

DISTRICT NEWS

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SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT

Leading care, healthier communities

Plan to Close the Gap

South Western Sydney Local Health District launched its future road map to address the disparities in health care and job opportunities that exist for Aboriginal people.

District Director Aboriginal Health Nathan Jones said the 2017-2021 Aboriginal Health Plan outlined key priority areas to ensure Aboriginal communities had access to comprehensive health services.

"The Plan aims to work with Aboriginal communities to ensure equitable access to health care and treatment outcomes at our Hospitals and services," Mr Jones said.

Acting Aboriginal Workforce Manager Tania Bonham said the 2017-2020 Aboriginal Workforce Strategy was part of the District's commitment to developing culturally safe workplaces and providing career opportunities for Aboriginal people.

"The more Aboriginal people we have working in our facilities, the more we will see Aboriginal people attending services to address their health concerns," Ms Bonham said.

"Our Aboriginal workforce has grown over the last six years from 0.39 percent in March 2011 to 1.95 percent in July 2016.

The goal for the District is not only to meet the 2.6 percent NSW Health target but to surpass it," she said.



SWSLHD CE Amanda Larkin and Board Member Christine Carriage signed a Commitment Statement at the Aboriginal Health Plan and Workforce Strategy launch event.

The heart of Campbelltown Hospital



Patient Paul Smith and Associate Professor Rohan Rajaratnam.

Two cardiac catheterisation suites delivered as part of Campbelltown Hospital's stage one redevelopment will ensure the District remains at the forefront of advanced cardiac technology.

District Cardiovascular Clinical Stream Director Associate Professor Rohan Rajaratnam said the catheterisation laboratory was a welcome addition to Campbelltown Hospital.

"Cardiovascular disease is a common cause of death and the reason for a large proportion of hospitalisations in south western Sydney," Prof Rajaratnam said.

"Time is of the essence with most cardiac related procedures and the new lab will aid us in providing the best care we can to our patients thanks to two interventional suites. These will enable clinicians to use catheters to diagnose and to treat heart and blood vessel conditions," he said.

The catheterisation lab has diagnostic imaging equipment used to see the arteries and chambers of the heart and treat blockages in a patient's heart arteries.



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Message from the Chief Executive



Amanda Larkin, Chief Executive

I'm incredibly pleased to report on the strong research partnerships the District has been establishing and strengthening over the past few months. In the pages of this newsletter, you'll read about our involvement in the Liverpool Health and Education Precinct and the opening of the Ingham Institute's MRI-Linac Research Bunker at Liverpool Hospital. It's an exciting time for innovation in health

and I'm proud that the District is a major contributor.

I would like to acknowledge the significant work undertaken by our Oral Health Service for their performance in a recent ACHS accreditation. The Service will maintain full accreditation, with no recommendations.

Surveyors said the Oral Health Service demonstrated strong executive leadership, staff were committed to providing high quality care to patients, and quality and safety are imbedded in daily practice. They also said Oral Health Promotion Programs and Referral Pathways were innovative and consumer engagement was outstanding. This is a great achievement and it wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of all staff within Oral Health Services.

Transforming Your Experience is forging

ahead and I'd like to introduce you to our Transformers who are tasked with the important job of helping teams to individualise and implement the core elements of our strategy.

The team will coach and provide ongoing support to ensure we can transform the experience of staff, patients and consumers across the District.



Meet our Transformers: To contact them email swslhd.transformingyourexp@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

Mocktails and tigers and scones, oh my!



BBQs, Devonshire tea, mocktail parties, biggest loser competition and a visit from the Wests Tigers all contributed to the resounding success of the District's Dry July efforts this year.

Staff and the community have raised almost \$55,000 to date for Campbelltown and Liverpool Hospitals' Cancer Therapy Centres through their Dry July efforts. Thanks to all those who participated or supported the cause.

To donate visit www.dryjuly.com.au and search for Liverpool or Campbelltown.

Big things to come for Precinct

There are big changes set for Liverpool with the District partnering with the Sydney Business Chamber and Liverpool City Council to develop the area into a buzzing health, education, research and innovation precinct.

