

Associate Professor Marcus Vowels' Lifetime Commitment Honoured



Marcus Vowels

In honour of Marcus' lifetime commitment to his work for childhood cancer, a Conference Day followed by a Testimonial Dinner will be held on Friday, November 19, 2004. The Conference will be held in the Lecture Theatre, Level 1, Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick and the Testimonial Dinner will be held at the Taronga Zoo Function Centre.

Marcus will retire from clinical work in December 2004, with his last Sydney clinic on 22nd December. However, his last Canberra clinic will be held on 3rd February, 2005.

Ceasing clinical activity does not actually mean retirement for Marcus, as he will continue working with the Cord Blood Bank in 2005.

Marcus started working at the Prince of Wales/Prince Henry Hospitals in 1966. He worked his way up the career ladder firstly as a Junior Resident Medical Officer, then as a Senior Resident Medical Officer and then as a Paediatric Registrar in the then Prince of

Wales Children's Hospital. In 1973, he took up an appointment as Paediatric Haematologist Oncologist. Marcus became Head of the Department of Haematology Oncology in 1984, taking over from Associate Professor Darcy O'Gorman Hughes. The Bone Marrow Transplant Programme was established in 1975 with the support of Professor Beveridge, Associate Professor O'Gorman Hughes and the active participation of Dr Reg Lam-Po-Tang. The Cord Blood Bank project was initiated in 1995 with Dr Lam-Po-Tang.

Welcome back to Dr Tracey O'Brien who will be available to see all Professor Vowels' "old" patients. Many of you will hopefully remember her when she was here as a Fellow between 2001 and 2002.

We wish Marcus a very happy and relaxed retirement from clinical work but look forward to seeing him around the Cord Blood Bank in 2005.

Intranet/Internet Access To The Way Forward

You can access the latest issue of the Hospital's newsletter, The Way Forward, via the SCH Intranet and Internet sites. For Internet access go to www.sch.edu.au and click on the Events/News directory.

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Editor's Notes

The Way Forward is the SCH, Randwick internal newsletter.

Should you want to submit to The Way Forward please do so before the following date.

**THE FINAL DEADLINE DATE FOR 2004 IS
9 NOVEMBER.**

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Employee Of The Month

As this is a combined issue of The Way Forward, we are featuring Canan Temel as our Employee of the Month for September 2004, and Mary Ngui as our Employee of the Month for October 2004. Congratulations to both recipients!

Canan Temel



Andrew Rosenberg, Head of the Nephrology Department, SCH and Robyn Howard, Secretarial Co-ordinator, nominated Canan for her efficiency, friendliness and ability to get on with her colleagues, her willingness to take on new tasks and her ability to be part of a team while maintaining her own very individual personality.

Andrew and Robyn said, "Canan puts in many extra hours each week without remuneration and at short notice has no hesitation in lending a helping hand to assist another department. Canan is an outstanding and tireless worker and will assist anyone who needs her support."

Mary Ngui



Arthur Teng, Director of the Sleep Medicine Unit, SCH nominated Mary for her support, reassurance and encouragement while working in the Sleep Medicine Unit.

Arthur said, "Mary does the overnight shift in the Sleep Lab, which is considered the most challenging role."

"Mary has become a pioneer and is one of the most experienced nurses in this specialised area and has stayed the course for seven years. Often beyond the call of duty, Mary has provided support, gentle advice and encouragement to often-stressed families."

Position:

Canan: Senior Secretary, Department of Nephrology.

Mary: Registered Nurse, Sleep Medicine Unit.

Best part of your job?

(Canan) Working with a whole lot of great people.

Worst part of your job?

(Mary) Removing sticky tape from a child/baby's face and body after a night study. No one is impressed with you.

When you were young what did you want to do when you grew up?

(Canan) I wanted to be an astronaut.

First full-time job?

(Mary) Registered Nurse in a medical ward.

How long have you been at SCH, Randwick?

(Canan) Eight years in November.

Strangest thing you've ever had to do on the job:

(Mary) It happened in a ward I was working in but it's too unsavory to mention here.

Your mentor or greatest inspiration?

