

Gold Week 2007 a roaring success!

DURING Gold Week 1-7 June 2007, Sydney Children's Hospital asked NSW – 'What will you do to raise money for Gold Week?' From Goulburn to Tamworth to Young and all across Sydney - the response was overwhelming! Golf days, mufti days, guessing competitions and morning teas were popular choices by Gold Week fundraisers.

The success of Gold Week 2007 relied heavily upon the hard work, generosity and dedication of the many businesses and individuals who committed to helping the Hospital by raising vital funds for Gold Week.

On Friday 1 June, the Hospital was turned gold (courtesy of Decoroom and Goldman Sachs JBWere volunteers) and rocked during 2DayFM's outside broadcast live from the foyer. Evermore, Amy Pearson and Dean Geyer performed live, much to the excitement of patients, families and staff! Celebrity guests toured the wards, spreading some Gold Week cheer. Famous faces included Channel Nine's Mark Ferguson, Tracey Grimshaw, Mike Munro and Jaynie Seal, Dr Chris Brown, Hi-5, Tim Gilbert, Mario Fenech and Erin McNaught.

At lunchtime, Nick's Bar and Grill at King Street Wharf, Sydney hosted the second annual Gold Lunch in support of Gold Week 2007. Over \$50,000 net profit was raised.

Throughout the week, the fun continued...

On Monday 4 June, patients woke early, excited by the prospect of a special treat - a personal appearance by Hi 5, who performed the title track from their new album – WOW, live in the foyer for the Today Show. Weatherman Stevie Jacobs was also a huge hit with the kids, keeping them entertained in a gold tutu and bowler hat.

During the rest of the week, more special guests visited patients, including the Army Band, Rabbitohs, Roosters and Bulldogs.

The funds are still coming in and being

counted from this successful campaign. We thank each and everyone - from the special guests, sponsors, fundraisers, donors and hospital staff who embraced Gold Week, making it a week to remember.



Hi-5 perform live from the foyer with weatherman Stevie Jacobs



Prof Les White and Melissa Doyle at the Gold Lunch



Evermore perform live at the 2dayFM Gold Week outside broadcast

This month....

Editor's Notes

IN this month's newsletter we celebrate the success of the Hospital Foundation's second annual Gold Week fundraiser, and acknowledge those who helped make the week a success.

The Way Forward welcomes Associate Professor John Brennan, director of the child and adolescent mental health unit, Dr Christoph Camphausen, staff cardiologist and Dr Tony Walls, senior lecturer infectious diseases.

Sydney Children's Hospital says a fond farewell to Professor Debora Picone who has been appointed to her new role as Director-General of NSW Health.

We give a big pat on the back to staff who have displayed the SCH spirit during the course of their work, particularly Jennie Studdert who has been awarded employee of the month for July.

Lastly, we pay our respects to Dr Alan Walker, who recently passed away after a long and distinguished career.

Deadline

THE deadline for contributions to the next issue is 16 July (August issue). Please forward articles and photos to:

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The Way Forward deadline dates for 2007 are:

AUGUST	16 JULY
SEPTEMBER	20 AUGUST
OCTOBER	17 SEPTEMBER
NOVEMBER	22 OCTOBER
DECEMBER	19 NOVEMBER

We want your input

Ideal publishing length is 250 words. By contributing to The Way Forward you agree that your article may be edited for space, readability or other reasonable reasons.

From the Executive

DEAR colleagues

ON this occasion I have asked Phyllis Moran, Director of Nursing, to share with you her perspective on current issues.

Best wishes,

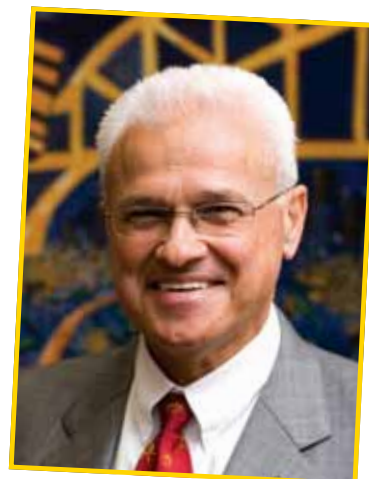
Les White (Prof)
Executive Director

I choose to take this opportunity to update you all on the clinical streaming across South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health (SESIH), and in particular, the Child and Adolescent Health Clinical Stream.

