

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital



## Message From The GM

It is hard to believe that I have been here for nearly six weeks. I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet with staff in groups and individually as many of you see me on my rounds each morning and afternoon. The good thing about the morning round is I get to talk with the night staff and also get to know some of the general services staff in my travels. I also get to meet some of the relatives of our patients and hear first hand about the good care we provide to our patients.

Certainly the winter season is rapidly approaching and I am encouraging all staff to have the immunisation for the influenza. Also think about those at home receiving the vaccination as well.

We have experienced some demand on our

ED and I wanted to thank everyone for ensuring our patients received the great care they are used to.

Also it is exciting that the new fast track area of the ED has been handed over and we are now setting that area up for clinical service provision very soon. I am sure the ED staff who have looked at the new area can now see what the refurbished ED might look like to work in early next year when all the works are complete.

Amanda Larkin CE also visited our facility this month and we toured the ED, ICU and Maternity Services. This provided a great opportunity for staff to engage with the CE and also for Amanda to see some of the great work that Fairfield is achieving.

On another point the People Matter Survey 2018 is being launched on Monday 4th June 2018. This is your opportunity to communicate directly with the leadership team. Your opinion is important and we can only make change and understand better what makes us tick if we all undertake the survey. It is confidential, anonymous and available on line or paper based. If anyone needs a hand to fill in the survey please come down to my unit and we will find someone to help you. Your opinion and feedback is important and you are important too.

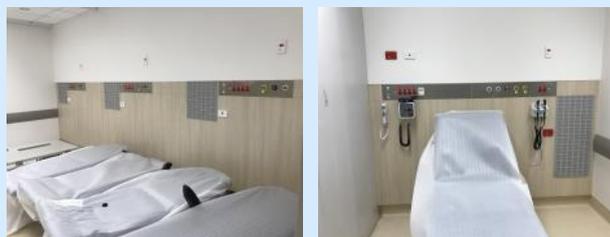
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## Emergency Department Redevelopment Update

The waiting room and new Fast Track area will be operational as of 7 June! This is a great milestone for the ED Refurbishment as it is the first clinical space that will open. The next stage to be hoarded up will be the current Fast Track and Triage which will be transformed into the brand new reception and Triage. We need to ensure we take care of our new ED space so please no bumping beds into walls and sticking paper on the walls!



Save the date

**20 September 2018**

The seminar will include high profile speakers and the presentation of the SWSLHD Quality Awards and Patient Safety Champion Award.

### SWSLHD Annual Patient Safety Seminar

Date  
Thursday 20 September 2018

Time  
8.30am to 1.30pm

Morning tea and lunch will be provided

Venue  
Thomas & Rachel Moore Education Centre  
Liverpool Hospital

Register  
[Naomi.Dias@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Naomi.Dias@health.nsw.gov.au)



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*Thank you to our Volunteers, Auxiliary & Consumer Reps*



Fairfield Hospital celebrated their Volunteers, Auxiliary & Consumer Network Members with a lunch together with staff and the Executive team.

They had the opportunity to ask questions of the Executive and learn more about our current ED refurbishment.

This group of people give their time tirelessly to the Hospital and would be at a loss without their commitment.

*Thank you for your wonderful dedication.*



**Community Engagement**



This month Discovery Tour playgroup from Core Community Services came in for a hospital tour. The group was very impressed with our services and the overall tour. To the end the tour, they all enjoyed a morning tea in our out door Café area. Hospital tours are open & available for all community groups upon requests.

For more information about hospital tours, health information sessions, schools visits or to join our consumer network committee, contact, Robyn El-Khair - Community Participation Manager on 96168830 or email: [robyn.elkhair@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:robyn.elkhair@health.nsw.gov.au)

**Health- Forum Vietnamese Community Program**

Mercy Omega, Chronic Respiratory Case Manager & Tobacco Treatment Professional, Ambulatory Care Unit participated in health promotion series for the Health Forum Vietnamese Community Program. Presenters also included different GPs of the Vietnamese Community, Liverpool and Bankstown Hospital Health promotion staff, Mercy plus QuitLine officials. There is participation of Community Leaders and Elders and with help of booked interpreters,



these sessions managed to encourage and promote services for better health offered by our Hospitals (Bankstown, Liverpool & Fairfield) and local Family Doctors.

Out of the 5 gatherings a total of 267 individuals were reached from the Vietnamese community and there are reports of some who have commenced treatment or consultations for various conditions that they were not aware could be treated or controlled. That includes some who came to the Fairfield Smoking Cessation & Respiratory Program.

# International Nurses & Midwives Day

**The celebratory theme this year:**

**Nursing: A voice to lead—Health is a Human Right**

**Midwifery: Leading the way to quality Care**



Festivities combining International Nurses & Midwives Day were celebrated on Friday 11 May 2018. In a first, a committee of senior Fairfield Hospital nursing & midwifery staff came together to organise the day & represent both specialities.

