

Christopher Robin Committee celebrates 30 year anniversary



IN this edition of The Way Forward we pay tribute to our friends, the Christopher Robin Committee for 30 years of fundraising for Sydney Children's Hospital.

Established in 1977 by a group of caring mothers, the Christopher Robin Committee has worked tirelessly with one goal in mind – to help support children in need of medical care.

Over a 30-year period, this passionate committee has raised an outstanding 1.5 million dollars, which has been used to purchase 150 pieces of vital equipment.

Recent purchases include a Sonosite laser for the vascular birthmark clinic and a Micromax ultrasound machine, for our children's intensive care unit.

As the fundraising body's sole beneficiary, Sydney Children's Hospital remains in awe of the never failing commitment demonstrated by the committee members.

"For 30 years, the Christopher Robin Committee has been committed to working with our health professionals in identifying a need, and working to find a solution for it," said Prof Les White.

"The committee's spirit of giving and passion for child health are the driving forces behind their years of success, undoubtedly inspiring others to take a more active role in raising money for important causes.

"We are eternally grateful to the committee and hope that our long standing partnership continues well into the future," Prof White said.

Members of the Christopher Robin Committee with Prof Les White and Dr Susan Adams



The Christopher Robin Committee was named after the little boy who was friends with Winnie the Pooh. Christopher Robin represents every child, and it is with the wellbeing and health of every child in mind that the Christopher Robin Committee is dedicated in its fundraising efforts.

On behalf of the Hospital's staff, patients and their families we say thank you to the Christopher Robin Committee.

Your unwavering commitment over the past 30 years has made an enormous difference to the lives of children from NSW and beyond.



A new piece of equipment purchased by the Christopher Robin Committee

This month....

Editor's Notes

IN this edition of The Way Forward we acknowledge and say thank you to our long-standing friends, the Christopher Robin Committee for 30 years of fundraising for SCH.

We also introduce one of our newest recruits, Dr Tony Walls, infectious diseases staff specialist – welcome on board Tony!

A few major milestones are acknowledged this August – the diabetes team fits its 100th patient with an insulin pump, C2 North recently celebrated its first birthday since undergoing a major refurbishment, Sydney Cord Blood Bank was granted NetCord Accreditation and the Hospital's Centre for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders joined forces with other oncology centres, to form a new entity, Australian Children's Cancer Trials.

Congratulations must also go to Judy Aston and Matt Sawyer – August's employees of the month. Their unfailing commitment to paediatric care has not gone unnoticed.

Deadline

THE deadline for contributions to the next issue is 20 August (September issue). Please forward articles and photos to:

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The Way Forward deadline dates for 2007 are:

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

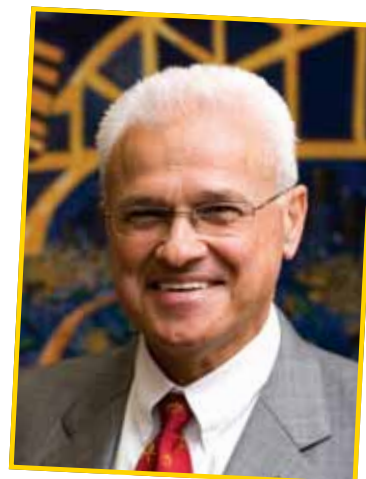
DEAR colleagues

We have commenced our new financial year in the midst of one of the coldest winters on record. Our various measures of activity have also been breaking all records with marked increments over comparable periods of last year. As an extreme example, for the month of June, the emergency department (ED) activity between 2006 and 2007 has increased by approximately 30 percent. While the cumulative full year impact in ED is up by a more modest 7.5 percent, this, in the context of annual trends over several years, signals important challenges for our service delivery and planning processes. The overall hospital inpatient activity increased by 2.7 percent for the 06/07 year to a new peak total of 14,555. Our non-admitted occasions of service for the year totalled 318,589, an overall increment of 10.2 percent.