The directors of most clinical streams have been appointed with recruitment being finalised for the remaining positions and announcements scheduled to be made in the coming weeks. The director of the Child and Adolescent Health Stream is Prof Les White and the nurse manager is myself, both part time positions, which Les and I will assume in combination with our current roles as Executive Director and Director of Nursing, Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

The first meeting of the newly formed stream took place on June 12 and was well attended by approximately 40 multidisciplinary staff from the acute hospital facilities across SESIH, community, public health, mental health, child protection, the Greater Eastern and Southern Child Health Network and Families NSW. The proposed outcomes of this workshop were to get a sense of the child and adolescent services across the Area and community, gather suggestions on how we might proceed with our common goal of improving care and services and to identify points of interaction with other health, government (non-health), non-government organisations and other agencies.

It was acknowledged that because we are concerned with the holistic health of the entire population of children and adolescents, our scope is extremely broad in nature. Therefore, it was determined that the most appropriate way forward was to form a Community Child and Adolescent Committee and a Hospital Child and Adolescent Committee, each having broad representation across the Area. The Community group will be co-chaired by Virginia Binns, SCH Director of Community/Ambulatory Care Directorate, Dr Robert Leitner, Director of Disability Services and Adele Cooper, Community Senior Nurse



Manager, Southern Network. Similarly, the Hospital Committee will have three co-chairs: Dr Michael Brydon, SCH Director of Clinical Operations, Helen Giles, Senior Nurse Manager, St George Hospital, and Dr Allen James, Director of Paediatrics, Wollongong Hospital.

The purpose of the stream is to provide leadership for liaison, planning, development and evaluation of child and adolescent health services. In addition, it will identify gaps and challenges in services and provide recommendations to improve the delivery of and access to those services. Each committee will meet monthly and provide strategic advice and recommendations to a Child and Adolescent Steering Committee consisting of the director, myself, co-chairs of the two committees and others yet to be determined. I will initially be working with each group to establish terms of reference and key performance indicators. Other committees such as Child Protection, Families NSW, Child and Adolescent Nurses Network, etc. will not be included in this structure, and will continue to meet as previously.

I anticipate, that as an Area-wide group, we will make significant achievements in improving the care of children, adolescents and their families by fostering a collegial approach to planning and service delivery.

Phyllis Moran
Director of Nursing





Introducing Associate Professor John Brennan

THIS month we welcome Associate Professor John Brennan, director of the child and adolescent mental health service at Sydney Children's Hospital (SCH).

Assoc Prof Brennan rejoined SCH approximately three months ago following a 15-year post at Westmead Hospital.

As former director of the child and adolescent mental health unit at Westmead, Assoc Prof Brennan brings to SCH a wealth of knowledge and skills, which are being used to further develop SCH's mental health service.

During his short time at SCH, Assoc Prof Brennan has worked together with the mental health team to open up a new outpatient clinic, held every Friday afternoon. Overseen by Assoc Prof Brennan and managed by a multidisciplinary team, the clinic aims to provide a streamlined and systematic service for some of the Hospitals most complex patients.

Currently in the planning stages, Assoc Prof Brennan is working as part of a committee to develop a bigger and better mental health inpatient facility at SCH.

Aside from his substantive role at SCH, Assoc Prof Brennan has worked as a consultant for the Royal Far West Child Health Scheme for 11 years. He is also heavily involved with Redbank House and is on the NSW Health Strategy planning group committee.

Passionate and committed to mental health, Assoc Prof Brennan, together with a small team of colleagues, has been provided three grants by the University of New South Wales to undertake a major study into some of the most challenging mental health conditions.

Assoc Prof Brennan has always been interested in child and adolescent mental health and has been able to assist some of the most fascinating and accomplished children.

With a particular interest in ADHD, major depression, autism and asperger's, Assoc Prof Brennan looks forward to continuing to work closely with the Hospitals mental health team, who according to Assoc Prof Brennan have displayed nothing but commitment, friendliness, professionalism and excellence in what they do.



