Campbelltown Hospital has marked another milestone in its $632 million stage two redevelopment with the schematic design for the project launched this month. Premier Gladys Berejiklian viewed the schematic design before joining Minister for Health and Medical Research Brad Hazzard to turn the first sod on the hospital’s new $34 million multi-storey carpark.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said Campbelltown Hospital was embarking on an exciting new era. “I am very impressed with all the work that has gone into these designs, which follows a long process of planning and consultation involving the South Western Sydney Local Health District, hospital staff, local medical and emergency facilities, community and patient groups,” Ms Larkin said.

The completion of the schematic designs is a key step in delivering the hospital redevelopment which will provide a new purpose-built facility offering world class for the Macarthur community. “The upgraded Campbelltown Hospital will be an outstanding facility, continuing to meet the health needs of the Macarthur community well into the future,” Ms Larkin said.

Ms Berejiklian and Mr Hazzard also turned the first sod on the hospital’s new $34 million multi-storey carpark which is expected to be completed in late 2019.

South Western Sydney Local Health District is celebrating 10 years of supporting the Barbara May Foundation as part of the Workplace Giving Program. Staff at services and facilities across the district held a range of activities to celebrate the 10-year milestone, including morning teas and lunches, during workplace giving month.

Bowral & District Hospital celebrated with delicious Ethiopian cuisine prepared and served by the food technology students from the Southern Highlands Christian School at a special lunch event. More than 2300 staff members across the District give an ongoing $1 a week donation to help the foundation establish maternal health care in Africa. The funds not only help with the cost of running the maternity hospital, but also enables the foundation to train local community members as midwives and doctors. For more information visit the dedicated workplace giving page on the District’s intranet.
Message from the Chief Executive

Our District has so much to celebrate this month, from the launch of the $632 million Campbelltown Hospital redevelopment schematic design, to the amazing achievements of our staff. Campbelltown Hospital is transforming into a world-class health and medical facility and I am excited to see the fantastic design and share the vision for our future with staff and the community.

Last month, our mental health service received a welcomed funding boost with approximately $1.6 million announced by the Mental Health Minister Tanya Davies to improve therapeutic environments in our mental health units. This investment will allow us to upgrade outdoor and sensory areas which will positively transform the consumer’s experience by providing modern and refreshed spaces.

A number of state awards took place in October with four staff members taking out a win for the District. These awards acknowledge and recognise the excellent work of our staff, and I would like to congratulate all award winners. What a fantastic achievement!

On Monday 22 October the Prime Minister, the Hon. Scott Morrison MP, delivered the National Apology to victims and survivors of institutional child sexual abuse. This is an important issue for the District as our staff are at the frontline and are uniquely placed to identify and respond to child abuse and neglect. Visit NSW Health website for more information on how we are improving prevention and our responses to the Royal Commission.

Finally, I encourage you to look out for the latest edition of Thrive as it highlights the start of our exciting journey in delivering $1.4 billion of hospital redevelopments. It truly is a fantastic read.

Our nurses win state awards

Two Liverpool Hospital nurses have been honoured for their professional excellence and outstanding care at this year’s NSW Health Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Awards held at Parliament House.

Paula Thomas won the Excellence in Nursing/Midwifery Graduate award while Sally Forrest-Horder received the Excellence in Nursing – Registered Nurse award.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin congratulated the nurses on their commitment to improving patient care. “Both Paula and Sally provide wonderful care in our hospital and are a valued part of our fantastic team of nurses and midwives,” Ms Larkin said.

“I am delighted they have won these major awards and I congratulate them on receiving this outstanding honour.”

JMO of the year

Liverpool Hospital Resident Medical Officer Dr Lana Nguyen has received the 2018 NSW JMO of the Year at the Health Education and Training Institute’s 2018 NSW Prevocational Training Awards.

Nominated by her peers, the award acknowledges her drive to improve the education, training and welfare of junior doctors at Liverpool Hospital.

Dr Nguyen has established new initiatives and been an advocate for additional teaching which responds to needs identified by JMOs.

She has also helped in the implementation of a program designed to assist new interns transition from medical student to doctor and is also involved in the teaching of medical students.
A big thank you to Saigon Country Entertainment and Vietnamese Artists Union Inc for donating $13,826.70 to Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital. The funds were raised at a Thank You Australia Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Vietnamese fundraising event at Bankstown Sports Club. Thank you for supporting our Hospital!

Mental health champion

Minh Tam Nguyen, a bilingual health educator working in the Fairfield and Liverpool mental health units, has received the prestigious 2018 Mental Health Commissioner’s Community Champion award at the 2018 Mental Health Matters Awards. NSW Mental Health Commissioner Catherine Lourey nominated Ms Nguyen for the award after meeting her during a visit with members of Sydney’s Vietnamese-speaking community in 2017.

“Ms Nguyen has shown extraordinary commitment and passion in helping members of Sydney’s Vietnamese community learn more about mental health issues,” Ms Lourey said. “Her work is especially important because, as community members told me, there is no equivalent word in Vietnamese for ‘mental illness’ and families affected traditionally suffer great shame and stigma.”

Closing the gap in care

Budyari Aboriginal Community Health Centre at Miller held a health screening day to encourage the local community to be screened for indicators of chronic disease. The screening day aims to help close the health Gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people who are more likely to present or be diagnosed with more advanced chronic diseases and cancers.

Aboriginal Chronic Care Program Manager Shannon Thorne said the event attracted more participants than last year.

“The event ran exceptionally well and the response was extremely positive,” Mr Thorne said.

“I’m most excited and pleased with the post event follow-up and outcomes. For such a vulnerable community we had an overwhelming positive response from many different nationalities.”

After the screening event the team will follow up with participants to ensure they have gone to their GP for further treatment or management if necessary.

Community Corner

What a day! The Cabra-Vale Diggers charity bowls day last month raised $10,000 for Liverpool Hospital’s Cancer Wellness Centre which treats patients from all parts of Sydney’s south west. We are very lucky to have such amazing support from the local community. Thank you very much Cabra-Vale Diggers!
Save the Date
Liverpool Hospital will hold an open day on Wednesday 7 November from 10am to 2pm to showcase the facility and how it supports the community’s health and wellbeing.

The day will include information and health stalls and a sausage sizzle with a gold coin donation.

The event will be held in Liverpool Hospital in the main concourse. For more information please contact Liverpool Hospital on 02 8738 6301.

Patient flow
The new Patient Flow Portal will be the tool used across NSW to support the identification, selection and referral of patients to the right care, at the right time. Staff across acute and community facilities will be able to use the Patient Flow Portal Integrated Care tab to identify and screen vulnerable populations who could benefit from further support. For more information please email SWSLHD-IntegratedCare@health.nsw.gov.au.

Bravery unmasked
People from the local community in partnership with Liverpool Hospital have participated in workshops exploring the experience of cancer by decorating radiation masks used in treatment of head and neck cancers.

The work produced will be displayed for the Bravery Unmasked exhibition at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Liverpool until 18 November.

All money raised will be donated to cancer services.