The month of July is setting new records again with the hospital being extremely busy with particular emphasis on the more intensive and high dependency end of the spectrum. Our intensive care unit is breaking prior records and setting new benchmarks for exemplary service, cooperation and support of colleagues across the state. Even beyond our already very high standards, the enormous effort and amazing responsiveness of SCH staff is to be admired and gratefully acknowledged.

Indeed, acknowledgement and appreciation has been fed back to SCH from the Area Health Service, the Department of Health and the Office of the Minister for Health. In recent discussions with the Minister, The Hon Reba Meagher, she was pleased to recognise the achievements of SCH, our statewide leadership and our dedication to the health and wellbeing of the children of NSW.

The longer term implications of rising demand, changing expectations, the cumulative impact of chronic/complex care, advances in technology and treatment options as well as a recent mini "baby boom" are drivers for a serious look at strategic planning and priority settings. We have completed a comprehensive strategic overview of our tertiary/statewide services and have identified key priorities for medium and longer-term investment both in terms of capital and recurrent resources. We have encouraged and funded clinical initiatives, networking projects and innovations in models of care. There is also increasing acknowledgement that such planning requires a statewide perspective and a capacity for coordinating and monitoring



implementation across NSW. In this context, the strategic plans of the three tertiary paediatric facilities will be developed into a coordinated statewide planning framework.

Closer to home, space is not far behind activity as challenges for SCH. Fortunately, the new Clinical Service Building plans are progressing and will address a number of current issues. Beyond that, plans are being progressed for redevelopment of both the audiology and ophthalmology ambulatory services. The other items on the capital planning agenda include expansion of ED as well as the Centre for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders.

On the subject of records, the end of last financial year also marked a further increase in the support of the SCH Foundation for the Hospital. You have already heard about the unprecedented 10th Gold Dinner producing a total in excess of \$3.5 million for pain, palliative care and related services, including a specific contribution of \$500,000 from the Premier on behalf of the NSW Government. The further good news is that the full year effort by the Foundation exceeds \$13 million net profit, a formidable and brilliant outcome. When the Foundation Board were presented with the current levels of SCH activity and staff commitment, they immediately approved a major fund for Staff Recognition as well as individual gifts of complementary tickets for "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" to colleagues able to make it on 30 August (details of how to access are being distributed).

Our support base in the community is quite remarkable and it is something we truly appreciate. It is the product of years of relationship building and partnership. This year marks the landmark 30th anniversary of the Christopher Robin Committee. That is 30 years of support and fundraising for our Hospital with



benefits to so many services and so many children and families. Happy Birthday and our sincere thanks to the Committee!

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone at SCH for your amazing dedication, for your tireless hard work and your outstanding achievements.

Best wishes,

*Les White (Prof)
Executive Director*



Introducing Dr Tony Walls

THIS month we warmly welcome one of the Hospital's newest recruits, Dr Tony Walls, UNSW senior lecturer and infectious diseases specialist.

Tony joined the Hospital's infectious diseases team in July, after leaving his post at England's renowned Great Ormond Street Hospital.

While training in his hometown of New Zealand, Tony's interest in infectious diseases grew after seeing the devastating effects of a meningococcal outbreak. Together with his time in the microbiology department in Otago, and his belief that infectious diseases is a globally important field which crosses every speciality, Tony has committed himself to developing his skills to help others.

With a strong interest in the treatment of children with HIV/AIDS, Tony plays an important role in the hospital's HIV clinic – the largest paediatric HIV clinic in Australia.

When not undertaking clinical work, Tony spends his time planning new exciting research projects and on his UNSW commitments.

If that wasn't enough, for the past two years Tony has travelled to remote villages twice a year with a group of British volunteers, committed to assisting in the care of children with HIV/AIDS. Tony will soon be visiting a small town in South Africa called Manguzi, where he will assist with the roll out of antiretroviral drugs, hospital education and medical staff training.