Associate Professor
John Brennan

Professor Debora Picone AM appointed Director General of NSW Health

CONGRATULATIONS to our Chief Executive, Professor Debora Picone AM, who was recently appointed as the Director-General of NSW Health.

Prof Picone has had a long and distinguished career within health and has been the Chief Executive of South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health (SESIH) for 2 1/2 years.

Prof Picone had the following message for SESIH staff:

"My years working with you at SESIH have been among the most enjoyable in my career and, while I will be saddened to leave this Area Health Service, I know that your enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to our public health system and our patients will continue to be felt in my new role."

We thank Prof Picone for her ongoing support and dedication to child and adolescent health, we wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Sydney Children's Hospital warmly welcomes Matthew Daly, who is currently acting in the position of SESIH Chief Executive pending a formal recruitment process.



Prof Debora Picone AM



Prof Les White, Kay Driver and
Prof Debora Picone

Pat on the Back



DEAR colleagues,

Gold Week could not have been organised, managed and been so successful were it not for the tireless work of the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation and the Gold Week Committee.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication, commitment and team spirit demonstrated by our Gold Week staff as well as the generosity demonstrated by our corporate and community partners.

As a centre of excellence we strive to provide only the best of care for our young charges. Gold Week is an opportunity to raise awareness and continued support for the specialised paediatric services that so many children from NSW and beyond depend upon.

At the Gold Dinner alone, a record \$3.017 million was raised for the pain and palliative care department. Corporate partners as well as local communities and businesses from far and wide provided donations in support of Gold Week.

NSW Premier, the Hon Morris Iemma, acknowledged the outstanding care provided at SCH, donating an additional NSW Government contribution of \$500,000 for the Pain and Palliative Care Service, beneficiaries of the Gold Dinner.

None of the above achievements could have been made without the Foundation as well as the Gold Dinner and Gold Week Committees.

While there are too many names to mention, thanks must go to Elizabeth Crundall, Foundation Chief Executive for coordinating a strong and committed team, who have been busy organising the week's events for close to 12 months.

The level of funds raised and publicity generated is testament to the fundraising team's work.

Les White (Prof)
Executive Director



10th Anniversary Gold Dinner Shines - Raising record net profit of \$3.017 million

ON 7 June, amid the golden glow of the tenth anniversary Gold Dinner, guests dug deep to raise a record \$3.017 million net profit to support the Hospital's pain & palliative care service.

The exclusive venue was located on Kippax Lake, Moore Park. On arrival, guests made their way down the red carpet and found themselves in an exquisite shimmering gold tent positioned over the centre of Kippax Lake - a magnificent and extraordinary setting.

The magic of David Grant Special Events, together with antiques provided by The Country Trader who adorned the room with \$4.5 million of treasures, provided an eclectic elegance for the 660 guests who attended.

Guests were served Bollinger by polished Stedman's wait staff and dined on gourmet delights specially prepared by Opera Points Events while enjoying special performances by Vanessa Amorosi and Ross Wilson of Daddy Cool fame.

"The 2007 Gold Dinner has raised a record net profit thanks to the generosity of the enterprising Gold Dinner Committee, Gold Patrons, the 660 guests, the Principal Sponsor, Mulpha and the hundreds of prize and production donors who generously contributed to the tenth anniversary Gold Dinner," said Elizabeth Crundall, Chief Executive, Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation.



Inside the magnificent venue.

More Exciting GOLD News!

AT the Gold Dinner and Gold Week Thank You Drinks held to thank the many production sponsors on Thursday 14 June, the success of both the Gold Week campaign and Gold Dinner were celebrated. NSW Premier, the Hon Morris Iemma, attended and paid tribute to the success of the 2007 Gold Dinner, donating an additional NSW Government contribution of \$500,000 for the pain and palliative care service. This brings the total raised to an incredible \$3.517 million.



Jack Ford, Prof Les White, Skye Leckie, NSW Premier Morris Iemma, Elizabeth Crundall and Dr Matthew Crawford at the Thank You Drinks.

Bovis Lend Lease lends a hand

EMPLOYEES at Bovis Lend Lease's construction site at the University of NSW have been helping raise vital funds for SCH.