(Canan) Deniz - my son. And A/Professor Andrew Rosenberg - I've always told him that if I ever go on "Who wants to be a millionaire", he is definitely going to be my "phone a friend". He knows so much about anything and everything.

Where will you be in 10 years?

(Mary) Happily retired.

Job you most admire?

(Canan) Mine! That's why I'm still here.

Canan and Mary will enjoy a complimentary meal at Mamma Theresa's at Kingsford and a bouquet of flowers compliments of Clementine Flowers, Randwick. Metro Parking will also throw in a cheque for \$100 each. ENJOY!!!

Message From Professor White

Dear Colleagues

While change and development have been constant features of our recent history, the current period poses unprecedented challenges and opportunities. I will highlight only factors external to SCH at this time and select those with direct impact on our future.

Firstly some issues at the State level:

- The Area Health Service (AHS) boundaries are now confirmed but much remains in terms of organisational and operational restructure. Our initial discussions with colleagues in the Illawarra indicate support for the South East Health (SEH) model of a comprehensive Division (program or stream) for Paediatrics as well as Child and Adolescent Health.
- This issue takes on a critical and historic context as NSW DOH is proposing to standardise streams or programs for all AHSs. There is a unique opportunity to advocate for a strong child and adolescent health portfolio, consistent across the state and with points of leadership both at AHS and central DOH level. Clearly that is not the current arrangement either within AHSs or between various government agencies.
- We are continuing to negotiate a special relationship with the Macarthur Health Service and have drawn up a draft Memorandum of Understanding. The agreement includes their use of the nomenclature "Sydney Children's Hospital: Macarthur Unit".
- These various factors have influence on realignment of the statewide Child Health Networks, their structure and their proposed operations, matters currently being discussed with DOH.
- The Statewide Paediatric Advisory Committee continues as the umbrella body for networking and other matters, under the chairmanship of the Director General.
- The Statewide Selected Specialty Services Committee has been reconvened, with proposed additional powers and financial components. The intention is to recognise opportunities for centralisation of specific supra-tertiary units or stratified components of current tertiary services.
- Another opportunity for a deeper look at relationships between the Children's Hospitals and their services is being proposed in the Health Priority Taskforce for Paediatrics. The proposed terms of reference include the exploration of a platform that will allow closer collaboration and alignment between the Children's Hospitals and, particularly, the two based in Sydney.
- A specific point of interest being considered statewide is the planning of Paediatric Surgical Services and the relative responsibilities of district versus specialist children's units, as well as proposed roles for adult colleagues.
- Similarly, a complex review and selected taskforce are addressing the relationships of Child and Adolescent Mental Health with adult mental health, the community, as well as paediatrics and child health.
- On the corporate and financial side, the Specialist Paediatric Hospitals Funding Review Reference Group has completed its deliberations and a final report is expected. The model is intended to address equity of access, funding opportunities and collaborative planning between the three Children's Hospitals in NSW.
- In conjunction with above, NSW DOH have commissioned a special inquiry by Deloitte to review current funding, expenditure, efficiency and governance aspects of the three Children's Hospitals. The work is nearing completion and is likely to provide some very informative data. One of the points of particular interest is the contribution of "soft money" and especially the SCH Foundation to the support of our hospital.
- On a larger scale the NSW Government is committed to a centralisation of corporate services, including closer interaction with the private sector. The range under examination is extensive and includes not only finance, HR, administration, assets and fleet but also records, IT, library, food services and pathology.

At the Campus level we are engaged in a number of working parties to determine a master plan for a major redevelopment over the next five to ten years. The first stage is a major Research Enterprise followed by Service Developments and improvements in Educational Facilities. Urgent matters include the redevelopment of accommodation options and a serious look at improved capitalisation through private investment. Finally at the Federal level, we had excellent news with the announcement by Tony Abbott MP, Federal Minister for Health and Ageing, of an MRI licence for SCH as a specific press release in the national cancer agenda. Our Foundation has been very active in this advocacy. Our next goal is to achieve appropriate access to PET facilities...