With a large number of SCH's current patient admissions due to infection, Tony could not have started at a better time, working closely together with the SCH team to treat some of the hospital's most immuno-compromised children.

Welcome on board Tony, SCH is fortunate to have a team player with so much passion and experience.



Dr Tony Walls

SCH team spirit

WHEN highly sought after State of Origin tickets were raffled at the Star Café, the last thing anyone expected was for both winning staff members to generously donate their tickets to other colleagues.

Susan Harmon, nursing unit manager of the outpatients department and Hayley White, telehealth projects officer, did just that!

After Susan won the first prize – two tickets to watch the origin from The Legends Room - she gave them away to Frank Teixeira as he lived much closer to Homebush, and after all, he bought the coffee while she filled out the entry form!

Hayley won the tickets for her father and brother, who ended up purchasing tickets just a day before the prizes were drawn. As Rachel Palmer "had everyone crossing their fingers and toes for her", Hayley thought it only right to give Rachel her winning tickets.

A big pat on the back to Sue and Hayley for showing us what SCH is all about!

And a fond farewell to Hayley who has left us to embark on important charity work in Africa, followed by a trip to Kenya. Upon her return to Australia, Hayley will relocate to Newcastle where she will be continuing her charity work in a new role.

Good luck Hayley, you will be missed.

Pat on the Back

DEAR Colleagues,

During the last few weeks we have been demonstrating to the general community and to our many partners in health care for children in NSW what an amazing job we are doing here at SCH. Our outstanding team work, commitment and cooperation is receiving wide acclaim from the families right through to senior managers at NSW Health. Please pass on my sincere thanks to all concerned. Unfortunately there does not appear to be an end in sight at present to this major respiratory peak in illness but we are making every effort to reinforce the various teams as best we can especially in the emergency department and on the wards. We also need to reinforce the appropriate use of other local services in our region, both public and private, as very suitable alternatives for non-tertiary care especially when we have been so busy. This will reduce the impact on tertiary patients who have fewer options and also give the SCH team perhaps a bit of breathing space when they have been so active. Thanks once again to everyone for their contributions, you are a wonderful team to be part of.

*Dr Michael Brydon
Director of Clinical Operations*

DEAR Les,

I am writing to you about the excellent service that our family has received from the Sleep Team at the Sydney Children's Hospital. Dr Arthur Teng has helped our family immensely and Fabian and myself are certain that the only reason why Tristan is still alive is because of the support he has received with his breathing from the CPAP machine that he uses.

We lost our daughter in 2003 and at the time Tristan actually looked a lot worse. We were preparing ourselves to lose our second child within a short period of time. Fortunately, Dr Arthur Teng went out of his way to provide us with assistance and we are extremely grateful to him. His help has given us four wonderful years with our son. His better sleep has helped with our rest because we do not need to wake up as often. Tristan is more rested and has less seizures and overall it has greatly improved his quality of life.

We commend the Sydney Children's Hospital Sleep Team for the great support they have provided our family and for the great work that Dr Teng and his team do.

*Yours sincerely,
Maria Heaton*



Peter Wilson conquers the Gobi Desert



FROM 17 - 23 June, Peter Wilson embarked upon the Gobi March, an international footrace across the Gobi desert in China. Accompanied by his friend Clint Carle, who volunteered as a support person during the race, the pair left Australia determined to cross the desert and raise vital funds for Sydney Children's Hospital.

Over the week-long race, Peter ran through the rain, over mountains and across hot, harsh desert terrain to finish 45th overall. We are so proud and delighted to announce that Peter raised an amazing \$60,000 for SCH, which was accepted by Elizabeth Crundall on behalf of the Hospital on 26 July at a special presentation at Peter's workplace, the Australian Jockey Club.

A huge thanks must go to Peter for his colossal effort and his supporters who contributed to the outstanding total.

Peter is determined to keep fundraising and racing for SCH - stay tuned for future news about Peter's new inspiring challenges to make a difference to the Hospital and our patients.