Since June 2006, staff at the \$200 million construction site have turned their Friday staff BBQs into successful fundraisers for the Hospital. Employees, suppliers and subcontractors have all been digging deep for the good cause. So far, this passionate group have raised \$27,000 and the team is enthusiastic to continue their good work.

On 8 May, representatives from Bovis Lend Lease toured Sydney Children's Hospital and presented a cheque to Prof Les White.



Prof Les White and representatives from Bovis Lend Lease

Comedy for Kids a Big Hit!

ON 25 May, the Randwick RSL hosted 'Comedy for Kids' a comedy and celebrity BBQ fundraiser farewell for ironman and triathlete Peter Wilson. Peter embarked on a 250km footrace across the Gobi Desert in China on 17 June to raise funds for SCH.

More than \$20,000 was raised on the comedy night, which featured special performances by comedians Jackie Loeb, Tahir (from Fat Pizza) and Anthony Saleme.

Peter Wilson was one of six Australians competing in the week-long endurance race. Stay tuned for next month's article on Peter's amazing race.

Arts News

DID you know that bequests and donations play a significant role in allowing us to build our art collection at SCH? We rely heavily on the generosity of art patrons and the community to provide artworks that help create an inspiring and uplifting environment for our patients, their families and staff. Our Cultural Gift recipient status allows us to receive gifts of cultural significance from private collections and provide donors with tax incentives. When giving to Sydney Children's Hospital, donors can take pride in the knowledge that their gifts contribute to the development of Australia's public collections and help to preserve Australia's cultural heritage for the benefit of present and future generations.

Our most recent gift is a significant indigenous work - The Bushfire Dreaming by Maxie Tjampitjinpa who was a quintessential Western desert artist. This exciting artwork will be hung in a prominent place for all to enjoy.

Thanks, Rotary Club of Rose Bay!

ON 12 June, representatives from Rotary Club of Rose Bay made a special visit to Sydney Children's Hospital and toured C2N and the Sydney Cord and Marrow Transplant Facility. Dr Tracey O'Brien hosted the tour and expressed sincere thanks to The Rotary Club of Rose Bay for equipment for the Sydney Cord and Marrow Transplant Facility and C2N.

Great news for the physio ward

WE are delighted to announce the Australian Fund Manager and Stockbrokers Foundation has extended their naming right support for the physiotherapy ward for another 10 years. Many thanks for their generous ongoing support.

Sunset Surfers get a boost!

A big thank you to Quicksilver who donated \$5,000 to the SCH Child Protection Sunset Surfers program.

Global Red Goes for Gold!

A special thanks to the team at Global Red for taking donation calls during the Gold Week outside broadcast. Thank you!

Our warmest thanks to our friends at Wizard Home Loans and the NRL for their generous donation of tickets to the official State of Origin function on Wednesday 13 June.

Diary Dates

30 August – An Amber Affair

COME along to the Lowenbrau Keller in the Rocks for a fun night of boutique beer tasting and fundraising for SCH! Tickets are \$50 and available from the Foundation on 21188.



Vale Dr Alan Walker

IN April of this year one of the great consultant paediatricians in Australia died. Alan established the Department of Paediatrics in Darwin Hospital in 1967 and remained head of the department until 1996. During the period of his leadership changes in healthcare in the Northern Territory were profound. Darwin Hospital ceased to be a place where parents were frightened to bring their children and became a place where the expectation was a cure. For the next 30 years hundreds of children per year would be admitted with diseases such as gastroenteritis with almost zero mortality. Alan contributed to many other health advances, particularly in the indigenous population. He arranged regular registrar rotations from the then Prince of Wales Children's Hospital and the term has always been greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Many paediatricians now working throughout Australia worked in Darwin on rotation and are better doctors from the experiences they had there under Alan's leadership and tutelage. Alan's capacity for teaching and work was enormous. He was available day and night, he trained residents, registrars, nurses and established regular outreach services.

Alan was a founding member of the Northern Territory branch of the Australian Medical Association and was very active in affairs of the Australian College of Paediatrics and the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. In 1998 he received the RACP highest award – The John Sands Medal.

