

DISTRICT NEWS

Leading care, healthier communities



Nathan Jones, Uncle Harry Allie and Peter Rophail celebrate NAIDOC week with staff

WHAT'S ON

» **1-7 August**

World Breastfeeding Week
Dental Health Week

» **7 August**

National Recognition Day for
Aboriginal And Torres Strait
Islander Health Workers and
Practitioners

» **8-14 August**

National Stroke Week

» **22 August - 16 September**

People Matter Employee
Survey open

» **22 -28 August**

Speech Pathology Week

» **24 August**

Health Beyond Research
and Innovation Showcase

Standing up

NAIDOC Week was a time for celebration across the District as staff took time to celebrate the achievements and culture of Aboriginal people.

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital hosted local Elders for a smoking ceremony, speeches and lunch, while staff at Liverpool and Campbelltown Hospitals donned Aboriginal-designed shirts to celebrate the week.

Special guests at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital's event included District Director of Clinical Governance Brenda Gillard and Aboriginal elder Uncle Harry Allie.

Aboriginal Health Director Nathan Jones spoke at the NAIDOC Week event.

"NAIDOC Week is about more than celebration - it's about building understanding and



Campbelltown staff

making a lasting difference," he said.

"The theme for NAIDOC Week this year was Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! for systemic change.

"We are working hard to be a part of that change, partnering with our local Aboriginal community to continually build on our services and offering culturally responsive care.

"Through these partnerships, we are achieving exceptional results."



Health
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Local Health District

Chairman's Message



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

We are once again facing a surge in COVID-19 cases in our community and the Board and I acknowledge and applaud your efforts continuing to provide safe, high-quality care to the people of south western Sydney.

You continue meeting the challenges of COVID-19 and, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank you all for your continuing efforts.

There are also many great initiatives underway for our growing District.

Recently the Board had the opportunity to tour the new clinical services building at Campbelltown Hospital, the most significant redevelopment of the hospital since it first opened its doors in 1977.



Services have started moving in and patients and the Macarthur community will soon have high-quality, contemporary and enhanced services and care closer to home.

Congratulations to everyone who has been involved in this fantastic project. I am so proud of this wonderful new facility and look forward to seeing it fully operational.

Thank you all again for your hard work.

Thank you Uruguayos Unidos

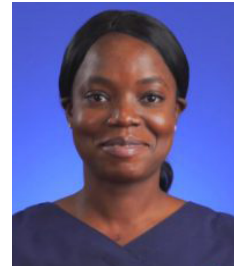
Fairfield Hospital received a final generous donation of \$14,000 from community group Uruguayos Unidos, who raised money for public hospitals in Uruguay and locally, and will wind up their operations after 33 years.



Hospital General Manager Paul Crowe said a group of volunteers visited Fairfield Hospital to offer the donation in recognition of the wonderful work of staff.

"This has been a long and valued relationship over many years with many kind donations to Fairfield Hospital. We wish them well," he said.

60 seconds with...



Sonia Dadzie

What is your role?

I am working as a registered nurse on ward 3B (colorectal surgical) at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital.

How did you end up working in this particular field?

I decided to pursue nursing after I finished my first degree (Bachelor of Medical Science). I knew I needed to go back to school and get a degree that would guarantee me a job. Not only did nursing fit that description, but it would also incorporate my love of science. I wish I had known how much I would enjoy being a nurse, because I would have become one sooner!

What do you love about your role?

I love providing comfort and care to those in need. My goal has always been to find a career that challenges me while also allowing me to make a difference for the better in other people's lives. Caring for others is one way for me to make that difference.

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

Being a nurse is more than simply carrying out doctors' orders. Nursing is a profession that is based on science. Nurses are educated individuals who are expected to work independently and within a team, to interpret, and respond to a variety of information. For all the work you see a nurse do in a patient's room, there is so much more that goes on behind the scenes.

Research spotlight

Women's Health is the focus of the August session of the Health Beyond Research and Innovation Showcase online seminar on Wednesday 24 August 11.00am - 12.30pm.

Professor Angela Makris, Co-Director, Women Health Initiative Translational Unit (WHITU) and Professor Jon Hyett, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology will co-chair the online seminar which will showcase novel interventions to prevent severe preeclampsia. Speakers include Dr Renuka Shanmugalingam, Professor Annemarie Hennessy, Professor Hannah Dahlen and Professor Virginia Schmied.