Peter, Clint and fellow competitor Michael Hull cross the finish line in Kashgar, flying the SCH flag!



The Butterfly Ball takes flight - Touched by Olivia Foundation raises \$75,000 for SCH

THE Butterfly Ball, held earlier this year, was launched by the Touched by Olivia Foundation, established to improve the quality of life for children and their families.

Seven hundred guests attended the glittering Butterfly Ball at The Sarah Grand Ballroom, Le Montage Bayside Events Centre in Leichhardt.

Hosted by Lochie Daddo, the sold-out event raised funds that will help children live healthier, happier lives.

An impressive \$75,000 was raised for the intensive care unit. Many thanks to Justine and John Perkins and all their supporters for their commitment to fundraising for the Hospital.



Dr Barry Duffy, John and Justine Perkins and Lochie Daddo at the Butterfly Ball.

Mid-Winter Masquerade Ball

ON Saturday 23 June more than 200 people attended the Marrickville Town Hall, dressed in their finery and disguised in ornate masks for the Mid-Winter Masquerade Ball.

A grand total of \$7,372 was raised from the event. Thanks to event organiser, Tiani Rubal for her hard work and to Dr Jonny Taitz who attended and spoke on behalf of the Hospital.

Thanks Bob

A heartfelt thank you to long-time Foundation supporter, Bob Hogan, who took a break from holding his annual Golf Day to collect an amazing \$6,020 from colleagues and contacts for SCH's play and recreational therapy department.

Since the inception of his Golf Day, created in honour of his late wife Di, \$60,000 has been raised for play and recreational therapy at SCH.

Carroll & O'Dea Trivia Night

CARROLL & O'Dea Lawyers held a trivia night in support of Camp Go Ahead in the brain injury department. A total of \$5,181 was raised on the night. Well done!

Lions Help Eye Clinic

LIONS Club of Cronulla have made another impressive donation to SCH. Following the annual Seafest lunch, the Lions Club have donated \$80,000 to the Eye Clinic.

Thanks Coles

IN June, we were delighted to host a special visit from Coles and Bi-Lo representatives in the Casula region. The special guests toured C2W and C2N, and on behalf of all NSW stores, made a special presentation to Prof Glenn Marshall of \$270,167 for the Centre for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders. Thank you for your continued support. Well done also to Coles Hallidays Point who recently held a safety day to raise awareness about safety in the workplace and helped to raise funds on the day too!

Arts News

You and Me Together @ SCH

YOU and Me Together @ SCH is an exciting new exhibition for all to enjoy along the level 0 corridor. This exhibition connects classrooms, communities and cultures, showcasing children's artwork from 15 countries, including remote and marginalised communities in Iraq, Solomon Islands, East Timor and Australia. This multicultural collection reflects the Hospital's diverse cultural community and gives children a voice through art.

The stories and the significance behind You and Me Together @ SCH were shared during a curator's talk by Trish Amici on Tuesday 21 August. Trish spoke about her travels and connections to the communities and the stories behind the paintings from the children's perspectives. The inclusive nature of the exhibition prompts us to celebrate our cultural diversity here at the Hospital.

You and Me Together @ SCH will be exhibited until 28 September and we hope that it will be an annual event.



'Face' by Sharman Omar, 2007. Courtesy of Artist and Amici Gallery.



Major diabetes milestone: 100th insulin pump at SCH

THE 100th patient at Sydney Children's Hospital was recently fitted with a life changing insulin pump – an amazing milestone for the diabetes team!

Children have been fitted with insulin pumps at SCH since July 2000, with insulin pump patients accounting for approximately 25 percent of the diabetes clinic visits.

At SCH, the youngest patient fitted with an insulin pump was just eight months of age.

An insulin pump is a small, computerised device programmed to give small background doses of insulin continuously under the skin, depending on the individual's needs.