Alan was also actively involved in a large number of community organisations. He was a good bloke and a great doctor. He taught mainly through example, displaying astute clinical acumen, deep concern for the individual patient and a personal interest in their families. He embodied the words of one of his personal heroes William Osler, regarded as the father of modern medicine, who said, "a good physician treats the disease, the great physician treats the patient who has the disease."

Alan's career was long and fruitful and his memory will live on for many years to come.

(Adapted by Dr Phillip Emdar from the eulogy by Dr Paul Bauert)

Farewell Jackie Kidd

ONE of the children's intensive care unit's (CICU) long-term British staff members has recently returned home to England.

Jackie Kidd started working in CICU almost

19 years ago, back when CICU was located on level three (where C3S is now situated).

She was the second of 'the Jackies', the first being Jackie Mathewson. Both 'Jackies' became mainstays of the unit staff and worked tirelessly to make their young charges experience a positive one.

Jackie Kidd's most recent exercise was to research and assist in obtaining comfortable mattresses for our older Open Care Systems.

Jackie was a popular member of staff, with her farewell dinner virtually booked out!

Both Jackies enjoyed snorkelling in their time off but it was Jackie Kidd who ended up on the receiving end of hospital care, following a near drowning incident. Her father, visiting from England, got into some trouble in the surf, and Jackie went to his aid.

Jackie will be missed by many - nursing, medical, clerical staff and the parents and children she cared for. We wish her the best for her future home in 'sunny' Doncaster.



Jackie Kidd

Paul Morgan Wins Reconciliation Award

PAUL Morgan, member of the Sydney Children's Hospital child protection counselling service, and the Area Father Links Project Coordinator, was awarded the 2007 Pauline McLeod Award for Achievement in Reconciliation. The Award aims to recognise those "silent achievers" who have worked so diligently in promoting reconciliation.

Paul's work with the Aboriginal community includes establishing a support group for grandparent carers, surf programs for kids, involvement in a surf life saving nipper program, and a home visiting program working with families where there have been child protection concerns.

Paul is a member of the Sydney Children's Hospital Aboriginal child health interest group and is currently working towards setting up a resource and support network for young Aboriginal fathers.

The Pauline McLeod Award for Achievement in Reconciliation is sponsored by the Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Forum, which incorporates the City of Botany Bay, City of Sydney, Leichhardt, Randwick City, Waverley and Woollahra Councils. One of the pivotal objectives of the Forum is to promote Reconciliation on a regional basis.

Pauline McLeod was an Aboriginal storyteller who made Aboriginal Dreamtime stories part of Australian popular culture through her work on national television.



Paul Morgan

TV series name competition

THE search for a name for the Sydney Children's Hospital television series brought in an enormous number of entries - 291 to be exact!

SCH staff certainly got their thinking caps on, with names submitted by individuals and teams of staff.

Prof Les White, Dr Michael Brydon, Dr Jonny Taitz and the public affairs team looked over the list of suggestions and submitted a list of the top 20 names to the production company, Quail TV, for consideration.

Quail TV were stunned with the Hospital's obvious enthusiasm and support for the series.

We can announce that the official series name HAS been selected by Network Ten. The name was in fact selected by an SCH employee, through the Hospital competition!

However, before the competition winner is announced, SCH has been asked to wait until Network Ten make a formal industry announcement of the series name, in approximately one month's time.

As I am sure you will agree, it is a fabulous coup for the Sydney Children's Hospital series name to have been selected by one of our own!

The following are some of the top names submitted (in no particular order):

In Safe Hands
Kids SOS
Sydney Kidz
Saving Kids
Little Champions
Hope Ward
Kids HQ

Thank you to all staff who submitted a name.

Employee of the Month

CONGRATULATIONS to our employee of the month for July, Jennie Studdert, Clinical Nurse Specialist immunology/allergy/ID. Professor John Ziegler, head of the Department of Immunology nominated Jennie for the award.

Prof Ziegler's nomination form was filled with nothing but positive comments about Jennie as a person, and an employee.

Extremely organised and resourceful, Jennie has introduced significant systems improvements in an increasingly busy allergy clinic, has helped to train other staff and has been actively involved with the rollout of the NSW anaphylaxis train-the-trainer initiative.

