

# DISTRICT NEWS

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SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT

*Leading care, healthier communities*

## Liverpool leading the way



Liverpool Hospital's Australian first robotic surgery training program features the Robot Simulation Training Mimic System and a Dual Console da Vinci Xi Clinical Robot and (inset) Dr Pascal Mancuso.

In an Australian-first, Liverpool Hospital takes an extra step towards robotic surgery training for doctors, with a Robot Simulation Training Mimic System and Clinical Robot.

The \$4 million da Vinci Xi surgical system is being used to perform precision surgery at Liverpool Hospital, allowing public patients to be treated with the latest in robotic technology.

Liverpool Hospital Director of Surgery Professor Les Bokey said up until now Australian doctors wanting to learn robotic surgery have had to travel to America, South Korea or China.

"Our hope is that our unique Academic Robotic Surgical Unit

Training Program will not only encourage top surgeons from around Australia and the world to train here but also entice them to work here," Prof Bokey said.

Liverpool Hospital Urologist Dr Pascal Mancuso recently performed the second robotic surgery at Liverpool Hospital using the da Vinci robot to remove a patient's prostate.

Dr Mancuso said the robot's arms can be moved in a way that mimics your hands and gives far greater precision and access while performing surgery, leading to a quicker recovery time for patients.

## Month of fun for nurses and midwives

May was a big month for our nurses and midwives with the District's Nursing and Midwifery Showcase and many celebrations took place for International Day of the Midwife and International Nurses Day.

The month kicked off with the SWSLHD annual Nursing and Midwifery Showcase, which highlighted some remarkable

nurse-led projects.

The Showcase also saw the launch of SWSLHD Nursing and Midwifery Strategic Priorities (2017-2020). The plan aims to ensure safe, high quality care is delivered by driving a strong commitment to patient safety.

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# Message from the Chair



Prof Phil Harris, Board Chairman

Providing consistently safe care is at the forefront of our vision for South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD). It should guide everything we do and is the focus of Transforming Your Experience, the District's five-year plan which was recently launched.

We are at the start of our journey towards

becoming the leader in safe and quality healthcare provision and our hard work over the past year has put us well ahead of the field.

Transforming Your Experience builds on the great work and commitment of SWSLHD staff, who each day strive to provide an exceptional experience for our patients. We have taken this a step further by signing a commitment charter, binding us to the promise of providing care that is always safe, high quality and personalised, and empowering all staff to achieve their full potential.

I am excited to be a part of this journey and invite you to be a part of it too.

I am consistently surprised and humbled by the incredible support provided to SWSLHD. One such show of support was

the \$450,000 donation to the Wellness Centre in Liverpool Hospital's Cancer Therapy Centre. The Centre will be renamed to 'The John Richard Kuhlmann Wellness Centre' in honour of the legacy left by John and his family.

Thank you to the Kuhlmanns and our other supporters who make a great difference to the care we are able to provide.

I would like to finish by saying congratulations to Primary and Community Health Services on their achievements during the recent Accreditation Survey. Such a great amount of work and effort was undertaken by the service and the result was outstanding.

## Transforming *Your* Experience



SWSLHD CE Amanda Larkin, Community & Consumer Council Chairperson Sharon Smith and SWSLHD Board Chairman Prof Phil Harris.

Transforming Your Experience was successfully launched across all services and facilities throughout the District. This fantastic initiative is the District's five year road map to positively transform how patients, consumers, staff and communities experience the organisation and services.

The strategy has two key components that will make it successful - ensuring patients are at the centre of everything we do and better supporting staff to be empowered in their roles to achieve full potential.

Four key focus areas have been established including:

- Consistent delivery, quality and safe care
- Personalised, individual care
- Respectful communication and genuine engagement
- Effective leadership and empowered staff.

## Healthcare redesign program graduates



Congratulations to Natalie Wilson and Christine Dictado who were awarded a Diploma of Project Management at the NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation's (ACI) Centre for Healthcare Redesign (CHR). As part of the course Natalie and Christine developed a project to improve access to care for acute adult mental health patients in SWSLHD.

The STAT-MH (Safe Timely Access to Mental Health) Project focussed on improving access to adult acute mental health beds in SWSLHD.

For more about the ACI Centre for Healthcare Redesign Diploma Program visit [bit.ly/2qTNjwr](http://bit.ly/2qTNjwr).

# Happy birthday Bankstown-Lidcombe

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital celebrated its 20th birthday by hosting an open day with the local community and staff. The open day featured 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 was an opportunity for residents to learn more about their local hospital.

