

# DISTRICT NEWS

Leading care, healthier communities



Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Member for Holsworthy Melanie Gibbons meet staff at the Liverpool Vaccination Hub.

## WHAT'S ON

- » **3 March**  
World Hearing Day
- » **7 March**  
Clean Up Australia Day
- » **8 March**  
International Women's Day
- » **13 - 20 March**  
Coeliac Awareness Week
- » **15 - 21 March**  
Harmony Week
- » **20 March**  
World Oral Health Day
- » **22 - 26 March**  
National Advance Care Planning Week

## Injection of hope

Frontline staff from across the District and beyond are rolling up their sleeves to take part in Phase 1a of Australia's COVID-19 vaccine national rollout strategy at the Liverpool Vaccination Hub.

The District's Clinical Director of Critical Care, Associate Professor Deepak Bhonagiri, was the first to receive the vaccine in the District on 22 February.

"We looked after very sick patients in the ICU. Naturally, despite using personal protective equipment, we worried about our staff catching the virus," he said.

"Getting the vaccine is an important step in getting over the COVID-19 pandemic. It's important for health

professionals to feel protected against getting COVID themselves and also from transmitting it to the most vulnerable patients that we see within our critical care.

"I feel very privileged to be the first person to receive the vaccine and I encourage everyone to have it."

The Liverpool Vaccination Hub has the capacity to vaccinate up to 120 people per hour.

Emergency Operations Centre Incident Controller Sonia Marshall said it was wonderful to see how smoothly the hub was operating.

"This has taken a monumental effort from so many people and I would like to thank all of them for their hard work," Ms Marshall said.



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# Chief Executive Message



Ms Amanda Larkin, Chief Executive, South Western Sydney Local Health District.

We have had a month of excitement with the vaccine rollout, the topping out of Campbelltown Hospital's Clinical Services Building and the launch of the Improvement Science Learning Pathway.

Each of these three projects represents a major step forward for our District.

The Liverpool Vaccination Hub is up and running smoothly and providing a new layer of protection to our frontline clinicians.

It is the breakthrough we have been working towards for more than a year and a wonderful step forward to protect our community.

It was an honour to have Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Health Minister Brad Hazzard visit the vaccination hub and attend the topping out ceremony for the amazing new 12-storey clinical services building at Campbelltown Hospital.

Their presence is a recognition of all of your hard work and they reflect our sense of excitement of the potential this new building offers us in providing care of the future to the people of Macarthur.

And finally, we have the launch of the Improvement Science Learning Pathway.

Each of you will complete the foundational online elements to give you the skills to implement a culture of continuous improvement in your teams.

Collectively, these three projects involve thousands of hours of work from many dedicated people. I thank you all for your efforts.

## Have your say

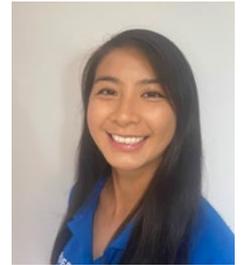
Now staff have the opportunity to give feedback on the electronic medical records through the [KLAS survey](#).

The 10-minute survey is to collect data on what is working well and where improvements can be made to our EMR systems.

Your feedback is important and will inform system improvements.

Use this opportunity - have your say and help support the improvement of these systems.

## 60 seconds with...



Vanessa Lee

### What is your role?

My role is to coordinate the Go4Fun program which is a free 10-week healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7-13 who are above a healthy weight and their families. I'm excited for Go4Fun to start up again in term two after a year off due to COVID-19 restrictions.

### How did you end up working in this particular field?

I completed my six-week university placement at Go4Fun in 2015. After placement, I became a Go4Fun leader for two years and eventually joined Go4Fun as a Health Promotion Officer.

### What do you love about your role?

I really enjoy working with such a diverse group of families and communities in the Health District. I love that we get to work directly with our communities and see first-hand the positive outcomes we can have with families and children.