The insulin pump's cannula has to be changed every two to three days, which is easily done at home and preferable to daily injections.

The ongoing support of The Humpty Dumpty Foundation has been instrumental in providing insulin pump therapy to several of the Hospital's families.

The diabetes team at SCH have commenced several patients from remote areas on insulin pump therapy. They have been involved in training staff from rural centres, which will reduce the need for these families to travel to Sydney for the treatment.

Liam Meets Johnny and Now They Are Friends!

Written By Liam Campbell, 9 years old.

WHEN Mum and Dad told me I was going to get a pump I was angry and I cried. We live in Wagga so we had to catch a plane to Sydney. Sarah (diabetes educator) talked to us about the pump and asked me if I wanted to give it a name. I named it Johnny after a shark (I love sharks). I still didn't want to have the pump I just wanted to have a holiday and then go home. When I had the little needle put in I was like ouch and I wanted it out.

It only took a few days and Johnny and I were friends - I told Mum that I liked Johnny, I didn't want to send him back because he did make things easier. I can tell Johnny my blood glucose level and how many grams of food and he tells me how much insulin I need and gives it to me. I might be able to have a sleepover at a friend's house soon. I can still do all the things

I used to do and can take Johnny off to go swimming or have a hose down while jumping on the trampoline. I don't have to eat if I don't want to - that's really good. I like not having 3 needles a day - sometimes it still hurts a little bit when we change Johnny's line but that is only once every 3 days.

So even though I was upset at the start I am glad we got Johnny and he is now my friend.



Liam and his new best friend

Our Kenyan adventure



Sarah with a thankful local patient

PAUL and Sarah Hunstead have returned to working in the Hospital's emergency department after a four-month adventure working in a small village in Kenya called Mutumbu.

Here is a brief description of their time in Kenya, in their own words:

"We volunteered with a NGO by the name of World Youth International. Our adventure began a few months prior to leaving with a lot of hard work going into raising just over \$20,000 with raffles, donations and an incredibly successful auction night.

Over the four months, we set up a number of projects. The major project being the rural medical camps which targeted those populations who live long distances from the district hospitals. We ran one camp per week and on average we saw 300 people per camp. By the end of our placement we had treated over 2,500 men, women and children for an array of illnesses and injuries, the

most common being malaria, tropical ulcers and opportunistic infections secondary to HIV/AIDS.

By the end of the four-month period we had set up the infrastructure of this project to ensure its sustainability. The local hospital "Siaya District" agreed to support our project by providing government funded immunisations, as well as health care workers. We now have a pool of Kenyan medical and nursing staff who have committed to continue working with this project. We also set up a laboratory in our local village to assist in the diagnosing of malaria and tuberculosis.

We spent the rest of our time in Kenya working in the paediatric and maternity wards at Siaya District Hospital. A large proportion of time was spent working with the beautiful babies and kids at the Ra'ngala Orphanage. Two days per week were also spent working on school camps, treating the children for common parasites and infections.

We learnt a great deal from our time in Kenya and leave many friends behind. We will continue to fundraise allowing the camps to continue treating those who otherwise would not have access to medical care."

Well done to both Paul and Sarah who continue to support the Siaya District Hospital from Australia.



Paul inserting a cannula to give IV quinine to a child with severe malaria.

Cordz Joke Corner

A young executive was leaving the office late one evening when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen" said the CEO - "this is a very sensitive and important document here, and my secretary has gone for the night. Can you make this thing work?"

"Certainly" said the young executive. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine. "I just need one copy."

Employees of the Month

CONGRATULATIONS to our employees of the month for August, Judith Aston, acting trauma clinical nurse consultant and Matt Sawyer, acting trauma clinical nurse specialist.

Kellie Wilson nominated Judith and Matt for the award, a nomination seconded by Dr Kathryn Edward, paediatric trauma fellow.

Judy acted in Kellie Wilson's role while Kellie was on extended leave, with Matt also seconded into the trauma team during this period.