“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.

“Last year our staff treated 53,000 people in the Emergency Department and performed more than 5,000 operations,” Ms Campbell said.

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.



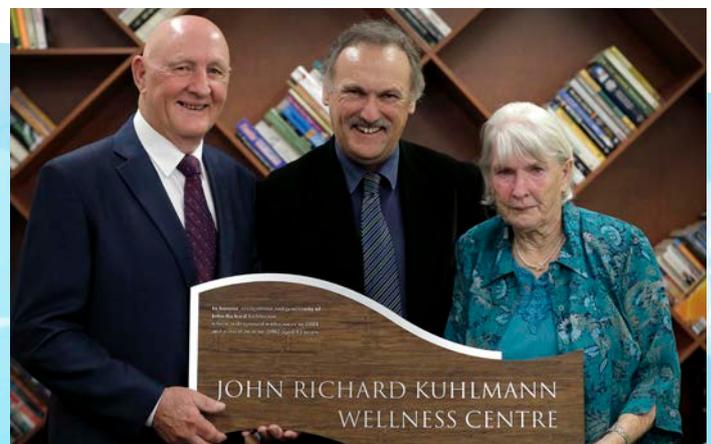
## With thanks

The **Liverpool Hospital Cancer Therapy Centre** has honoured a former patient by naming its wellness centre ‘*The John Richard Kuhlmann Wellness Centre*’ in recognition of the legacy left by John and his family.

A donation of \$450,000 from The John Richard Kuhlmann Foundation will help to ensure cancer patients and survivors at the wellness centre can continue to improve their quality of life while receiving cancer treatment.

John Kuhlmann Snr’s son, John, was treated at Liverpool Hospital and can vouch for the centre’s success, having seen various patients take advantage of the current space.

“The space provides solace for people who would like a quiet place to reflect or are looking for a way to take their mind off things,” Mr Kuhlmann said.



*John Kuhlmann Snr, SWSLHD Cancer Services Director Prof Geoff Delaney and Elaine Kuhlmann.*

*The John Richard Kuhlmann Wellness Centre provides a place for cancer patients and their carers to relax or to participate in a range of free programs, such as wig services, art courses, yoga, talks on nutrition and meditation.*



A big thank you to the Argye Affair who held a gold coin collection to raise funds for the **Camden Hospital** Palliative Care Unit, your support is truly appreciated!

Thank you to Mounties Group for donating over \$43,000 from their annual Golf Day to **Liverpool Hospital**. The money will go towards developing a children’s book that explains what happens when they go to hospital in an effort to make the experience a little more comfortable for them. Children can read the story of Max the dog and his trip to the hospital.



# Race for Hand Hygiene

Staff across the District participated in the World Health Organisation's Hand Hygiene Relay. Each facility promoted a strong message of *Clean Hands Safe Hands* to healthcare workers, cleaners, patients and visitors. Fantastic effort from all our staff!



# Celebrating nurses -

*the heart of health*



Facilities across the District joined the nurses and midwives day celebrations with staff morning tea and lunches, bed making competitions and award ceremonies.

SWSLHD Director Nursing and Midwifery Services Ms Sonia Marshall said nurses and midwives were the heart of health.

"We have over 6000 nurses and midwives who play an important role in delivering the very best care to our patients."

"They are kept extra busy supporting the 13,000 births that occur at our hospitals and more than 1.7 million patients that come through our doors every year.

"This is the time we get to celebrate and recognise how vital midwives and nurses are to health care and the community."

To see social media posts on the SWSLHD Nursing & Midwifery Showcase, search for #avoicetolead.

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## Bowral thanks volunteers

Bowral & District Hospital volunteers were celebrated as part of National Volunteer Week.



Volunteers enjoyed live music performed by members of the Bowral High School Band at an appreciation morning tea.

## Salary packaging

Salary packaging provider, Maxxia, is encouraging staff to check out how you can benefit even more with End Of Financial Year deals and savings. For more information visit: [maxxia.com.au/my-hub/swslhd](http://maxxia.com.au/my-hub/swslhd) or call Maxxia on 1300 123 123 Monday to Friday from 8am to 7pm.



## Childcare vacancies

Liverpool Hospital Child Care Centre has vacancies available now. The Centre provides excellent education and care for children aged six weeks to five years old. The Centre is located on the Area Health Service, Eastern Campus at Liverpool with priority given to health employees. For more information phone 8738 5802.