According to Prof Ziegler, Jennie is admired and respected by all patients and staff, has a good sense of humour and in the true SCH spirit, always completes her substantive tasks swiftly and without complaint.

Jennie's dedication to the job is highly commendable – even when her car was written off by some neighbourhood revelers, Jennie managed to turn up to work on time!

Congratulations Jennie on winning this month's award, your skills, dedication and contribution are recognised every day.

SCH is delighted to have such an inspiring team player on board.

The Employee of the Month wins dinner at Mamma Theresa's Restaurant, a bouquet of flowers from Clementine's Florist and \$100 from Metro Parking.

Soccer fun

HAVING watched his family fundraise for Sydney Children's Hospital in the past, Cameron Apostolovski decided he wasn't too young to get involved himself.

Cameron, a budding soccer star, wanted to do something special for a patient at SCH, so he turned to the one thing he knew best... soccer.

As a member of the Coerver Soccer Elite Academy, in conjunction with Football NSW, Cameron decided to approach the two organisations for support.

The result was the opportunity for SCH patient, Edward Pickard, to attend the Coerver Soccer Camp at Caringbah during the school holidays.

Coerver coaching is the premier youth soccer coaching program in the world, designed and developed to improve the skills of individual players.

For Edward, who currently plays soccer on weekends in between hospital visits, it was a rare opportunity to be coached by some of the state's best coaches.

Cameron also helped out by supplying Edward with brand new Adidas clothes to wear.



Cameron Apostolovski, Edward Pickard and Kory Babington.

Epidermolysis Bullosa conference

A multidisciplinary team of staff from Sydney Children's Hospital recently attended the second national Epidermolysis Bullosa Conference, specifically organised for health care professionals by the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association Australia (DEBRA).

Held at St George Hospital, and attended by a number of national and international visitors, the successful conference provided staff with the opportunity to share research and clinical skills.



Members of the SCH EB team with Great Ormond St Hospital staff

Volunteer Update

THIS month, the spotlight is placed on the valuable work of our volunteers, as well as the recent strategic and structural changes to the volunteer program.

Current volunteer programs are:

- Ward volunteers, including after hours support
- Ward grannies
- Administrative support

- Theatre scrubs volunteers
- Meet and greet at the enquiries counter
- Star Café volunteers
- School Explorer volunteers
- Hospital School volunteers
- Australian College of Natural Therapies – neck and shoulder massages for parents and staff

One of the most recent program milestones has been the establishment of the Sydney Children's Hospital Volunteer Advisory Committee. The committee was established in March 2007 to review and authorise programs that can enhance the volunteer program, as well as give volunteers the opportunity to play a role in the future of the program.

Committee members are:

- Quentin Reid** – Chair and volunteer
- Dr Michael Brydon** – Director of Clinical Operations
- Jenni Corbett** – Community Liaison Officer
- Jane Jennings** – Human Resources
- Jenny Mirto** – Nurse Unit Manager, C2S
- Sally Long** – SCH Foundation
- Kerry Crannis** – Play Therapist
- Michelle Honan** – Patient Friend
- Esther Gans** – Volunteer
- Carolyn Thornber** – Volunteer
- Beth Barclay** – Volunteer
- Deanne Baker** – Volunteer
- Allison Green** – Volunteer
- Annette Rockliffe** – Volunteer
- Jann Southey** – Volunteer

Current points of discussion include looking into the production of a volunteer training video, reviewing the volunteer handbook, and how hospital policies (eg. infection control guidelines) may impact on volunteer duties.

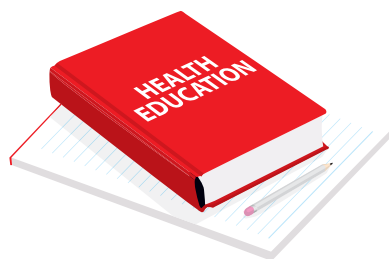
The volunteer program has certainly come a long way since the Hospital's first volunteer started back when the Hospital was in 'the huts'...make sure you watch this space for future developments!

Get better soon!