According to Kellie, Judy and Matt did an outstanding job in her absence, for which she is eternally grateful.

Enthusiastic and committed to the trauma service, both Judy and Matt have provided clinical leadership in the field of paediatric trauma and have fostered excellence in clinical care.

"Judy demonstrated excellence in trauma system management, meeting and exceeding the many challenges that she was presented with," said Kellie.

"She utilized her position in various trauma committees to assist and facilitate practice development, providing invaluable education services to staff at SCH and in rural and regional NSW.

"Matt was instrumental in ensuring trauma patients received quality care based on a case management model and showed initiative by incorporating guideline and education program development into the framework of his clinical work.

"His boundless enthusiasm produced a heightened awareness of the role of the trauma service," she said.

Well done Judy and Matt, SCH commends you on your ongoing commitment to paediatric trauma.

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.

Flag posters competition

STUDENTS from the Hospital school were runners up in a worldwide competition, which called for the design of a world flag.

Only just missing out on top prize, our students designed six amazing posters, with less than a month's notice!

The competition was organised as part of Geneva's children's week, where delegates who were in the city for the 5th World Congress

on Paediatric Critical Care, were called upon to submit posters on behalf of their Hospital.

While all countries were encouraged to participate, the project was designed to provide financial support to hospitals in developing countries.

The competition was judged by the 2000 delegates, with a Sri Lankan hospital winning the main prize of 4000 Euro (approximately \$6000) and the other two prizes also awarded to hospitals in third world countries.

Margaret Bresnahan, who attended the conference with fellow CICU colleagues, was impressed by the calibre of entries, extremely proud of SCH's posters.

"We were very pleased to boast about 'our' posters, and a number of ex-SCH staff members from many parts of the world came to tell us how wonderful they were," Margaret said.

"Our children appeared to have an excellent grasp on what was meant by a 'world map' and thus their submissions were among the better ones.

"I would like to thank the Hospital School and the children who participated in this display," she said.

All posters submitted can be viewed at <http://www.pcc2007.com/>



Some of the Hospital's world flag submissions

Sydney Cord Blood Bank granted NetCord Accreditation

SYDNEY Children's Hospital's Sydney Cord Blood Bank is the 15th cord blood bank in the world to be granted NetCord Accreditation, an amazing achievement.

NetCord accreditation is typically granted to larger, well established cord blood banks, which meet or exceed government regulations.

To gain accreditation, comprehensive checklists and documentation need to be

submitted to the FACT office, with a team of at least three international inspectors spending two days auditing the facilities.

Of the three public (AusCord) banks in Australia, Sydney and Melbourne have FACT accreditation, with Brisbane likely to be inspected next year.

Transplant physicians and patients are more confident when cord blood units come from a FACT-NetCord accredited bank.

Congratulations to the Sydney Cord Blood Bank for their exceptionally high standards!

C2 North celebrates its 1st birthday

A few words from C2 North's nurse unit manager, Colette Dolan:

C2 North celebrated its first birthday this month. I would like to thank all the staff who have worked so hard over the past year to provide you with such an excellent standard of care and service.

We have set-up clinics, which run five days a week, we run a busy chemotherapy treatment area together with the anaesthetics and recovery area. We also provide an apheresis service for the hospital and give treatments to general medical patients.

So far this year we have had approximately 3,500 points of contact on the unit, which as you can imagine, has kept us very busy.

We have welcomed new and energetic staff members with Oncology/ Haematology experiences and have sadly said farewell to others. The newest staff member to join our team as nurse educator is Rowena Nelson and we are very happy to have her on board.

The birthday day itself was very special with boys and girls (and some parents I might add), using their creative talents to decorate the ward. Thank you so much for your help. It looked great and put a smile on all our faces.

