

DISTRICT NEWS

Leading care, healthier communities



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New Year's Day
- » 20 January
 - Interns start orientation
 - Abstracts for Greater Western Sydney Nursing + Midwifery Showcase closes
 - Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Scholarship applications open
- » 25 January
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Back to school

Let's celebrate

The South Western Sydney Centre for Education and Workforce Development (CEWD) graduation ceremony saw 35 participants “pass with flying colours”, across a number of qualifications.

Centre for Education and Workforce Development Manager, Rebecca Leon said the nationally recognised qualifications were a great asset to have as a health professional.

“What I love most is the rich way in which participants learn from one another and share ideas. There is a real ripple effect which benefits the participant, their colleagues and patients,” she said.

The December 12 graduation included a mix of clinical and non-clinical staff. The South Western Sydney CEWD is one of the largest delivery sites for NSW Health registered training

organisations which delivers a number of Vocational Education Training programs.

“It was such a great way to celebrate the year and mark this wonderful milestone in each person’s studies,” Ms Leon said.

Qualifications spanned Certificate III in Health Administration, Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, Certificate IV in Leadership and Management and Diploma of Leadership and Management.



Pictured: Adam Leonard, Director, People and Culture.



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Chairman Message



Mr Sam Haddad, Chairman, South Western Sydney Local Health District

As we start a new year, I wish you all a successful, healthy and safe 2020. I trust you had enjoyable festivities.

The coming year will bring challenges, but also lots of opportunity.

My colleagues on the Board and myself look forward to supporting all of you in delivering on our priority of providing high quality, consistent and safe health care to our community.

The Board is holding its strategic planning day for the year on 30 January 2020. This is an opportunity to plan the priorities going forward.

Above all, a key priority we are eager to continue is to promote an open, proactive and value adding culture where we genuinely engage with staff, clinicians, community and all stakeholders.

I look forward to working with you to provide the very best care to our community.

All the very best for the new year and I hope to meet when I visit your hospital or service.

The latest edition of *Thrive* is out - it is full of programs provided to the community to make them feel good.

The health programs that happen all across our District, from education about healthy eating, exercise programs for our kids and teens, and helping young people have a brighter future.

You can pick up a copy at your facility or read it on the District's website.



60 seconds with...



Theresa Isedale from District's office.

What is your role?

South Western Sydney Local Health District Disaster Manager.

How did you end up working in this particular field?

Being a nurse in the ED for many years gave me the opportunity to become Liverpool Hospital's emergency management manager. The District role became available and I jumped at the chance.

What do you love about your role?

Exercising and educating our facilities and services to improve our understanding of emergency and disaster management. I also love collaborating and supporting the combat agencies like police, Fire and Rescue NSW, SES and the rural fire service, especially during the very busy bushfire seasons.

How do you remain calm when a situation escalates? Any tips?

Meditating. Just kidding, it's chocolate but only the expensive ones. If you're going to indulge then it's pointless throwing away calories on cheap chocolate.

DonateLife memorial

A special memorial service held at Liverpool Hospital honoured those people who have given others the remarkable gift of life through organ and tissue donation.

Held in partnership with DonateLife and NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service, the \$5000 project involved guest speakers including a donor family member and donor recipient, as well as the launch of a specially-designed artwork by Aboriginal artist, Susan Grant. It will feature in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit waiting room.

Liverpool Hospital General Manager, who unveiled the artwork, said the memorial was a place for people to reflect on those who have been saved due to organ and tissue donation.

"It is important for us to acknowledge and remember those people and their loved ones, whose selfless generosity has saved the lives of others," Ms McMenamin said.



Reaching new heights

It's been a big year in the world of redevelopment with many milestones reached. The transformation of our hospitals and services are happening right before our very eyes.

"It's a really exciting time for the District, with \$2.8 billion invested in our hospitals and services, to ensure we continue to meet the demand of our community," Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said.

"This work is the start of an amazing period in the history of the District. You can see our vision for the future coming to life."

The new clinical services building at Bowral & District Hospital reached its highest point in 2019 as part of the \$65 million redevelopment. A Scandinavian tradition called the "topping out" ceremony marked the occasion.