A First Of Its Kind - A Children's Book With A Difference

Children with brain injury are receiving a helping hand thanks to a new book that has been written especially for youngsters. The first of its kind in Australia, 'A Hit on the Head and Where it Led', describes the experience of a little boy who overcomes brain injuries following a bicycle accident.

Author, Jennifer Cooper-Trent, was inspired to write the book after her son, Harrison, was admitted to hospital with brain injuries following a bicycle accident in 1998. Sponsored by the Motor Accidents Authority, the publication will be free to patients and their schools from 14 September 2004 at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick and the Children's Hospital at Westmead and www.early-reading.com.



Professor Les White with Jennifer and Harrison Cooper-Trent



Quality Improvement Update

What's New

The Incident Information Management System (IIMS)

The IIMS aims to assist clinicians, managers and health care workers to identify, manage and learn from incidents of all types thus ensuring that the risk of recurrence is minimised. This includes patient, medication and OH&S incidents. In the longer term it is envisaged that the system will streamline the data entry process and provide a far better picture of the number, frequency and types of incidents occurring at a local, area and state level.

At a local level, it will have an impact upon almost all staff members' day to day practice. Staff will need to electronically enter details of any incidents that have occurred, including a Severity Assessment Code (SAC) rating, into the IIMS.

The IIMS is currently being implemented in all Area Health Services across the state and is due to 'go live' in May 2005. Currently, area and local working parties have been established to ensure the system is implemented in SEH by the due date.

EquIP Update

In July, SCH submitted an EquIP Self Assessment report for review by the ACHS surveyors. This provided us with an opportunity to review our achievements since the last Organisational Wide Survey (OWS) in early 2003 and also identify gaps or areas to be addressed before the next survey, the Periodic Review, due in April 2005.

The overall feedback was generally positive and constructive. The key issue identified throughout the document was the need to validate the outcomes of our work. This included:

- Providing evidence of compliance with policies (e.g. Complaints)
- Providing evidence of review of our systems (e.g. Legislative requirements)
- Ensuring the competency of clinical and non-clinical staff in all disciplines (e.g. through mandatory training).

Planning is currently underway to prepare for the Periodic Review next April.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Paul Tyne on extension 21450.

Allied Health Day 2004

Allied Health staff joined forces on Allied Health Day, Thursday, 23 September 2004, to promote their work at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

More than 100 staff members from Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Orthotics, Physiotherapy, Play Therapy, Psychology, Social Work and Speech Pathology celebrated their part in providing comprehensive health services in the South East Sydney region.

Posters and displays highlighted the work of Allied Health teams in their day to day roles and in a variety of research initiatives, and staff members were on hand to discuss their work.

Professor Les White joined staff for a BBQ lunch and spoke about the vital services Allied Health staff provide to hospital patients and of how important it was to have a day like this

to acknowledge their role. He noted that Allied Health has expanded significantly since the Hospital opened and, while this has been very positive, it has placed a great strain on space. Professor White assured staff that resolving the space issue is a priority for the Hospital and new long-term options are being investigated to accommodate the growing Allied Health team.

Allied Health staff would like to thank Virginia Binns for masterminding and generously contributing to the day and all the staff who worked so hard to make the day a success. Special thanks to the Allied Health Day Organising Committee run ever so efficiently by Catherine McKersie. The Committee members are Kerry Amy, Jenny Armstrong, Bec Cappon, Lauren Fortington, Liz Kenway, Suzi Lambert, Kate Loretan, Jason Lowe, Colleen Sibbenson and Leah VanderVliet.

Thanks also to our sponsors, Krispy Krème Donuts, Roche and Roses Only, for their generous support.

Participants at Allied Health Day

Grand Rounds

John Beveridge Lecture Theatre, Level 1, Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

1700 every Wednesday - Refreshments 16:45.
Convened by A/Prof John Ziegler.

27 OCTOBER 2004

"Liver Transplantation and The Holy Grail"

Speaker: Dr Michael Stormon - Paediatric Gastroenterologist, Australian National Liver Transplant Unit, The Children's Hospital at Westmead

Co-ordinator: Rueben Jackson

Chairperson: Phil Emder

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"Genital Examination of the prepubertal female child: what every paediatric doctor should know"

Speakers: Melissa Gabriel and Kieran Moran

Co-ordinator: Kieran Moran

Chairperson: Jan Walker

10 NOVEMBER 2004

"Most girls are 46XX..."

