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## Salute to the staff of Liverpool Hospital's PIXI Clinic

A grateful patient of the PIXI Clinic at Liverpool Hospital so impressed with his ongoing care has requested an opportunity to publically thank the staff.

Tony Finneran, of Padstow, visits the PIXI (Procedures, Infusions, X Extensive Treatments, Investigations) ambulatory care clinic for treatment of a condition which leads to the development of too many red blood cells in the body.

The part-time bus and coach specialist educator, 60, who suffered a stroke in 2013, is the driving force behind an afternoon tea on Friday 24 August to recognise the clinic's staff who are going "above and beyond" on behalf of their patients.

"I have been attending the clinic since 2005 and I wanted to say a long overdue thank you to the dedicated and kind-hearted staff," Mr Finneran said.

"Our wonderful nurses go above and beyond what is expected and I wanted to let the community know we are fortunate to have such a great team of staff working at the PIXI unit.

"Their efforts are appreciated not just by me but all the patients.

"I wanted to do something special so they know they are appreciated and highly valued."

The PIXI unit, a model of non-admitted patient care, has a 14 bed/chair capacity, with 10 patient treatment bay areas and four single rooms.

It provides a range of services including intravenous transfusions, venesections (procedure to reduce the number of red blood cells), IV hydration and blood transfusions.

Mr Finneran said he wanted to do everything he could to give back to Liverpool and Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospitals, which he credited for saving his life and helping him recover after he suffered the stroke.

"Bankstown Hospital emergency department and Liverpool Hospital intensive care unit saved my life and the rehabilitation unit at Bankstown Hospital gave me life back after I was left paralysed," he said.

"I'm forever grateful and that's why I like to help. I would also like to encourage others to help when they can."

Mr Finneran serves as a community representative at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital and on its stroke committee and also is a member of the District's Consumer and Community Council.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Consumer and Community Participation Unit manager Lynda Johnston said the hospital was delighted to hold an afternoon tea to honour the staff of the clinic.

“We thank Mr Finneran for his wonderful gesture and it is our pleasure to host this event,” Ms Johnston said.

Mr Finneran has written five pictorial history books about elements of the bus and coach industry since his stroke.

He has raised more than \$30,000 for the Stroke Foundation from the proceeds of the books.

The NSW Government is investing more than \$302 million in ambulatory care in the South Western Sydney Local Health District in 2018-19.

In addition it is investing \$740 million to transform Liverpool Hospital into a health, education and research precinct.

If the media would like to attend the afternoon tea please contact the Media Unit on 8738 6848 or [swslhd-media@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:swslhd-media@health.nsw.gov.au).