WE send our best wishes to our old friend George Cruickshank, who has recently been unwell. A long term volunteer, George is often seen walking the wards with his CD player and Mozart music in hand.

Get better George, you are missed.

We also wish Joyce Vlass a speedy recovery who unfortunately came off worse for wear after a car ran over her foot – we wish her the best of luck and hope to see her walking around the corridors as soon as she recovers!



1000 students explore the hospital

MORE than 1000 students from Year 1 and Year 12 participated in hospital excursions between February and June, 2007. More than 560 Year 1 students became Hospital

Explorers and 500 Year 12 students from as far as Port Macquarie, Tamworth and Nowra attended HSC Biology workshops, with many schools missing out on both programs due to high demand.

Both programs strongly support areas of the school syllabus and provide the students with a greater understanding of hospital workers and equipment as well as an insight into how the hospital runs.

Hands-on experiences remain the highlight of the students' visits, with Year 1 students using stethoscopes and Year 12 students also exploring pulse oximeters, dialysis machines, blood products, intra-ocular lenses, hearing aids, cochlear implants and even an electrolarynx. As many as 1500 Year 12 students have now attended HSC Biology workshops since the Schools Project commenced in May 2005.

For more information about school excursions please contact the Health Education Unit on 9382 1855.



Year 12 students from St Scholastica's Glebe and St Mary's, Gunnedah (near Tamworth) explore clinical equipment.

Four hundred hours of high school community service

HIGH school students, girl guides and brownies have already contributed more than 400 hours of community service this year. Departments that have benefited most from the extra pairs of hands include play therapy, Centre for Children's Cancer & Blood Disorders, and respiratory medicine. More than 1400 hours of service have now been performed by school students since the Schools Project commenced in May 2005.

SCH Service Recognition Awards

IT is that time again to recognise the valued long term service contributed by many people at Sydney Children's Hospital.

Human Resources are in the process of organising the annual presentation for recognition of staff who have completed 10, 20, 30 or even 40 years of service this year at Sydney Children's Hospital.

A list of employees deemed eligible for recognition is currently being finalised.

If you believe that you or another employee is eligible for recognition of 10, 20, 30 or 40 years service at SCH, please contact Jane Jennings via email or ext 21873 by Friday 6th October 2006.

NSW Public Health Impact Award

NOMINATIONS will soon be open for the 2007 NSW Public Health Impact Award.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Public Health Impact Award initiated by the NSW Branch, in recognition of outstanding contributions to a public health issue. The growing list of dedicated public health professionals highlights the commitment of many people working to improve the health of the population and reduce health inequities.

The focus for 2007 is people who have made an impact on public health in the field of child health & wellbeing. Nominees do not need to be working in health or be a member of the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA).

Nominations close on 23 July with the winner to be announced at the PHAA NSW Branch annual general Meeting on 1 August 2007.

Forms and more information on how to nominate yourself or someone else will soon be available from the PHAA website: www.phaa.net.au

Kids Cancer Update a huge success

THE Kids Cancer Update, a biennial all day event for current and past families of the Centre for Children's Cancer & Blood Disorders (CCC&BD), was held on Tuesday June 19 in the SCH lecture theatre.

The interactive information day was attended by the families of current and past CCC&BD patients, with video links to centres across NSW and ACT.

International guest speaker Dr Kevin Oeffinger from Sloane-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York provided parents and families with an insight into his research and living well after cancer.



Dr Richard Cohn and Dr Kevin Oeffinger



Kids Cancer Update guests

Playful Wellbeing - A Day of Magical Fun

ALL are welcome to attend the Mind, Body, Spirit Collective's next event, featuring Mindfulness Meditation, intention, laughter, song, dance, art, breath and movement.

Where: Functions Room, Edmund Blackett Building

When: Wednesday 22nd August 2007

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Please contact Christine Sellman on 0431 662 605 or via email: christine.sellman@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au for more information.

What's On!

Winter Rainbow Ball

THE Sydney Kids Committee's Winter Rainbow Ball is fast approaching! This year's ball is being held on Saturday July 21 at the Hilton Sydney. Tickets are \$145 per person, which includes a sensational three-course meal, beer, wine and soft drinks. Hosted by the Committee's patron Amanda Keller, the night will be full of prizes and entertainment.