Speakers: Jan Walker and Charles Verge

Co-ordinator: Jan Walker

Chairperson: Barry Duffy

17 NOVEMBER 2004

"Hip Dysplasia and Pelvic Osteomyelitis in Children"

Speaker: Michael Solomon

Co-ordinator: Angus Gray

Chairperson: Susan Adams



Community And Hospital News

What's Happening In The SCH Arts Program

Sydney Children's Hospital recently displayed on Level 0 thirty monoprints and small canvases from an exhibition of 100 works at the Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Gymea and Kirinari Aboriginal Hostel. The exhibition was part of an Art Mentoring Workshop to develop painting skills that was held at and by the Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Aboriginal Health Services of South East Health, Kurranulla Aboriginal Corporation and the Kirinari Aboriginal Hostel Aboriginal Group.

The Aboriginal women who took part in the workshop all came from various parts of regional and rural NSW. Kirinari Hostel provides accommodation and support to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to increase their access to schools and services.

SCH Gastroenterology Team Attend Major World Congress - Paris

Bonjour from the Gastroenterology Department. SCH staff from the Gastroenterology team recently attended the World Congress of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, a major event on the world gastroenterology calendar. Professor Tim Bohane, Dr Andrew Day and Dietitian, Kylie Whitten, attended this four-yearly event and presented three oral presentations and six poster presentations (two of which received awards of excellence) ensuring that the SCH flag was flying high!

In addition to the science and clinical talks given by a vast array of people from around the world, there was still some time to enjoy the highlights of the city and to learn a little about Paris. Did you know, for instance, that the top of the Eiffel tower is exactly 16,962kms from Sydney??

Attendance and presentation at major meetings such as this helps to bring SCH to the front of the world stage, and also gives us a chance to learn from others. The next meeting will be in the middle of Brazil in 2008, and looks to be another great event! Deus e boa sorte!!

Chewbacca Flies In From A Galaxy Far, Far Away To Visit Sick Kids

Patients at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, recently had a special visit from Chewbacca, one of the original cast members of the Star Wars Trilogy movies. Chewbacca, the 200-year-old Wookiee, who co-piloted the millennium falcon with Han Solo, paid his first visit to Sydney to see the kids.

Chewbacca spent time with the children in the Starlight Room and then visited kids on some of the Hospital's other wards. Fun was had by one and all.

Patient Friend News

You may be wondering what will happen to consumer participation at the Hospital with the change to the Area Health Service structure. The good news is that our existing consumer participation structure within SCH will continue and as well there will be the formation of an Area Health Advisory Council in each Area. These are "intended to build on existing consumer and community participation structures at a local level and not replace them" (NSW Department of Health, Planning Better Health Background Information July 2004). Meanwhile work is progressing towards the development of a Children's and Young Person's Council for the Hospital, which we hope will be up and running in 2005. Please feel free to contact Patient Friend, Coralie Lane on telephone number 9382 0680 if you have any feedback for the Hospital or are interested in consumer participation.

Message From Professor White cont...

Children's Hospitals Australasia continues to advocate effectively and to facilitate benchmarking and collaboration between members. The most recent notable success was the National Medication Safety Clinical Forum with a strong leadership from SCH. At the October AGM changes in constitution will be passed to broaden the agenda and more adequately engage smaller paediatric units in general hospitals.

That is a snapshot of some of the many current processes that will impact on SCH. Detailed minutes, terms of reference or reports are all available on request. In my next Editorial I will concentrate on comparable issues occurring within SCH.

Best wishes

Les White

Executive Director

Pat On The Back

CLOWN DOCTORS MAKE PATIENT SMILE

Dear Professor White

I wish to compliment your hospital, as my son had a recent short stay in the Ambulatory Care Unit for a correction of a hydrocoele. The care by all hospital staff was most helpful but I would like to express my appreciation of two clown doctors for entertaining my son before surgery, the journey to the theatre and whilst we waited for him to be taken into surgery. To see my son not frightened but laughing before this procedure was truly amazing and comforting to me. We travelled from NSW's mid north coast to have this operation done at Sydney Children's Hospital and the entertainment and attention these performers gave him has given us some lovely memories of your hospital.

