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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL STAFF HONOURED AT OPEN DAY**

Fairfield Hospital is celebrating 30 years of providing outstanding care for the community at a fun-filled Open Day today from 9am to 2pm.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard will join patients, staff, volunteers and members of the community to celebrate and also present the 2018 Staff Recognition Awards.

“Fairfield Hospital continues to perform a crucial role in providing south western Sydney residents with exceptional health care,” Mr Hazzard said.

“The NSW Government is investing \$7 million in the redevelopment of the hospital’s emergency department, which is due for completion next year, and will deliver staff and patient world-class facilities.

“I am delighted to be a part of the celebrations today and have the opportunity to honour the hospital’s brilliant staff.”

Award winners include long-serving staff member, Social Work Service Manager Jolanta Swierczynski, who received the Most Outstanding Manager of the Year Award.

Ms Swierczynski has worked at the hospital since 1996 and is described as an excellent leader and role model, who strives to improve customer service and social work service provisions.

Visitors to the Open day will also have the opportunity to watch cultural performances and receive information on a range of health services at about 20 stalls at the event.

Fairfield Hospital admits more than 30,000 patients each year, performs 7,748 surgeries and treats 35,951 patients in the emergency department.

The 2018-19 Budget for South Western Sydney Local Health District is \$1.9 billion, an increase of \$85.8 million on the 2016-17 budget.

“The NSW Government is continuing to invest in building world-class facilities – in 2018/19, we are spending more than \$2.3 billion in capital works funding to continue building and redeveloping hospitals, health facilities and ambulance stations, part of a record \$8 billion investment over the next four years,” Mr Hazzard said.

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