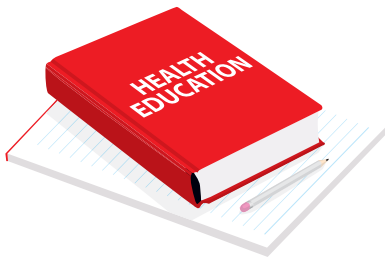
It has been an amazing year one which I am very honoured and proud to have been part of.

Cheers to the next one. Take good care of yourselves.

Colette



C2 north team



Guides give their time for SCH

ONE hundred and forty five Guides and their leaders from across the East-Metropolitan region have worked tirelessly to accrue more than 115 hours of community service towards service badges, while at the same time giving a helping hand to SCH.

The Guides took time out from their weekly meetings and holiday camps to make hundreds of craft packs for the play and recreational therapy department, and they plan to make many more throughout the year.

Many thanks to all the Guides and their leaders for purchasing the craft materials and for assembling the final products.

Special thanks also to Margaret Wood (from CCC&BD) for organising this activity as Region Guide Leader.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Schools Project Officer is currently on maternity leave. Please direct all enquiries about school excursions and community service programs to Georgina Papaioannou on 9382 1855.



*Mandy Farrugia with
1B Paddington Brownie Guides
Maya and Sarah*

Major boost to paediatric cancer research

PAEDIATRIC cancer research in Australia has received a major boost thanks to a new national collaboration involving Sydney Children's Hospital.

The Hospital's Centre for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders (CCC&BD) has joined leading paediatric oncology centres in Australia and Cancer Trials Australia (CTA) to form a new entity, Australian Children's Cancer Trials (ACCT).

Although 80 percent of children with cancer are cured, many suffer short and long-term side effects from the currently available chemotherapy. CTA is well known for its considerable work in developing a clinical trial network for a variety of adult cancers but to date paediatric cancer research has received less attention. Through the new collaboration, CTA will be able to bring the skills they have developed in running multicentre studies for adults to paediatric groups.

"A better understanding of the molecular basis of cancer has lead to new drug discovery research, aimed at identifying agents, which will hopefully be less toxic and more effective than currently used agents," said Professor Mark Rosenthal, Chairman of CTA.

"It is important that these anti-cancer drugs are made available to Australian children with cancer. ACCT will provide the ideal structure to facilitate this occurring in Australia"

ACCT plans to produce a significant clinical trial program to assist in developing new therapies for childhood cancers that remain resistant to current treatments or relapse from such therapies.

Library Amnesty

GENEROUS local residents who participated in Randwick City Library Service's library fine amnesty in June 2007 raised almost \$2000, which was donated to the Sydney Children's Hospital this week.

During the month of June 2007, any library customer who had an overdue item fine and who made a gold coin or tinned food donation had their fines waived.

A total of nearly \$2000 was raised at Bowen, Randwick and Malabar libraries from generous library goers. The money was donated to the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick and is earmarked for children's cancer research.

Cr Paul Tracy, Mayor of Randwick hands over the cheque to Prof Les White



TO assist with raising occupational health and safety (OHS) staff awareness, a calendar of OHS monthly themes has been produced. Each month, it is anticipated that a flyer will be produced and distributed to staff.

Sydney Children's Hospital's OHS committee members and department managers have been forwarded copies of the OHS monthly theme calendar and flyers produced to date. OHS monthly themes are to be discussed in staff meetings and the flyers need be available for staff in the workplace.

Flyers that have been distributed thus far are:

- Safe Operating Procedures in May;
- Accident and Incident Reporting in June, and;
- Hazard Identification Assessment and Control in July.

The following flyers will be produced and distributed in the next half of the year:

- Manual Handling and Ergonomics in August;
- Fire and Evacuation in September;
- First Aid in October;
- Hazardous Substance & Dangerous Goods in November, and;
- Security in December.

Please ensure that you are familiar with the OHS monthly themes.

Thank you for assisting with this OHS promotional activity.