Despite the cooler weather all staff enjoyed an outdoor Guzman Y Gomez & Grill'd lunch with a specially donated two cake Bazooka from Pasticceria Caruso at Wetherill Park for dessert. Music and accompanying singing compilation were provided by 2D MUM, Hazel Simeon! Shift working staff were not forgotten, and evening pizza drop offs were organised as well as a night duty hamper for each unit.

A splash of red was seen worn all around the facility as a representation of the love & passion that is held for the profession. Our generous community, local businesses & hospital suppliers donated thousand of dollars' worth of prizes that were raffled off successfully.

Nominations and awards for nursing & midwifery excellence were presented by the Director of Nursing & Midwifery. The winners will also be put forward for the NSW Health Excellence Awards.



Category	Winner	Ward (Specialty)
Best AIN	Hellen Davood	Ward 1B
Best AIM	Brooke Barbara	Maternity Services
Best EEN	Iris Pervovic	Ward 1A
Best RN	Kelly Caristo	WJRC, Hand Clinic, 2B
Best RM	Tracey Kuban	Rotational Midwife
Director of Nursing & Midwifery Award	Justin Smith	Clinical Leadership Role – Paeds 1C
Posthumous Recognition	Russell Marsh	Emergency Dept



There were also winners of the International Nurses & Midwives Day 2018 Mothers Day raffle.

- 1st Prize: Maria Sequiera (Ambulatory Care/WJRC)
- 2nd Prize: Carol (Volunteer Department)
- 3rd Prize: Ms Bertiment (Renal Dialysis Unit)

***Congratulations to all the Winners!!!!***

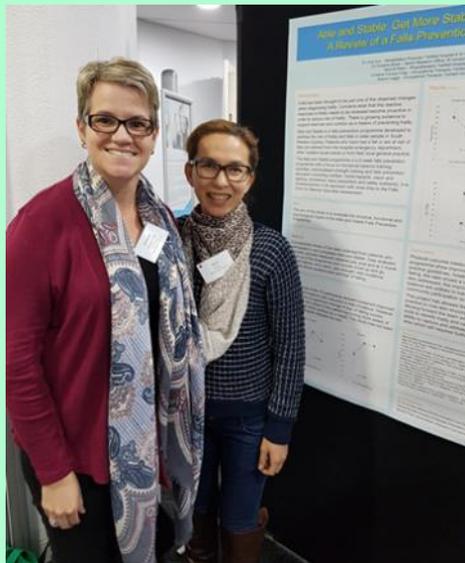
Special acknowledgement to Binbin (Renal Dialysis NUM) & Lubi (General Services—Level 2). These 2 ladies went thoroughly around the hospital getting sales!

The total revenue raised for International Nurses & Midwives Day 2018 celebrations was approximately \$600.



**Poster Presentation Falls Forum 2018**

On Friday 12 May 2018, senior clinicians Minh Pham (Physiotherapist) and Christine Colusso-Craig (Occupational Therapist) from the Fairfield Ambulatory Care Falls Intervention Team represented Fairfield Hospital at the NSW Falls Prevention Forum . The Forum is an annual event. This year the Falls Intervention Team had their own poster on display titled "Get More Stable To Be More Able" outlining the fantastic achievements that the Able & Stable program is achieving. The poster was also presented by Dr Clive Sun at the Sarcopenia Conference in Poland in April 2018. Congratulations to the team involved with the Able & Stable program and all those involved in the poster preparation including Dr Tai Tak Wan (Medical Director Ambulatory Care), Winona Ranyard (NUM), Eleanor Legge (Occupational Therapist) and Michele Fraser (Social Worker).



- ◇ All staff are to complete annual Fire Training.
- ◇ All staff to complete Annual Performance reviews.
- ◇ Service Managers to enrol & attend the Managing Misconduct on Wednesday 13 June 2018 at Elettra Room—Club Marconi .



It is with great sadness to inform all staff that Mr Robert D'Souza , Security Officer at Fairfield Hospital passed away at home in the early hours of Thursday 10 May 2018, after a long battle with illness. Robert commenced working at Fairfield Hospital in 2001, having served as a Security Officer for over 17 years. Our feelings and thoughts are with his family & friends.



The Theme of this year's PC week is "What Matters Most" . The idea is to get people thinking about what would be the most important things for them to consider when they are diagnosed with a life limiting illness and also their last days, and to encourage them to sit down and discuss these wishes with their families /carers. There is a

"Discussion Starter" booklet to help facilitate this process. Pippa Richards (CNS2 palliative Care & End of Life Care Co-ordinator had a display table at Fairfield Hospital with cards on display to get people thinking about what is important to each individual.



Friendly reminder to complete your "People Matter 2018" staff survey which commenced Friday 1 June 2018. This is a great opportunity to have your say and help make your work place better.



May also included Library and Information Week. Everyone is encouraged to "Find your Library" to discuss information and literature searching training needs. Congratulations to Robert Maxfield — Security Manager for winning the "Book Worm" guessing competition . The amount in the jar was 117 jelly snakes and Robert guessed the nearest with 120.



A library is a hospital for the mind" - Anonymous



A huge **thank you** to Grill'd at Wetherill Park for their recent donation of \$100 which will go towards purchasing orientation clocks