The vision is to reimagine world class health, education and innovation in Liverpool, putting collaboration at the core. The future precinct will increase the potential for health, education and research investment around Liverpool Hospital and create a new health hub which will bring true benefits for the local community. This includes the redevelopment of Liverpool



The Liverpool Health, Education, Research & Innovation Precinct Committee consisting of 15 partners met with the Health Minister Brad Hazzard to share their vision.

Hospital, improvements to urban planning and public amenities, creation of more jobs, and new investment and partnership opportunities between government, universities, research institutes and the private sector.

The future of health



The Ingham Institute’s revolutionary MRI-Linac at Liverpool Hospital will set a new benchmark for cancer treatment in Australia and the world, with the Research Bunker housing the technology officially opened last month.

The MRI-Linac combines a Linear Accelerator and an MRI scanner to target and treat tumours without causing damage to healthy body tissue. The machine will also pinpoint parts of the tumour that are most resistant and aggressive, delivering a higher dose of radiation to those areas.

Mercy mission



Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital’s Professor Christophe Berney volunteers his spare time on the Mercy Ship, providing free health care to people living in dire circumstances off the coast of West Africa.

The Laparoscopic Gastrointestinal and Hernia Surgeon spoke recently of the appreciation he received for his work overseas. “When you give to others unconditionally, you receive even more with an incredible sense of happiness, self-gratification and contentment,” he said.

Community Corner



Cancer patients from **Liverpool** and **Campbelltown Cancer Therapy Centres** have dabbled in the world of art - transforming their radiation masks into masterpieces as part of the Bravery Unmasked program.

From 24 August 2017 to 17 September 2017, the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, in conjunction with the Cancer Therapy Centres will convert a studio space to exhibit more than ten artists. For more information about the program or to attend, call Greg on 0476 821 659.



Foodies and philanthropists from the Vietnamese community came together at the annual Bệnh viện dinner which raised an astounding \$50,000 for **Fairfield Hospital**.

Fairfield Hospital General Manager Arnold Tammekand said all funds raised at the event would go toward an anaesthetic machine.

In a show of incredible support and unity, five Lions Clubs from across Macarthur have banded together to raise money for **Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals’** Emergency Departments, with a gala dinner.

The Lions Clubs – Macarthur, Camden, Narellan, Camden Lioness and Campbelltown have already been very successful, with enough funds raised to purchase two Lucas 2 CPR Systems for Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals. For more information visit www.lionshospitalfund.com.au.





A special mention to Clinical Nurse Consultant Evan Alexandrou, Professor Hugh Grant Dickson, Professor Jeremy Wilson, Professor Minoti Apte and Liverpool Hospital Emergency Department who were named Liverpool City Council's 'Heroes of Liverpool' in honour of their contribution to making Liverpool a better place.

SWAN²⁵

The 25th anniversary of Liverpool Hospital's SWAN Trauma Conference drew trauma specialists from across the globe, as well as some familiar faces, when it was held last month.

This year Professor Michael Sugrue from Ireland, the Founder of SWAN and previous long-term Director of Trauma at Liverpool Hospital joined the team of international experts.

SWAN is Australia's longest running and most successful Trauma Conference.

For more about the conference visit swanconference.com



Brilliant effort

Community Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Consultant Kerrie Womsley has been recognised by Western Sydney University for making a positive and lasting difference in the south west.

Ms Womsley received the title of Community Fellow for her contribution to healthcare and the social development of the western Sydney community through the Brilliance in Palliative Care Nursing project.

For more on the project visit bit.ly/2t6aOQE



Projects applauded



Congratulations to five SWSLHD staff members who were chosen from 1700 applicants to have their work presented at the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) conference in London.

Staff undertook research projects as part of their Master of Health Service Management with the University of Tasmania and presented abstracts to SWSLHD executives and UTAS academics. Three staff members were selected to attend the ISQua conference and will present their work, as well as their colleagues' abstracts on their behalf. Well done!

Quick News

School of life

What do a Buddhist nun, a South American doctor, a former Director of Nursing, a retired school teacher and a journalist have in common? They are all part of a group of 13 volunteers who recently graduated from the SWSLHD palliative care volunteer training program. Recruitment for the group focuses on people interested in visiting patients and family in the community.

For more information visit bit.ly/2vcK5mQ.

Secret visit

Jessica Mauboy delighted staff recently when she stopped by Liverpool Hospital to film her hit tv show The Secret Daughter.



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