*Jane Stefanov-Trgetaric
OHS Consultant*

Child Protection Week

SOUTH Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health's Child Protection Counselling Service and the Child Protection Unit at Sydney Children's Hospital will be launching Child Protection Week (3-7 September) with a half day conference themed Keeping kids safe, working together. The conference will be held on Tuesday 4 September at Sydney Children's Hospital.

The conference has a range of fabulous speakers and is a great opportunity to hear about and be inspired by the innovative work in child protection.

Information stalls about child protection will be visible in the hospital main foyer throughout the week of September 3, 2007.

To register for the forum, please contact the child protection unit on 9382 1412.

What's On!

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.

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.

Patient services activity comparison

	Jun-07	Jun-06
Admissions	1,201	1,209
Discharges	1,215	1,231
Day only cases	502	542
Hospital Average Length of Stay, days	3.1 days	3.1 days
Hospital Average Length of Stay (excl Day Only)	4.9 days	4.7 days
Occupancy	94%	95.6%
Non admitted patients	26,608	23,030

Free gym trial and discounted membership

All Sydney Children's Hospital staff are invited to enjoy a free 7 day trial and discounted membership at Bondi's Elix'r Health Club. An open week is being planned for September, so keep an eye on our notice boards for the dates. Email michaelb@elixr.com.au if you would like to attend. Elix'r Health Club: Level 2, 9 Bronte Road, Bondi Junction.

Grand Rounds

CONVENED by A/Prof John Ziegler

The John Beveridge Lecture Theatre, Level 1, SCH, 1.00pm every Wednesday

22/8/2007

A Toxic Time Bomb
Speaker: ICU & Toxicology Staff

29/8/2007

Segmental haemangiomas 18 cases.
Speaker: A/Prof. Orli Wargon

Movers & Shakers

THE community school health nurses who manage Parenting Programs in schools & other venues have recently moved offices from Waverley Community Centre, into the Vera Adderley Building on campus.

For anyone interested in doing a group or attending a one off workshop, new contact details are:

Janet Harris; 9382 0928
Gordana Kokanovic; 9382 0926

Jane Neill has been appointed to relieve in the

position of CNC Paediatric Asthma Education on a part-time basis for the period commencing Wednesday 30 May up until Thursday 20 December. Gerard Keenan has been seconded to the position of Nursing Unit Manager – C1 North on a temporary basis for a period of three months effective from Monday 16 July. Judy Aston's hours as CNS Trauma have been increased to 24HPW on a temporary basis until Sunday 30 September. Rachel Messenger's hours as CNS Gastroenterology have been increased to full-time on a temporary basis effective from Monday 16 July until Sunday 30 September 2008.

Social Work Department Contact List

Name	Pager	Work
Sara Burrett	44131	Head of Social Work Vascular Malformations, Burns,
Catherine McKersie	44888	Team Leader CICU, Brain Tumours
Alana Tassie	42639	CCC and BD
Alyssa Binger	43917	Neurology, Muscle Disease, Cranio Facial
Angela Miller	43052	HIV
Cheryl Wade (M-Th)	42644	Renal
Emily Smith	42635	CCC & BD
Danielle Tompson	42643	Endocrinology
Gemma Harrison	43816	CICU, Respiratory
Heidi Taylor	43152	Palliative Care, Hearing Clinic, EB
Jessica Sheslow	44493	BIRP, Neurosurgery, Limb Deficiency Clinic
Jessica Ballentine	45420	Gastro, Cardiac, Gen Med
Megan Escott	43309	Gen Med / Gen Surg
Kate Lenthén	45421	Senior Social Worker CCC & BD
Melissa Kelly (M-F, ½ day Thurs)	43875	Senior Social Worker Cerebral Palsy, Mental Health
Simone Resnick	46522	Emergency, Orthopaedics, Spina Bifida
Tali Foreman (Thurs, Fri)	46778	Long Term Follow Up (CCCB)
Talya Linker (Mon, Tues, Thurs)	43709	Senior Social Worker Mental Health

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