

DISTRICT NEWS

Leading care, healthier communities

The staff involved in the Powerchart Maternity System rollout.



WHAT'S ON

» January

- Cervical Cancer Awareness Month
- Bowral & District Hospital Centenary Scholarship announced

» 11 January

NSW Health Aboriginal Undergraduate Scholarships open

» 26 January

Australia Day

Digital maternity transformation

In a first for NSW, Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital has introduced the new FetaLink program into an electronic medical record for maternity.

The hospital successfully launched the PowerChart Maternity System to track women's pregnancies and create a fully integrated electronic medical record for newborn babies.

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital General Manager Peter Rophail thanked staff involved in the implementation of the new digital system.

"Our staff did an amazing job to achieve a smooth and successful transition to the new system and I am very proud of their efforts," Mr Rophail said.

Mr Rophail said FetaLink, as well as the VitalsLink program is already in use in some NSW hospitals, are an integral component of the PowerChart Maternity roll-out.

"FetaLink allows clinicians to access the fetal heart beat while the VitalsLink automation means vital observations can be pulled directly into the electronic medical record," Mr Rophail said.

"The new system will streamline communications between doctors, midwives and health professionals."

The PowerChart Maternity system will be rolled out at other facilities across the South Western Sydney Local Health District this year.



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Chief Executive Message



Sonia Marshall, Acting Chief Executive

As we begin 2021, I hope you are feeling rested after the festive season and looking forward to the year ahead.

Thank you to our wonderful staff who worked over the holidays – your efforts are much appreciated.

This year, we enter January under an Amber Alert. COVID-19 remains with us and we are continuing our vital work to keep our community safe.

We have many important projects to look forward to this year.

Staff at Bowral & District and Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospitals are reaping the benefits of redevelopment projects, while major works at Campbelltown and Liverpool Hospitals continue.

We have numerous innovative programs and projects, planned and already in motion, aimed at providing better care to our community.

A great example is the Police, Ambulance Clinical Early Response (PACER) program, where mental health clinicians are based at Campbelltown and Bankstown police stations, with a view to roll the program out to Liverpool.

As part of our COVID-19 response, I would like to acknowledge the Triple I team who responded so quickly to support testing of close contacts over the festive season. Thank you for your outstanding work.

Thrive out now!

The summer edition of Thrive is the perfect way to acknowledge 2020 and our nurses who have been on the frontline in our response to COVID-19 during the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife.

Read how our wonderful nurses and midwives are working tirelessly to provide safe, high-quality care to our community.



60 seconds with...



Janet Harrison

What is your role?

Consumer and Community Participation Manager at Liverpool Hospital.

How did you end up working in this particular field?

I used to work in cancer research as a molecular biologist. I have always wanted to do something where I could make a difference for patients so when this role became available it was too good an opportunity to let pass.

What do you love about your role?

I love the Liverpool Hospital consumer representatives that my role helps to support. They are a diverse bunch of beautiful people from all walks of life who freely give their time to help the hospital see things from the perspective of a health consumer.

What is one thing you wish people knew about your role?

For staff, the value of meaningful engagement with our consumers is priceless. I am always available to help facilitate this engagement as a way to improve our services. For consumers I would like them to know we are an open door for constructive feedback and if you would like to find out more about being a consumer representative I am only a phone call away.

Team with heart

Fairfield Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation program has received great feedback in our patient survey, My Experience Matters.



Anna Manski, Jo-Anne Harvey and Sheeba Thomas.

Patients have consistently said staff provided an excellent service, even in the new virtual way they've been caring for their patients.

Thank you and congratulations to the amazing team that runs our Cardiac Rehabilitation Program.

Community says thank you



Goodie bags containing a variety of kindly donated items have been sent to teams at COVID-19 testing clinics across the District.

District Director of Strategy and Partnerships Professor Josephine Chow said the bags were a show of gratitude from the community for the tireless work of our staff.

“We had lots of donations from the community flooding in early in the pandemic, but we were still receiving things as the months went on,” Professor Chow said.

“We decided to sort them into gift bags to be distributed to testing clinic staff and the virtual COVID-19 team at Primary and Community Health. We have delivered 350 so far.”

Dreamtime award

Deputy Director of Aboriginal Health Karen Beetson’s years of creative energy and passion spent improving the lives of people in her community were recognised at the Dreamtime Awards.

Ms Beetson was a finalist in the Health category, which was included in the national awards for the first time.

“I was really humbled. It reinforces the impact of the work you do and inspires you to do better,” Ms Beetson said.



Stitch in time



An exquisite quilt depicting Liverpool’s history and its many landmarks is on permanent loan to Liverpool Hospital from The Liverpool Catholic Club Quilters.

Former club member Margaret Norman began work on the quilt in 1996, using her husband John’s photographs as the basis for each building, with many of the club’s members working on different sections.

The intricate work is on display on level 1, near clinic 122, at the hospital.

Many staff, patients and visitors have stopped to admire and comment on the creative needlework and artistic flair of the design.

Inspirational gift

Students from Amity College delivered an artwork expressing their thanks for the hard work of Liverpool Hospital staff in 2020.

The beautiful artwork depicts a healthcare worker with angel wings and the inscription: “To the healthcare workers on the frontline. In appreciation of their outstanding service from Amity College”.

Liverpool Hospital General Manager Karen McMenamin was touched by the students’ generosity.

“This artwork is such a beautiful expression of gratitude,” she said.

“I was so proud to accept it on behalf of our wonderful staff.”

The college also donated gift hampers to hospital staff in May 2020 as a gesture of appreciation.



School Principal Hasan Dagl with Liverpool Hospital General Manager Karen McMenamin, and school leaders.

Growing tribute to a year's work

To mark the end of 2020 and recognise the efforts of everyone across the District, we planted trees at all of our facilities and services.

The trees represent our growth last year and our big plans for the future.



We also ran a competition where staff submitted a New Year's wish to go into the draw to win vouchers for The William Inglis Hotel.

Some of the wonderful wishes from our staff included:

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I'd love my patients to have their families by their bedside.

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To keep in regular contact with family and close friends with phone calls and visits.

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To take a moment to step back and enjoy the smaller things in life.

Course success

Nathan Galindo has made a great start to his career in health, achieving equal first in the Vocational Education and Training Schools Health Services Assistance course in last year's HSC.

He studied the course through the District's Centre for Education and Workforce Development and will be taking the skills he learned into his nursing degree at UTS this year.

“I found the prac days really enjoyable, talking to people and helping them,” he said.

“When I'm finished my degree, I'm hoping to work in Liverpool.”



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