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Liverpool Hospital calls for staff alumni and memorabilia to celebrate 200 years

To kick-off its 200-year anniversary celebrations, Liverpool Hospital is calling for people who have had a long history with the hospital to come forward and share their stories or memorabilia to help celebrate the historic milestone.

Liverpool Hospital General Manager, Anthony Schembri, said the Hospital was looking forward to celebrating a year-long series of anniversary events with the local community that shares its history.

“We would love to hear from people who may have worked in the Hospital, or have stories to share,” Anthony Schembri said.

“We are also looking to showcase historical photos, uniforms and other memorabilia in our new Hospital Museum which will be displayed in the Hospital during the year.”

“We currently have more than 2,200 people following us on our Liverpool Hospital facebook page and are encouraging our fans to spread the word so we can reach as many people who share Liverpool Hospital’s history as possible” he said.

The official launch of the 200-year anniversary will take place on 1 March 2013, followed by a year-long series of activities including the opening of the museum, community open day, Hospital bicentenary book and dedicated anniversary website.

Liverpool Hospital’s first brick building was commissioned 200 years ago in 1813 on a portion of land beside the Georges River. It was originally run as a tent hospital for soldiers and convicts in the early 1790’s, making it the second oldest hospital in Australia.

Liverpool Hospital is now both the biggest hospital and tertiary referral centre in NSW. It is also a teaching hospital of the University of New South Wales and University of Western Sydney, leading the way in all aspects including technology, teaching and learning, equipment, design and technique.

“To see how the Hospital has transformed over the last 200 years is truly amazing. The contribution and commitment of staff and community over the years has made Liverpool Hospital the success it is today and we hope this community can join us in celebrating these achievements.” Mr Schembri said.

If you have grandparents or great-grandparents that worked at Liverpool Hospital, know of families where many generations were born or worked at the hospital, or have other stories to

share, please contact Liverpool Hospital via facebook (www.facebook.com/LiverpoolHospital), email (swsmedia@sswahs.nsw.gov.au) or phone 02 9828 6848.

To donate historical photos, uniforms and other memorabilia for the new Hospital Museum, please contact the Liverpool Hospital Library on 8738 3557.