Kindest regards, Leanne



Chewbacca taking to colouring-in

Information Update

The Latest Oh&S Information

Some facts you should know:

- A recent Australian Absenteeism survey found 42% of workers admit taking paid 'sickies' when nothing is wrong with them, and that workers in Sydney took the most sick leave in Australia. Those with greater sick leave entitlements, doing shiftwork, who were younger, and had carer responsibilities [especially of primary schoolers] took the most sick leave. High-income earners, those with multiple dependents and those who were satisfied in their work took the least sick leave. Men and women took equal amounts but women were more likely to take sick leave for reasons other than illness, e.g. family.
- A recent US study found that workplace bullying most often involves co-workers, and thus recommended that workplaces take steps to improve these relationships [and not strictly focus on improving manager-employee and customer-employee relations].
- A recent Cancer Council survey found 2/3 of NSW residents want smoking banned in pubs and clubs within 12 months. Seventy-three percent of respondents stated the Government should consider the health of workers/customers the most important factor when making the decision. Only 1% agreed with the industry timeframe of a gradual phase-in until 2009!
- Many recent court cases have highlighted the importance of managers conducting and being able to prove they have conducted [via documentation] regular hazard inspections and promptly actioned any foreseeable risks found. E.g. an obviously broken grate in a mine which resulted in a worker's ruptured ankle ligament [\$820K awarded]; and a policeman who tripped on an unlit footpath [light-globe was known to have been blown for some weeks] at a Police station at night and injured his leg [\$502K awarded].
- Contributory negligence is increasingly used in court when determining damages for workplace injury. E.g. a cabinetmaker who knowingly used a ladder unsafely and fell off it had his payout deducted by 40% [VSCA, 2004].
- Formaldehyde [an ingredient of formalin - 4%] has recently been reclassified as a human carcinogen, meaning it needs to be treated as a cytotoxic. Risk assessments have been conducted of all formaldehyde use identified at SCH and measures put in place where required to eliminate or minimise risks.

HEALTH RECORDS PRIVACY ACT 2003 EFFECTIVE 1 SEPTEMBER 2004

Staff at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick are committed to, and bound by law, to safeguard the privacy of patient information in line with the new Health Records Privacy Act 2002 (HRIP), now in effect.

NSW Health has produced a leaflet called "Information Privacy Leaflet for Patients", which provides patients and families with details of what personal information is held about them, how they can access this information, and the purposes for which their information is used and disclosed.

Copies of the leaflet are available from the Emergency Department, Admissions and Outpatients.

Any questions relating to health information privacy should be directed to the Medical Records Department on extension 23770 (24 hours a day).

Patient Services Activity Comparison

	September 2004	September 2003
Admissions	1,182	1,357
Discharges	1,164	1,363
Day only cases	557	627
Hospital Average Length of Stay	2.1 days	2.8 days
Hospital Average Length of Stay (excl Day Only)	4.9 days	4.4 days
Occupancy	99.30%	100%
Non admitted patients	23,265	23,378

Movers & Shakers



Welcome to Jan Forrester, who has recently taken up the position of Public Affairs Manager at the Hospital. The Public Affairs team is always looking for good story ideas and is more than

happy to help advise you about any media issues that you may have. If you have any story suggestions or questions about media issues please telephone Jan on extension 23571 (or mobile 0411 730 842) or Amy McIntosh on extension 23578.

Congratulations to Pat Hansen, Head of Social Work, who recently graduated from the University of New England with a Degree in Law.

Congratulations to our Infectious Diseases trainee, Emma Best, who is the 2005 recipient of the Richard Kemp Memorial Fellowship. The Royal Australasian College of Physicians awards this competitive scholarship to advanced trainees as a contribution towards a component of clinical training in infectious diseases. Emma is off to London for three months in early 2005 for the Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, University of London. This award adds to Emma's growing list of achievements!

