

# News from the Field



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## Fairfield Hospital



## Message From The GM

Firstly I'd like to congratulate our two recent Patient Safety & Quality Award winners – Leeanne Gray being named the SWSLHD Patient Safety Champion (extremely well earned and deserved) and also The Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre for their entry titled 'Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Community' - so appropriate for the community we serve (full story below).

The hugely successful Multi-Cultural week at the Hospital continues to grow and grow as we celebrate with our multicultural community and staff enjoying lunch together.

We had Spanish music for staff and people from Hispanic and Arabic community backgrounds were with me attempting to say hello and welcome in a number of languages – I think people understood what I was saying!!

We were also very privileged last week to have the SWSLHD Board hold their monthly meeting at Fairfield with the SWSLHD Executive Team. It was a pleasure to introduce the Board to the Fairfield Hospital Executive Team, take the Board members on a short tour of

the Hospital and especially around the forecast changes to our Emergency Department, and Medical Assessment Unit/ Emergency Short Stay Unit. The Board were excited about what will be in place in the near future for us with the redevelopment of those areas and the much improved environment that we will offer our patients.

Prior to the commencement of the Board meeting the Hospital Executive were engaged in the exchange of ideas and discussions with Board members who were very interested in our way forward

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## 6th Patient Safety Seminar & Quality Awards

The South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) held its 6th Annual Patient Safety Seminar on Friday 16 September 2016, a day where Fairfield Hospital won two awards for their contribution to patient safety. The Whitlam Joint Replacement Centre won Category 5 – Collaboration, Working as a team for their entry; Equal Access for the Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Community which will also now be submitted to the NSW Health Awards.

Leanne Gray (Nurse Unit Manager Ward 2B) won the SWSLHD Patient Safety Champion Award for 2016. It was a proud moment to have Leanne's passion and dedication recognised by her peers and the District. Under Leanne's guidance Ward 2B has matured into a very progressive orthopaedic Ward. All her decisions are based on what is best for the patient and best practice to ensure the patient well being is maintained. Under Leanne's guidance and leadership, post operative joint replacement

infection rate is the lowest in the District. A job well done by both our winners!



# National Stroke Week

To raise awareness about National Stroke Week, Ward 1A held an event on Wednesday 14 September in the Cafeteria. The event included fun facts and activities as well as very important information about stroke awareness.

During a stroke 1.9 million brain cells are lost per minute, this is why it is important to identify the



signs and symptoms.

**Face** – check their face, has their mouth dropped?

**Arms** – Can they lift both arms?

**Speech** – Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?

**Time** – Time is critical, if you see any of these signs, call 000 now!

Most treatments of stroke care are time sensitive so its important to think F.A.S.T , Act Fast..



For more information on stroke visit:

<https://strokefoundation.com.au/How-you-can-help/Stroke-week>

Congratulations to staff who won the activities in the day :

Eleanor Legge – Jelly Bean Competition

Oubekha Songassakeo – left hand challenge

Salima and Racqual – stroke crossword.

Prizes for the left hand challenge and crossword were donated by Sandra Brown from AidaCare.



Congratulations to Romy Paulose from our CSSD department, for being chosen as one of three finalist from around Australia and New Zealand in

the 2016 ANZ SMART-FOLD Wrap Race. Halyard health formerly Kimberly Clark Health Care ran a competition with the SMART FOLD sterilisation Wrap. There were 315 entries across Australia & New Zealand. Fairfield Hospital CSSD had 5 entrants.

Romy Paulose was the fastest clinically correct wrapper in Fairfield with a time of 9.08sec. He is also the fastest in the SWSLHD and NSW. Romy's prize is an all expense paid trip to Brisbane to attend the World Forum for Hospital Sterilisation Science (WFHSS) Congress in October 2016. Once there he will also compete in a Wrap Off with 2 other finalists both from Queensland.

Fairfield Hospital is proud of Romy's achievement and wishes him well in the final Wrap Race in Brisbane.

