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Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital celebrates 20 years of care

On Friday 19 May 2017, Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital will celebrate its 20th anniversary and we are inviting the local community to join in the festivities.

The open day will include the unveiling of a timeline of the hospital, historical pictures, health information stalls, a variety of food stalls and the opportunity for the public to talk with staff who have worked at the hospital for 20 years.

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Acting General Manager Linda Campbell said the anniversary celebration will be an opportunity for residents to learn more about their local hospital and the services available.

“Our anniversary is a time to reflect on how far we have progressed over the past two decades and celebrate our advances in medical research, education, patient safety and care that are shown in our hospital on a daily basis.

“The milestone is first and foremost a result of the incredible contributions from our employees who work hard to make sure we continue to innovate and deliver the promise of patient-centred care,” Ms Campbell said.

“In 2016, our staff delivered more than 235 babies, treated 53,000 people in the Emergency Department and performed more than 5,000 operations.

“At the open day, visitors will have the opportunity to chat with a range of health professionals and learn more about our services including the emergency department, surgical sub-specialties, becoming a volunteer, Aboriginal Services and more.”

Former General Manager, Mr Raad Richards said he had fond memories overseeing the development of the new hospital which commenced in 1995 and merging two different cultures and clinical services of both Bankstown and Lidcombe Hospitals.

“Joining workplace cultures can be a difficult transition but in the case of Bankstown Hospital and Lidcombe Hospital, we were happy to see our incredible staff working so well together.

“Being a Bankstown boy myself, it was humbling to see Bankstown Council, Revesby Workers’ Club, Bankstown Sports Club and the wider community really get behind the development of the new services,” Mr Richards said.

“Establishing an advanced radiology and nuclear medicine department at the time and bringing the Lidcombe Hospital expertise was a real achievement and benefit for the community of Bankstown,” he said.

“When the new hospital was commissioned, I am proud to say that we were the first health service in New South Wales to establish the concept of ambulatory care and working closely with clinicians,

particularly Dr Colin Clowes who pioneered the concept in South West Sydney.”

- **What:** Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital celebrates 20 years of patient centred care with an interactive timeline dating back to the 1900s’ as well as information and food stalls.
- **When:** Friday 19 May 2017 from 9am until 12:30pm.
- **Where:** Bankstown Senior College, Antwerp St, Bankstown