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Take a sneak peek into Liverpool Hospital and its museum

Have you ever wanted to see what goes on in a hospital? Or would you like to go behind the scenes for a sneak peek at how our doctors and nurses are trained?

On Thursday 7 April, 2016 between 10am and 2pm Liverpool Hospital is opening its doors to give visitors a rare insight into clinical areas that are usually off limits to the public.

The open day will include interactive health information stalls; career stalls with information about pathways to becoming a nurse or a doctor, entertainment including multicultural dancing at 11am and a \$1 per turn raffle wheel with prizes to be given away including veggie and fruit hampers, as well as a diverse range of food stalls and fun activities for kids.

Liverpool Hospital General Manager Robynne Cooke said the open day will be an opportunity for residents to learn more about their local hospital and the services available.

“Liverpool Hospital is a major metropolitan trauma and teaching hospital; with one of the busiest emergency departments in the state, servicing a local community that continues to grow each year,” Ms Cooke said.

“In 2014/15, our staff delivered more than 3,400 babies, treated 78,054 people in the Emergency Department and performed more than 14,521 operations.

“At the open day visitors will have the opportunity to chat with a range of health professionals and learn more about departments including the High Risk Foot Clinic, dietetics, consumer information, becoming a volunteer, social work, physiotherapy, CPR demonstrations, Aboriginal Services as well as a tour of the Clinical Skills Centre to show how our doctors and nurses are trained.

“We are very proud of both our hospital and staff who are looking forward to welcoming the local community into our facility,” she said.

As part of the Open Day, Liverpool Hospital Museum will also unveil the Barlow Collection, consisting of 55 pieces of obstetric and gynaecological instruments from the 1950s’ and 1960s’.

Ms Cooke said the joint donation from former Liverpool Hospital midwife Colleen Barlow and the NSW State Committee of the Royal Australian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists is a welcome addition to the exhibition on Level 1 of the hospital.

“We’re extremely grateful to have this equipment back here at Liverpool Hospital. It coincides with existing memorabilia that includes other medical equipment, instruments, films, recordings, artwork, uniforms and published documents used over the course of the Hospital’s history,” Ms Cooke said.

Dr. Ray Hyslop a former Obstetrician and Gynaecologist and AOM, was impressed by the Liverpool Hospital Museum and persuaded the College to donate back the Barlow Collection to the Museum.

- **What:** Open Day with the unveiling of the Barlow Collection at 10am on the second floor of the Hospital followed by tours of the Clinical Skills Centre in the Thomas & Rachel Moore Education Centre at 10am, 11am, 12pm and 1pm as well as a \$1 per turn raffle wheel with fruit and veggie hampers to be given away, career, and food stalls open from 10am until 2pm.
- **When:** Thursday, April 7, 10am – 2pm.
- **Where:** Liverpool Hospital.