Managers who have adapted so quickly and so well – great work – very proud.

Below is the first months winners of our Extra Step For The Team Award – Melissa for the incredible work leading to end of financial year, Cveta for huge amount of work leading up to WHS Audit, Ruby for filling in when admin was critically short into roles not done before and Sue ‘Crofty’ still smiling and working flat strap when the Hospital was on its ear with activity.

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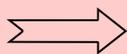
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Extra Step For The Team Award – By The GM

The District has recently launched the *Transforming Your Experience (TYE)* program and in line with the launch, the General Manager Arnold Tammekand in partnership with Grill’d Burgers at Wetherill Park has introduced “**Extra Step For The Team Award**” which will be won by a staff member each week! Nominations can be provided to the GM but the final decision will rest as his responsibility.

Each week the winner will receive a personalised certificate and a voucher for a free burger from Grill’d Burgers Wetherill Park.

The first four winners of this award are :



Melissa Stanley
Finance Officer

Cveta Andary
WHS – Manager

Revelita Herrera
Administrative Officer

Sue Croft
General Services

You're invited to attend the
**ANNUAL CONSUMER AND COMMUNITY
PARTICIPATION CONFERENCE**



WHEN

Friday 22nd September 2017
8.30am - 3.00pm

WHERE

"The Warwick" 355 Hume Highway
Warwick Farm

THIS EVENT IS FREE!

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Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District



Fairfield Open Meeting!

Fairfield Hospital Consumer & Community Participation Open Network
Meeting

When: Friday 25 August 2017

Time: 1pm to 3pm

Location: Fairfield Hospital



An opportunity to meet the Executive team, hear about the latest Hospital news and learn about our very valued Consumer Network & the difference it makes in helping provide better health care.

Community Participation & Engagement

The July Community & Consumer Participation Network meeting had a extra special flavour to it. The Chair of the network Carmen Lazar bought with her two guests: Mr Rafi Qoja & Mr Samad Kdade, both are doctors from Iraq who have recently arrived in Australia as refugees. They shared their touching journey with the network and inspired everyone at the table of their dedication and commitment to a better life. The beauty of our network is its colourful diversity but common goal to achieve better health care in their local community & hospital.

The August Fairfield Community & Consumer Participation Network meeting will be open to the community. Join us for lunch and an opportunity to meet the Executive team, and the current network members. The meeting will be an open forum to learn about the hospital and what it is like to be part of the network. (see poster above)

To register your interest please contact: Robyn El-Khair –
Community Participation Manager on 9616 8830 or email:
robyn.el-khair@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

The hospital hosted a tour for a youth group in partnership with CORE Community Services. Youth Settlement Officer Henry Yoo came along with the students who are all newly arrived refugees to learn about the hospital and careers within Health. The tour included lunch and a special presentation by Dr Harry Doan, our Director of Medical Services about his career journey.

The hospital prides itself on its community partnership & engagement and welcomes tour and health sessions from any local community groups.



BIKE4KIDS

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CHARITY RIDE

OCT 1 2017 | 9AM START
CASULA TO PARRAMATTA PARK
\$30 PP | \$50 FOR ENTIRE FAMILY

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO:
JOANNE.MCGOWAN@SSWAHS.NSW.GOV.AU
LAURENCE.MCCLEARY@SSWAHS.NSW.GOV.AU



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CHARITY RIDE FOR
PAEDIATRIC UNIT

\$30PP | \$50 FOR ENTIRE FAMILY

FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL

CASULA TO PARRAMATTA PARK

CYCLISTS FOR ALL AGES AND
SKILL LEVELS

Oct. 1 2017 | 9am start

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On Your Bike4Kids – Medical Equip Charity Ride

Calling all Fairfield staff, and cycling enthusiasts help launch 2017 **“On Your Bike&Kids”**, a fun-filled charity cycling event along the M7 from Casula to Parramatta Park, **on Sunday 1st October 2017.**

This Cycling event is raising funds for the state –of-art **Phototherapy Units** to treat babies with mild jaundice on the postnatal ward which will avoid separation from the mothers for treatment in the Special Care Nursery. Approximately 60% of term babies and 85% preterm babies will develop clinically apparent jaundice a small proportion of these will require treatment with phototherapy, which is a safe and generally effective method for reducing the risk of higher levels of potentially neurotoxic jaundice pigments (bilirubin). So bring your family, friends or a date and help

The Paediatric Unit at Fairfield Hospital raise funds for a good cause.

Register your interest to:
joanne.mcgowan@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

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WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK BREASTFEEDING 2017

MULTICULTURAL HEALTH WEEK WOMEN'S HEALTH • 4-10 SEPTEMBER 2017

Monday 4 September 2017

Time: 11:00AM to 2:00PM

Official launch of Multicultural Health week will be at Fairfield Hospital with the Chief Executive attending.

Theme for this year is Women's Health: Supporting Women's Journey to Good Health'.

A multicultural lunch will be served...

Come and join us

World Breastfeeding Week is held annually between the 1st—7th of August. The theme this year was *"Sustaining Breastfeeding Together"*. The underpinning purpose of encouraging breastfeeding is to improve the health outcomes of babies as well as promote the bonding of mother and child. You may think that this has nothing to do with you, but no matter where you are positioned in life, this life preserving and sustaining gift to the millions of new humans that are born each day, has been integral to the survival of the human race throughout time, and that therefore, includes you! The event was Celebrated with a foyer display and a morning tea with maternity staff. Staff wore something gold from a striking gold tie, to a vibrant hair adornment. Winner of Facility Wide WBW Crossword was Caitlin Samuels (Student Midwife), Runners up Laura Luc (Midwife 2D). Winner of The Maternity Staff WBW Knowledge Quiz was Cheryl Oytaben (MUM, BU)

It was a fair battle for the first correct answer drawn!

" I thoroughly enjoyed guiding people to the right answers if they were resourceful enough to call me... there is nothing I love talking about more! " said Heather Gale—Lactation consultant /Parent Educator/Fairfield Hospital



National Stroke Week will take place from Monday 4 to Sunday 10 September 2017. Thousands of Stroke Week Activities will take place in communities across the country including information stalls, health checks and fundraising for the Stroke Foundation.

In 2017 there will be almost 56,000 new and recurrent strokes – that is one stroke every nine minutes.

This is why it is important to identify the signs and symptoms of stroke **F.A.S.T** and call '000' immediately.

As part of National Stroke Week 2017 we are encouraging everyone to come and participate in Fairfield Hospital's Stroke Day held on the 8th September from 12pm outside the Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre

- Free Blood Pressure Check
- Awareness activity/ speakers
- Fundraise for Ward 1A Stroke Unit

The Stroke Foundation recommends the F.A.S.T. test as an easy way to remember the most common signs of stroke.