Congratulations to Sean and Kylie Lawless on the recent birth of their daughter Chloe Rose. Mother and baby are both very well. (Editor's correction: This note should read <Congratulations.exit.sean&kylie.beautiful.au>

Welcome to Marion Fisher who is the new Co-ordinator of the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program (BIRP). Marion can be contacted on extension 21590.



Congratulations to (left to right) Margaret Bresnahan, Jo James, Carolyn Smith and Mary Rose Finch who all recently graduated with Masters from UTS. All ladies were ICU staff members through most of the course, however Mary Rose is now an Acting CNC in Mental Health at SCH and Jo has moved on to other employment.

Congratulations to Dr Marlene Soma, Ears, Nose and Throat Registrar, who won the prize for the best dissection at the Temporal Bone Course, conducted by Dean Southwood in Adelaide recently. Well done Marlene.

Congratulations to Scott Dunlop who has accepted the position of Chief Resident for 2005. Scott has worked at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick since January 2000.

Welcome To Foundation News

Footy Fever

A big thank you to the Footy Show for the fantastic segment on Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick for their Grand Final Show and for the donation from "Lady Luck". The Footy Show have been fantastic supporters of the hospital for many years and their generosity in giving up an afternoon to the children in the hospital was awesome.



Huge smiles - huge hearts

Brad Fittler Tribute Dinner

Brad Fittler may have retired from league on losing note in the Grand Final, but his generosity to Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick will be long remembered. All the proceeds from Brad's Tribute Dinner in August were donated to the Hospital. A big thank you to Wayne Beavis (Brad's Manager) for all the behind the scenes work and in convincing so many people to contribute to the success of the night. Thank you too to Ricky Stuart who accompanied Brad on a visit to the Hospital just before the big event.

Trolley Trial

The Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation will trial a trolley service to the wards in Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick and Prince of Wales Private Hospital during November. For the trial period supplies on the trolley will include sandwiches, frozen meals, newspapers, magazines, gifts and basic toiletries. Volunteers are still needed, with full training provided.

Changes Underfoot At The Star Cafe

Over the Christmas period we will be making some changes to the Star Cafe - watch out for a new floor which we are installing over the Christmas New Year period.

The Star Cafe is also looking for volunteers for the New Year. Volunteers who can work in the customer service or food preparation areas of the Cafe and especially those who can work Tuesdays will be highly valued.

Dead Letters Give Help To New Lives

Staff at Australia Post's Mail Redistribution Centre (formerly the Dead Letter Office), do a great job tracking down the owners of mail, which for a variety of reasons, is unable to be delivered.

But despite the best effort of MRC staff, sometimes mail items remain homeless or unclaimed by their owners.

A public auction of this unclaimed mail was held in May and when MRC staff were asked to nominate a charity that should benefit from the proceeds, their unanimous choice was the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation.

\$18,000 was donated to the Family Assistance Program, which will help families to ease the enormous financial burden that a sick child can create.

Bring Back The Bif

Thanks Reg for the inspiration that you gave to some very sick children on your recent visit to the Hospital.

Nursing Matters

SCH NURSES JOURNAL CLUB

To support practice improvement and change, the Clinical Nurse Consultants at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick have restarted the Nursing Journal Club. The Journal Club will provide an opportunity for nurses throughout the hospital to develop skills in evaluating, critiquing and presenting current health care literature.

The aim is to provide a safe and supportive learning environment, which provides an opportunity for all of us to share our clinical expertise, allow for dynamic discussion about clinical practice issues and create a culture which supports evidenced based practice.

Please come and join us to listen, discuss and learn from each other. We would like to encourage all staff to present a journal article in this forum. If you would like support to prepare a presentation, please contact one of the CNCs and we will be happy to provide whatever support you need.

The lunchtime Nursing Journal Club is the third Thursday of each month.

