

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital



## Message From The GM

Can you believe it – April already – time really does fly!! Well Easter has also come and gone and I hope those that were fortunate to have the time off enjoyed the break – thank you to all those staff that continued to provide an incredible service to our community.

Speaking of Easter and those staff that worked – I'm led to believe that the staff really enjoyed the hot cross buns that your Executive supplied – sometimes it is worth working whilst others are off!!

Just an update regarding Executive positions – Munya Gwede has left and interviews have been conducted to find a replacement Director of Corporate Services – hope to make an announcement soon, however Suchit Handa has been acting in that position since Munya left.

I know many of you are aware of the recent passing of one of our ED Nurses – Russell Marsh.

Whilst I was unable to attend the funeral personally I am aware that as many staff that could be released to attend did go.

Preparations for winter are well on the way and the District is close to signing off on the recruitment to key positions for the winter spell to assist with the expected increased demand

I'm really looking forward to celebrating International Nurses Day on 11 May – we are planning to have special treats for the whole Hospital to share this very important recognition of our wonderful Nurses and the

incredible work they do.

One Step Extra For The Team – sorry for the missed couple of months with this important staff recognition, but back on deck and firing again

March winners of our One Step Extra For The Team Award are – Robert Bates – Cleaner Afternoon Team – continually works hard every day without fail and does more when asked, Les Womsley – Security Officer – helping with fire training as well as his normal job, Renu Chawla – Cleaner/Acting Leading Hand – always ensures work is done even when staff shortages makes her do the work, Suchit Handa – A/DCS - stepping up and meeting the challenges and many, many tasks of the DCS including ED refurbishment

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### Emergency Department Redevelopment Update

the new ED waiting room and Fast Tack are set to be handed back to us before the end of April. This will take us to a seating capacity in our ED to 30 seats and provide a dedicated waiting room for our patients. With fast track being the first clinical space to be handed over, we are busily working on ensuring workflow processes continue so that we can meet the needs of our community.



As part of our commitment to the Health, Safety and Wellbeing of our entire workforce, we have made arrangements with Fitness Passport to offer fitness and exercise options for staff. The program provides extremely affordable gym and pool membership and other benefits to employees and their immediate families (partners and dependent children under the age of 25 living at the same address). Initially Fitness Passport would like to identify interest in this program by asking our staff to complete a brief [online survey](#), survey closes on the **10<sup>th</sup> April**, **so please ensure it is completed prior to this date!**

# Hospital Tour

The first hospital tour for 2018, took place on Wednesday 21 March, with a group of newly arrived from Parents Café at Fairfield High School.

As part of the tour the group visited the Dental Clinic, GP Clinic, Emergency Department followed by a general tour of all the Hospital departments and services.

The tour ended with a light lunch with the General Manager—Arnold Tammekand.

Anil Tarar—Community Development Officer at the Parents Café said "Thank you so much for organising the information session for the Parents Café group. We had great feedback from the participants."

Fairfield Hospital offers free tours to all local community groups and schools. For more information contact: Robyn El-Khair on 9616 8830 or email:

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## Consumer & Community Participation Network

The Fairfield Consumer & Community Participation Network had their 2018 planning day during their March meeting. This Network provides an integral part of the Hospital as it participates in the planning, development, delivery and evaluation of health services. Network members also work with Hospital staff to advocate for the community so that hospital services are more responsive to their needs.

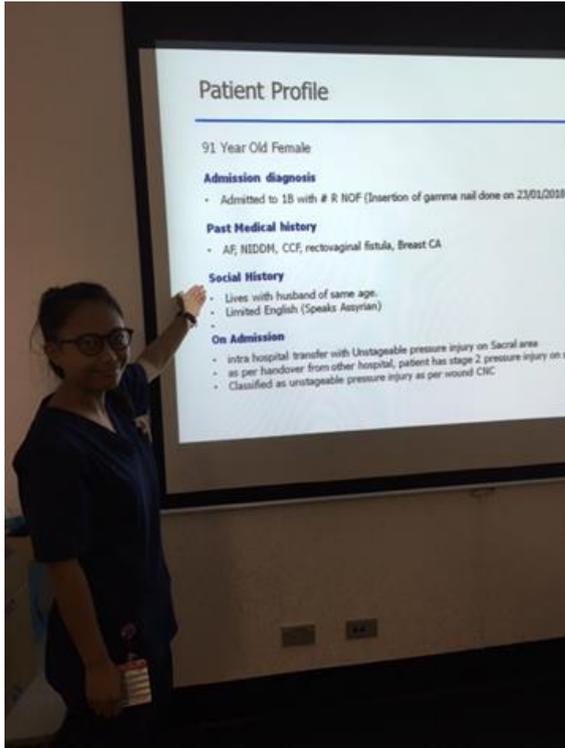
The network is looking to grow further and invites local residents to join who are:

- \* Interested in health issues
- \* Know the local community
- \* Currently use or have used health services in the past
- \* Would like to support their local Hospital
- \* Are able to dedicate some time to participate.

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# Wound Care Community of Practice



Diana Bayongan RN from Ward 1B is the latest CoP member to present a case study.

Diana presented the case of a patient who had a pressure injury that is not expected to heal.

She discussed the challenges of maintaining the wound and different strategies implemented to reduce the risk of contamination and infection.

## Maternity Information Channel

*The Fairfield Maternity Services have recently launched a maternity channel which aims to provide postnatal and parenting education. The channel is free and is accessible on all TVs within the facility – the channel is 123. Women are encouraged to watch this channel whilst staying here at Fairfield Hospital and can always approach their Midwife if they have any questions relating to their baby's care.*



## AFM Message

AFM is Live at Fairfield Hospital! All BEIMs accounts are now retired. Work requests MUST be logged in AFM Online. Managers are reminded to ensure that staff raising work orders in AFM must raise the request on behalf of that Manager. This is critical to ensure Managers retain visibility over work orders for their Cost Centres. If there are any staff that may have missed out on training, please ensure that Managers submit their name and Stafflink details to Fairfield General Managers Unit. Once enough names have been submitted a training session will be organised to train these staff members.



It is with great sadness to advise Fairfield Emergency Registered Nurse Russell Marsh passed recently after being suddenly falling ill and in a coma for more than 3 weeks. Even though Russell worked at Fairfield for a short time, he will be missed. He was a lovely man who became a nurse due to the care he had previously received when he was ill before and wanted to make a difference to other people's lives. Flowers were sent to his wife and \$545 was donated to his go fund me page by staff at Fairfield Hospital. General Manager - Arnold Tammekand also held a one minute silence during the March Consumer & Community Participation Meeting which was on the same day as his funeral, 23 March 2018.



SAVE THE DATE

*International Nurses & Midwives Day Celebrations on Friday 11th May 2018.*



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**STOCKLAND WETHERILL PARK ON WETHERILL LANE, NEAR PRICELINE**



**DONATE YOUR MOVES**

**2018**



*"Lets Move for a Better World" is a competition that is a Technogym initiative which aims to get people more active and then donate their moves to a social cause. Prairiewood Leisure Centre participated in the competition and selected Fairfield Hospital Physiotherapy Department as the recipient of the prize.*

*Congratulations to all Hospital staff and community members that participated which resulted in a great effort. The Centre came 2nd place in Australia out of 23 centres with a total of 2,048 866 moves which is brilliant!*

*Fairfield Hospital will benefit from \$5000 worth of equipment.*

*An amazing effort by all*

