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Celebrating a year of fantastic work

Amazing staff, wonderful volunteers and our community partners were honoured at this year's South Western Sydney Local Health District Annual Public Meeting.

Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said Bunnings Narellan won the District's Community Partner Award for their unwavering generosity.

"Bunnings has supported Camden Hospital for more than four years through various donations, painted the hospital's rehabilitation gym and brought joy to patients each Christmas with festive gifts," she said.

"We thank Bunnings and the auxiliary for all they have done. We are so grateful for their presence in our hospitals and services."

The District also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Camden Hospital Auxiliary volunteers who have supported the hospital for 15 years.

Over 100 people attended this year's annual public meeting, held at Camden Civic Centre on Friday (22 November), highlighting the District's achievements throughout the year.

"The Annual Public Meeting provides an opportunity for the community, consumer representatives and staff to hear about the work and to learn more about our services," Ms Larkin said.

The District's Population Health Director, Dr Stephen Conaty, lead a lively panel discussion on "caring locally for healthier communities".

Panel members included Camden Council's Tina Chappell as well as clinical nurse consultant Vicki Bonfield and occupational therapist Annette Zucco who provided their health expertise.

Thirlmere resident Glynis King shared her insights on using telehealth to manage her care, which has been described as one of the District's "best kept secrets".

Telehealth allows patients to be in control of their health, providing updates on their condition from their home, allows their treating team to see results and respond instantly.

The celebrations continued with the District's Drug Health Services Nurse Unit Manager, Zubin Hiranmanek and Fairfield Hospital Administration Manager, Sylwia Michalak each received a Transforming Your Experience: Excellence in Safe and Quality Health Care Award.

Macarthur Anglican School's Sakura Murakami, 14, rounded out the day by entertaining the crowd with her harp playing.