Register for the August showcase and stay-up-to-date on future events at

<https://healthbeyondshowcase.org.au/>

World of entertainment at fingertips

Applying Transforming Your Experience (TYE) principles to procurement has led to the installation of a new bedside patient entertainment system (PES) for Campbelltown Hospital's new clinical services building.

Finance and Corporate Services Director Dimi Palamidis said this project was a wonderful example of how non-patient facing areas could implement TYE.

"Our decisions play a key role in the experience of patients and staff," he said.

"We worked with clinicians, patients and ICT to come up with a solution that will improve the patient experience and assist clinicians at the same time."

Interaction with PES is via a touchscreen device on an articulating arm which will allow patients and their carers to access entertainment.

PES will also enable clinical applications such as digital meal ordering, virtual care consults via telehealth, patient education videos and eMR integration for diagnostic radiology and pathology results.



"The system will also allow us to conduct My Experience Matters surveys with the patient and get feedback on their experience in real time," Mr Palamidis said.

New look for Procurement

The Procurement team has a brand new hub and a new way of working to better serve the District and contribute to the safe, high-quality care we provide.



District Procurement Manager Mitchell Clancy said the hub was designed to improve collaboration and provide enhanced outcomes.

"We have themed the room with names from the Dharawal language. The selected meeting room names pay respect to these people and are related to the business of procurement in the hub," he said.

"We have also changed the way we work to a category management system. In coming months we will invite staff from other departments to visit the hub to learn more about procurement processes and how they can get more out of our service."

For more information, visit the [Procurement team's page on the Intranet](#).

Have your say ...

The People Matter Employee Survey (PMES) returns this month, offering you an opportunity to have your say on your workplace.

Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said PMES champions and people leaders around the District were already preparing for the survey.

"Our champions are working on some fantastic activities around the PMES," she said.

"I encourage you all to complete the survey. After disruptions to the survey over the past two years, this year it is important to get a clear picture of what is and what is not working.

"Using last year's results we have made improvements to the organisation, including our new flexible working arrangements procedure and a new recruitment model that has improved the recruitment experience for recruiting managers and applicants.

"We use your feedback to understand how we can improve our District as a place to work and transform your experience."

The PMES survey will run from Monday 22 August to Friday 16 September 2022.

New beginnings at Campbelltown Hospital

Beautiful Aurora Sultana has created history as the first baby born in Campbelltown Hospital's new birthing unit. Aurora made her entrance on 20 July 2022 at 1.07pm, weighing 2640g.

First-time parents Rachel and Chris Sultana are over the moon with their gorgeous newborn and thanked their midwife Lisa Loveland and registered nurse and student midwife Carly Robinson for their fantastic care.

The Grealy family also became part of Campbelltown Hospital's history with their little girl Matilda the last born in the hospital's old birthing suite.

The new and expanded birthing unit is in the new building, the centrepiece of the hospital's \$632 million redevelopment.



Aurora Sultana was the first baby born in the new birthing suite.



Matilda Grealy was the final baby born in the previous birthing suite.



Aurora Sultana.

Insulin safety



Activities to promote the safe use of insulin were held across the District for Insulin Safety Week. Activities included display tables, visits from educators to different wards, promotional material and more education on safe insulin administration.

Insulin Safety Week ran from 11 to 17 July to coincide with National Diabetes Week and aimed to reduce errors in insulin use among healthcare professionals.

District Diabetes coordinator Robyn Barns said teams went the extra mile to bring their campaign to life.

"There were a lot of great activities run in five hospitals across the District," she said.

Partnership link

Adolescents and young adults in south western Sydney will soon have access to more mental health services thanks to a public-private partnership trial



between South Western Sydney Local Health District and Ramsay Health Care.

Minister for Mental Health Bronnie Taylor launched the partnership, which is the first of its kind, on 18 July.

District Mental Health Director Dr Claire Jones said the pilot program would run at Ramsay Mental Health's Macarthur Clinic in Campbelltown.

"The partnership includes three inpatient beds for young people aged 16 - 24 who may be struggling with eating disorders or other mental health conditions, as well as day programs," Dr Jones said.

"This innovative partnership complements the mental health services provided through the District."

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