Two cranes now stand tall and proud at Campbelltown Hospital to help complete the stage two \$632 million redevelopment. Local students will be able to name the 76m and 60m high electronic hammerhead cranes in 2020. Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital turned the first sod of its \$25 million emergency department in October and planning progresses on the new \$1.3 billion Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital.



Construction progress across the District



Learn from the best

Congratulations to the District's Clinical Trials Support Unit Manager, Kelsey Dobell-Brown, who received the Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research's Excellence in Teaching Award.

Kelsey helped facilitate the establishment of the clinical trials support unit which provides governance and training.

In the last four years, Kelsey has trained more than 260 staff, provided orientation to more than 30 clinical trials coordinators and currently provides ongoing support to more than 55 coordinators across the local health district.



Pictured: Sam Haddad and Kelsey Dobell-Brown (L-R).

Research strengthened

A new educational and medical research facility will call south west Sydney home.

The world-class build, Macarthur Medical Research Centre, will be of huge benefit for the rapidly growing Macarthur region.



It will complement the \$632 million stage two redevelopment at Campbelltown Hospital and will drive research into some of the region's most pressing health conditions including diabetes, mental health, indigenous health, paediatrics and cancer.

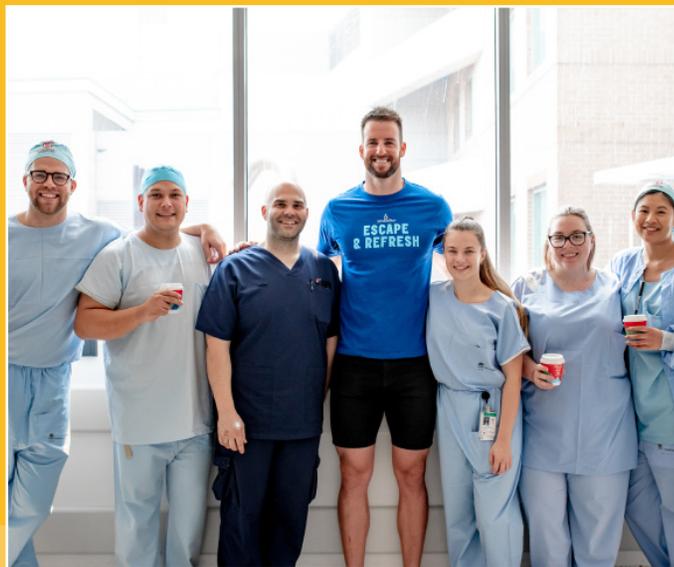
It will translate research findings so they lead to targeted improvements in patient care, treatment and preventative health.

South Western Sydney Local Health District, Western Sydney University, Ingham Institute and UNSW Sydney are the foundational partners.

A season of giving

Australian swimmer and Olympic medallist, James Magnussen spread some Christmas cheer at Liverpool Hospital.

He took some time out in his busy schedule to hand-deliver coffee to staff who were working over the Christmas period, as part of Jamaica Blue's "season of giving". Thank you James!



Call for Abstracts

Greater Western Sydney Nursing + Midwifery Showcase

2020: Celebrating Innovation, Passion and Leadership in Nursing and Midwifery #GWSNM2020



NOW OPEN

Friday 8 May 2020
Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

Submit abstract here:
https://alignmentevents.com.au/sh_events/nmshowcase/



WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

A transforming year

Transforming your Experience (TYE) allows us to shape our future and work together to achieve safe, high quality and consistent care. There are many achievements and we have seen many of you embrace TYE and lead strategies to help deliver the very best care to patients. Thank you for your support!

Some of the TYE highlights for 2019 include:

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Leadership Academy participants



Over 2400

staff have attended CORE Chat training



Since July 2018:

85%

of executive staff round regularly

7/10

facilities and services have implemented leader rounding

We have collected

over 4000

My Experience Matters Patient Experience Surveys

371



staff have accessed the My Experience Matters system to understand how patients perceive care in their wards

74



TYE Foundational Leadership Program participants - developing the next generation of SWSLHD leaders

Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Scholarship

Learn more

Applications open 20 January 2020.

Visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-scholarships.

Scholarships of up to \$1000 per subject are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students undertaking a Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Midwifery.

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