

DISTRICT NEWS

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STAY SAFE

Vaccination Lead Loretta Andersen welcomes the first 5 to 11 vaccination recipients Emily and Natarsha King and Shravan Vijay and their parents.

COVID-19 vaccination:

- » Get your booster vaccination at South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre in Macquarie Fields.
- » You are eligible for a booster if you had your second dose at least four months ago.
- » Book your vaccination at www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/vaccination.
- » Vaccinations are also available at GPs and pharmacies.

Special welcome for super brave children

With big smiles, colourful balloons and superheroes, South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre is welcoming children aged 5 to 11 years to receive their first COVID-19 vaccination.

NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet (pictured), Deputy Secretary for Patient Experience and System Performance Susan Pearce and NSW Chief Paediatrician Dr Matt O'Meara toured the centre following their press conference last week and praised staff for their preparations to help children feel comfortable.

District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said children had shown great bravery when receiving their first vaccinations on 10 January.

"Each child receives a Super Brave Certificate from our staff as a reward for receiving the vaccination. They have been very proud," Ms Larkin said.



"The centre looks wonderful with its special decorations and I thank our staff for reassuring the children and their parents and putting them at ease. They are doing a fantastic job."

Sisters Emily, 10, and Natarsha King, 8, of Voyager Point, received the first vaccination for 5 to 11 year olds at the centre on 10 January.

Ms Larkin said the centre was also providing booster doses for eligible people four months after they received their second dose of the vaccine. After 31 January this reduces to three months.



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Chief Executive Message



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

As we start the New Year, I want to thank those of you who have worked through the festive season and all of you for your amazing efforts through 2021.

Our festive season this year has been a challenging one with the increasing number of Omicron cases in the community. Thank you for your continuing efforts as we work together to care for our patients and consumers as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve.

You are all doing a magnificent job. Two years in to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have a robust set of systems in place and your skills and experience on our side.

Last year we undertook the enormous task of vaccinating the people of south western Sydney, in partnership with our colleagues across GPs and pharmacies.

This year we are offering vaccination to 5 to 11 year olds and continuing our booster program for adults.

2022 is set to be an exciting one for the District as we embed the learnings from the past two years into our ongoing practice.

We are working towards a new strategic plan as we continually seek to improve the care we provide to the people of south western Sydney.

Outreach success

The District's vaccination outreach team has visited 36 schools in south western Sydney after launching the School Vaccination Program on 16 November.

Vaccination Lead Sally Walker said the program had been highly successful with government, non-government and special purposes schools taking part.

"We have delivered 40 per cent of the NSW registrations for the program – an outstanding result," Ms Walker said.

"The team has provided first and second doses to eligible high school students and staff and some staff have had booster doses."

The program resumes after schools return this year.

60 seconds with...



Anthony Pullen

What is your role?

I am the Nursing Unit Manager of the Paediatric Ambulatory Care Service (PACS) and Paediatric Outpatient Clinics at Campbelltown Hospital.

How did you end up in this particular field?

With one of my parents being a primary school teacher, I have always wanted to work with children. I realised nursing was such a diverse and universal profession that would never get old or stale and could be used anywhere.

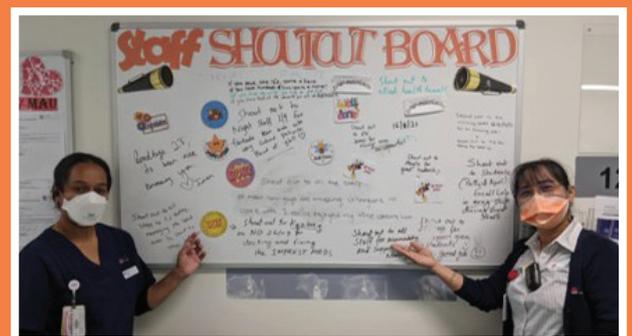
What do you love about your role?

I love managing and working as part of a team that is passionate and willing to adapt to ensure that our children and families have access to the best care possible.

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

While I am not a consistent feature on the frontline providing day-to-day care to our families, I still enjoy taking the time to participate in the delivery of care and maintain good therapeutic relationships with many of the families that come through our doors.

Team recognition



People often stop at Ward 2J/MAU Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital to have a look at its 'Shout Out' board.

Inspirational messages of recognition, optimism and gratitude are captured and shared by the multidisciplinary team in the ward.

Shout out to Ward 2J/MAU for recognising each other's great work!

Year of progress



Minister for Mental Health Bronnie Taylor and staff and police representatives.

The District Police Ambulance Clinical Early Response (PACER) program has turned one!

The program is based at Bankstown and Campbelltown Police Area Commands and has seen 870 consumers and diverted 726 people from hospital Emergency Departments during the past 12 months.

District Community Mental Health &

Partnerships Director Patrick Parker said this was an amazing result and a significant achievement for the team.

“The success of the PACER program builds on the strong partnerships between the District’s Mental Health Services and first responders, our colleagues at NSW Police and NSW Ambulance,” Mr Parker said

NAIDOC honour



The District’s Aboriginal Health team has been recognised with a major award for its work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It received the 2021 Macarthur NAIDOC Award for outstanding service to the community in the organisation category on 26 November.

The team was praised for ensuring the Aboriginal community was informed throughout the pandemic as well as its work promoting vaccination.

Chief Executive Amanda Larkin congratulated the team. “More than 86 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community have received two doses of the vaccine - a fantastic result,” Ms Larkin said.

First bundle of joy

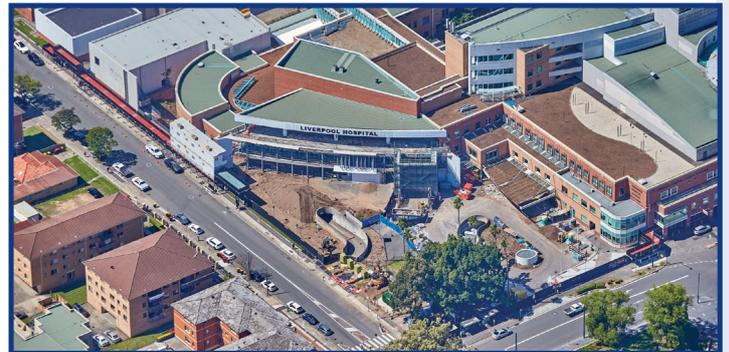
Beautiful Tilly Jean Porter has made history as the first baby born in South Western Sydney Local Health District in 2022.

Tilly entered the world at 1.45am on 1 January with the assistance of birthing staff at Campbelltown Hospital.

She weighed 2760g and her parents Taryn Nash and Trent Porter could not be happier with their newborn.



Reducing waste



More than 13,000 tonnes of bricks, concrete and steel will be recycled as part of demolition works at Liverpool Hospital. That’s around 95 per cent of all demolition waste that will be repurposed or reused.

Project builders ADCO (car park) and Lendlease (new hospital buildings) are always looking for ways to reduce construction waste and reuse or recycle materials by giving them a second lease on life, reducing the need for newly produced resources and minimising landfill.

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