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

We really rely on referrals from health professionals. The program really can make a difference, especially to families who are just starting out on their healthy lifestyle journey.

## TYE Leadership

The District's next crop of leaders has started an 18-month course with the TYE Leadership Academy.



Transforming Your Experience Director Natalie Wilson said the course would help participants grow into future executive roles.

"The TYE Leadership Academy has been developed to cultivate a pool of leaders who can step into executive roles and drive excellence in the District," Ms Wilson said.

# Building reaches new heights

The \$632 million stage two Campbelltown Hospital redevelopment has reached a major milestone with Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Health Minister Brad Hazzard joining celebrations to mark the new clinical services building reaching its highest point of construction.

The District's Board Chair Sam Haddad, Chief Executive Amanda Larkin and Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals General Manager Alison Derrett were among the guests at the topping out ceremony, where an evergreen tree is placed at the building's highest point.

Ms Derrett said she was delighted with the progress of the redevelopment project, which includes both the new building and extensive refurbishment works. The



project is due for completion in 2023.

"The impressive clinical services building already dominates the city's skyline, and I look forward to seeing its transformation during the year ahead as the focus turns to internal fitout," Ms Derrett said.

Mr Hazzard also welcomed the 264 nursing graduates starting their

careers across the District, including 51 at Campbelltown Hospital in March.

The new building will feature an expanded emergency department, enhanced women's health services, including a new maternity ward and birthing suites, state-of-the-art operating theatres and expanded mental health services.

## Pathway to excellence



Striving to continuously improve our care is at the heart of the Improvement Science Learning Pathway, with the first stages now available on My Health Learning.

All staff will complete the first step in the pathway, [Foundations of Healthcare Safety and Quality](#).

Clinical Governance Director Ken Hampson said the six-part online module will enable staff to identify local workplace measures relating to safety and quality.

"This learning pathway is the foundation to embed continuous improvement in our District and will teach staff a structured approach to identifying the causes of local system problems and to plan sustainable improvements," he said.

## Scholarship support



Bowral & District Hospital's Centenary Scholarship has been awarded to Lucy Irvine, a student from Chevalier College.

The first-year nursing student will receive \$4000 over four years to assist with her studies.

General Manager Ken Barnett said he was looking forward to hearing about Lucy's contribution to health care in the future. "The calibre of applications was outstanding and I congratulate Lucy on her success," he said.

The scholarship was established in 1989 by hospital staff to acknowledge the assistance of the local community.

# Liverpool Vaccination Hub up and running

On Monday 22 February, the first vaccine recipients from across the District did their part to protect themselves, their colleagues and their communities from COVID-19.

## First in the District:



South Western Sydney Local Health District Director of Critical Care Associate Professor Deepak Bhonagiri.

## First nurse in the District:



Campbelltown Hospital Emergency Department Nurse Unit Manager Daryn Mitford.



Clinical Nurse Specialist and Authorised Immuniser Azizi Sahib.

## Other clinicians:



Campbelltown Hospital Emergency Department Director Associate Professor Richard Cracknell.



Liverpool Hospital Respiratory Staff Specialist Dr Jonathan Williamson.



Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Intensive Care Unit Nurse Practitioner Kathleen Brennan.



Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Deputy Director of Emergency Medicine Rebecca Davis.



Fairfield Hospital Registered Nurse Emergency Department Miguel Ocana.



Liverpool Hospital Emergency Department Nurse Unit Manager Matthew Wilson.

## Changes to salary packaging

The South Western Sydney Local Health District salary packaging provider is changing.

From 1 April 2021, SmartSalary will provide support, advice and administration of salary packaging. The contract with the District's current provider Maxxia will finish on 31 March 2021.

All salary packaging arrangements will be transferred

from Maxxia to SmartSalary.

SmartSalary will issue instructions to all employees who already use salary packaging before the transition of services on 1 April 2021.

For more information please visit the [SmartSalary website](#) or to speak with a member of the team call 1300 476 278.

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