Date:	18 November
Time:	1.00pm
Topic:	TBA
Presenter:	Christine Carter
Location:	Conference Room 3
Date:	16 December
Time:	1.00pm
Topic:	TBA
Presenter:	TBA
Location:	Conference Room 6



Nothing beats a hug

What's On

The Association For The Welfare Of Child Health (Awch) 2005 National Conference

Keynote presenters will include Dr Sev Ozdowski OAM, Human Rights Commissioner and Disability Discrimination Commissioner; Dr Robin Sullivan, Director General Queensland Department of Child Safety; Associate Professor David Bennett, Head of the NSW Centre for the Advancement of Adolescent Health; and Associate Professor Victor Nossar, School of Medicine at Flinders University and Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Adelaide.

Title: AWCH 2005 'Healthy Solutions for Children: Making the Right Choice'

Date: Thursday, 28 and Friday, 29 April 2005

Where: Parramatta Carlton Hotel

For more information contact Sharyn Low from Matrix On Board, Conference Secretariat, telephone (02) 4572 3079, fax (02) 4572 3972 or e-mail sharyn@mob.com.au

Inter-hospital Olympics

The Inter-Hospital Olympics is a fun sporting event open to staff from all public hospitals in NSW. Come and join the SCH teams as there is something for everyone with a wide range of sports on offer.

When: Thursday, 18 & Friday, 19 November 2004

Where: Newcastle

Hosted by: Newcastle Mater Misericordiae Hospital

Sports to be held on Thursday, 18 November include:

- Beach volleyball (mixed 4's)
- Lawn bowls (men's and women's triples)
- Netball (mixed & women's)
- Petanque (round robin doubles)
- Surfing (shortboard & longboard (opens & 30yrs+))
- Touch football (mixed & men's)
- Soccer (mixed & men's)
- Snooker (singles & doubles)

Sports to be held on Friday, 19 November include:

- Athletics (track events are by age categories; long jump, javelin, shot-put, discuss)
- Swimming (events by age categories & open relays)
- Tennis (singles, doubles, mixed doubles; separate pools for competition & social players)
- Golf (men's A, B & C grade; ladies)
- Darts (singles & pairs)
- Ten pin bowling (singles, doubles, mixed doubles)
- Squash (A & B grades)

If you are interested in attending the games or want more information contact: Tiina Piira on e-mail PiiraT@sesahs.nsw.gov.au or telephone extension 21585.

Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick - Aggression Minimisation Training SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2004

To book e-mail Allison Boyle. Please inform in advance of any cancellations.

Date	Time/Topic	Conference	Room No
4/11/04	1.00pm-4.30pm	Managing Bullying for Managers	3
19/11/04	9.00am-4.30pm	High Risk Module	6
26/11/04	9.00am-1.00pm	Core Module	6
1/12/04	1.00pm-4.30pm	Core Module	5
10/12/04	9.00am-1.00pm	Core Module	3

Location of Conference Rooms

CR 3 - Level 0, Allied Health, SCH/CR 5 - Level 1, near Lecture Theatre, SCH CR 4 - Level 1, near Lecture Theatre, SCH/CR 6 - Level 2, opposite South Wing Lifts, SCH

Please note times vary.

Young Investigator Seminar Series

It is a great forum for learning about the research performed by the 'younger' researchers at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick and within the School of Women's and Children's Health.

The seminars will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month in the John Beveridge Lecture Theatre, SCH, Level 1.

Throughout the year there will be lectures given on topics relevant to research by various expert speakers.

Please note that regular attendance at this seminar series and participation in it on an annual basis are compulsory for all higher degree students in the School of Women's and Children's Health, Discipline of Paediatrics. A seminar presentation forms part of their annual progress review.

Pilates Classes

Pilates classes are on again.

When: Every Tuesday and Thursday

Where: SCH, Randwick Physiotherapy Gym, Level 0, southern end.

Time: 5.15pm - 6.15pm

Cost: \$10.00 per class

For more information contact Sue Sims, Physiotherapist, telephone number 9382 1050, fax 9382 1079 or email: simss@sesahs.nsw.gov.au

Employee Assistance Program

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides free, confidential, professional counseling for any personal or work related concerns.

To obtain a brochure or to make an appointment phone (02) 9382 3681 and (02) 9382 6616.

**The Final Way Forward Deadline
Date For 2004 Is 9 November.**