All money raised will be donated to Sydney Children's Hospital's Tumbatin Clinic & Community Child Health, including Nuggong Ngura Aboriginal Clinic at La Perouse.

For more information and to purchase tickets contact Julie Billingham on 0400 813 005.

SCH Aggression Minimisation Program

THIS training is mandatory for all staff to attend once. All staff must do Module 1 and only staff in high-risk areas must do Module 2. It is mandatory for managers to attend the Managing Bullying in the workplace workshops.

All staff must book into these workshops by contacting Allison Boyle via e-mail. Please inform Allison, in advance, of any cancellations. All workshops held at SCH.

19 July 0900–1230 CR 1
Module 2

03 August 0900–1600 CR 6
Module 2

23 August 0900–1230 CR 6
Core Module 1

(CBPU – Care by Parent Unit, Level 3 SCH)

Randwick Campus Fire Lecture dates for July and August 2007

PLEASE note that all fire lectures will be held in the Edmund Blackett Lecture Theatre.

10 July 0930–1030
1330–1430

17 July 0930–1030
1330–1430

24 July 0930–1030
1330–1430

4 Sept 0930–1030

11 Sept 0930–1030

18 Sept 0930–1030
1330–1430

Pilates Mat Classes for Staff

SUITABLE for all fitness levels – beginners welcome.

- Improve your strength and core stability.
- Target your abdominals.
- Run by an experienced physiotherapist.
- All equipment provided.
- All staff welcome.

Where: Sydney Children's Hospital
Physiotherapy Gym, Level 0

When: Every Tuesday and Thursday 5.15pm – 6.15pm

Cost: \$10 per session or \$90 for 10 sessions in any 3-month period

Contact: Sue Sims on 0418 667 153 or email suesims216@hotmail.com

Employee Assistance Program

THE Employee Assistance Program provides free, confidential, professional counselling for any personal or work-related concerns.

For a free brochure or to make an appointment phone (02) 9382 3681 or (02) 9382 6616.

Unigym – University of NSW

UNIGYM has renewed arrangements offering student discounts to SCH staff members. If you want to take advantage of this offer, please show your staff ID when you next visit the gym.

Grand Rounds

CONVENED by A/Prof John Ziegler
The John Beveridge Lecture Theatre, Level 1, SCH, 1.00pm every Wednesday

11/07/07

Moving the Wheeze

Speakers: Katrina Doyle, Fiona Gotterson, Amanda Thomsen, Coralie Hunter, Catherine Sumsky

18/07/2007

Molecular Genetics and brain imaging in ADHD

Speaker: Prof. Xavier Castellanos

25/07/2007

Trouble in Store

Speaker: Edwin Kirk

27/06/2007

Refugee Health

Dr Karen Zwi, Lisa Woodland

Movers & Shakers

SYDNEY Children's Hospital paid a fond farewell to Natalie Whitehouse, who left her role of nurse unit manager, C2 West in June. We wish Natalie the best of luck in her future endeavours, she will be missed. Until the position is recruited, the role of nurse unit manager will be job shared by John Watt and Larissa McKay (25 June - July 20) and Fiona McGuire and Rachel Budge (23 July - 3 August).

Gerard Hughes has taken over the position of Clinical Nurse Consultant Care Coordinator Ventilator Dependent/Tracheostomy.

Gerard will be working full-time Monday to Friday and can be contacted on pager: 46857.

Welcome also to Dr Tony Walls, a UNSW senior lecturer in infectious diseases and Dr Christoph Camphausen, a staff specialist in cardiology who have both started in their respective teams this month. Tony is originally from New Zealand and has just completed his PhD at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Christoph comes from Germany via Brisbane. The international profile of our service continues to expand!

Patient services activity comparison

	May-07	May-06
Admissions	1,138	1,184
Discharges	1,331	1,160
Day only cases	574	521
Hospital Average Length of Stay, days	3.1 days	3.1 days
Hospital Average Length of Stay (excl Day Only)	4.8 days	4.7 days
Occupancy	92.5%	94.4%
Non admitted patients	29,947	25,441