Photo: Cassie Lyons-Halyard Account Manager with Romy Paulose – Certificate of Achievement.



## Community Participation & Engagement

September was a huge month for Community Participation & community engagement .

A number of schools tours were conducted in September for students from Smithfield Public School and Smithfield West Public School as part of the Aspirational Behind the Scenes tours organised in partnership with South West Connect.

Students get the opportunity to see what happens behind the scenes in our Emergency Department and a sneak peak into other hospital departments/wards such as the Dental and GP Clinic. Some students were also lucky on a particular tour to have an inside look into a NSW ambulance and chat with the paramedics who were at the hospital at the time.

Not only did we have people come to the hospital, but the General Manager, The NSW Ambulance, Director of Medical Services and the Community

Participation Manager presented twice at Wetherill Park Library to a parents and bubs group.

The sessions received positive feedback and now we are looking at extending to other local libraries.



# Multicultural Health Week



Multicultural Health Week has extra special meaning at Fairfield Hospital as it prides itself on the relationship it has built with the community it serves.

This year a Multicultural Health Week event was held on Wednesday 7 September 2016 in the Cafeteria in partnership with NSW SLASA Community Centre.

Our staff celebrated diversity by hosting a festive feast complete with Spanish music for staff and people from Hispanic and Arabic community backgrounds.

The event was an opportunity to educate people from linguistically diverse backgrounds with information and support services in their native languages as well as giving them an opportunity to see how the hospital runs and what to expect if they become a patient at Fairfield Hospital.

A special mention to our Interpreter Services for assisting and providing information on the day.

Human Services also had an information table available to all those that attended.

The event was proudly sponsored by The Macaroni club that kindly donated its buses to transport our guests to and from the Hospital and Yogurtland Wetherill Park who provided yogurt for our guests.

To further support our community, catering for the event was by Parents Café Fairfield, a social enterprise working from Fairfield High School for parents from a refugee background.

The day promoted harmony, education and the opportunity to break down social barriers between the hospital and its community members.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE "END OF WINTER BBQ" TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND CONTRIBUTION TO PATIENT SAFETY.

Thursday  
13 October  
2016,  
12pm  
Cafeteria



## Love Your Work Awards Fairfield Hospital Staff Recognition Awards 2016



It is that time of the year for us to celebrate and showcase how Fairfield Hospital strives for excellence in the delivery of patient care and its strong focus on performance whilst achieving excellence. Fairfield Hospital takes pride in the high level of customer service and significant contribution to its employees.

The nominations for our annual staff recognition awards are now open. From this year (2016), it will be rebranded to "Love Your Work Awards". Just like previous years, a number of good and quality nominations have already been received worthy of the various categories:

The Categories Are:

- \* Most Outstanding Team of the Year Award
- \* Most Outstanding Individual of the Year Award
- \* Outstanding Customer Service of the Year Award
- \* Most Outstanding Manager of the Year Award
- \* Divisional Awards

Winners will be announced and celebrated on Thursday 24 November 2016. Further details will be provided closer to this date.

Meanwhile, I invite you all to consider nominating individuals and teams for various categories.

Please complete nominations forms and forward them to Mr. Joseph Pineda, Human Resources Manager by close of business Friday 21 October 2016.

Should you require any assistance or clarification, please contact Mr Joseph Pineda, Human Resources Manager (Ph 9616 8120)

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## Fairfield Hospital Presents



# TRIVIA NIGHT



### Friday 4th November, 2016 at Smithfield RSL

Price includes a Professional Trivia Master, prizes for the best dressed table, one lucky door prize, pizza, plus much more!

TICKETS \$15 PER PERSON - STARTS AT 6.30PM  
TEAMS OF 8 PEOPLE PER TABLE

STAFF AND PARTNERS - OVER 18+  
MONIES TO BE COLLECTED IN GENERAL ADMINISTRATION