

Changes to Health in NSW

The New Year brings positive change to health care delivery in NSW.

Babies through to the elderly are set to reap the benefits that come with the 18 newly established Local Health Networks (LHN), which officially replaced the previous eight Area Health Services on 1 January.

The Chief Executives and governing council of each LHN were also announced late last year. Like the SCH Network, work is well underway to roll out the many changes that come with the new health reforms.

Each LHN has its own budget, management and accountabilities, and according to Deputy Premier and Minister for Health Ms Carmel Tebbutt, the new LHN structure will improve patient care by strengthening local decision making in health service delivery.

The 18 LHNs in NSW are made up of:

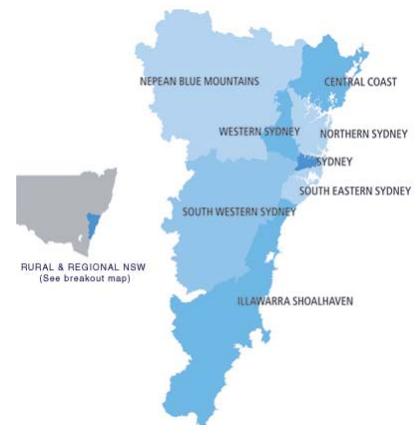
- Eight geographically based LHNs to cover the Sydney metropolitan region;
- Seven geographically based LHNs to cover rural and regional NSW, and;
- Three specialty networks for Children's Health, Forensic Mental Health, and services delivered by St Vincent's Health.

On Sunday, 13 February New South Wales Premier Kristina Keneally, along with her State and Territory counterparts, signed a new Heads of Agreement to progress National Health Reform, of which the Local Health Networks continue to be a key requirement.

A copy of the Council of Australian Government's Communiqué and Heads of Agreement signed by the State and Territory Ministers and the Prime Minister is available via the links available on the NSW Health website: www.health.nsw.gov.au. The website also has a summary of the main points contained within the Agreement.

For regularly updated information on the new LHN's visit the LNH's dedicated website:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/lhn/>



Order of Australia

The team at Sydney Children's Hospital (SCH) would like to congratulate the many long standing hospital staff, colleagues and supporters who were honoured on Australia Day with Order of Australia Medals.

- **Dr Orli Wargon** – Department Head, Dermatology, SCH
- **Ms Merron Howard** – Representative of the Hospital Parent and Consumer Council and the Centre for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders (CCC&BD) Advisory Council
- **Ms Lucy Turnbull** – Fundraising supporter of the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation
- **Mr Michael Maher** – Long term supporter of the CCC&BD
- **Associate Professor William Rawlinson** – Virologist at SEALS
- **Dr Marianne Vonau** – Former Head, Paediatric Neurosurgery, SCH. Currently practicing in Brisbane.
- **Dr Charles Teo** – Neurosurgeon and Honorary Medical Officer, SCH
- **Dr Ivan Goldberg** – Ophthalmologist, Sydney/Sydney Eye Hospital and SCH
- **Dr Michael Friedlander** – Oncologist, Prince of Wales Hospital (POWH)

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Editor's Notes

In this edition of *The Way Forward* for 2011, we take a look at the year that was and the year ahead.

The Local Health Networks were announced late last year and are now up and running (page 1). While the new network Chief Executives are just starting to work through the transition period, the SCH Network has a head start, with our Chief Executive providing all at SCH with an update on the transition process in her editorial (page 2).

SCH acknowledges friends, colleagues and supporters who recently received order of Australia medals (page 1) and we place the spotlight on the importance of hand hygiene (page 5).

Recent employee of the month recipients are also acknowledged for their efforts (page 5) and we look at the events that took place over the final months of 2010 (page 6 and 7).

This is in fact the final edition of *The Way Forward* in its current format, with a new SCH Network Newsletter to be issued in the very near future. The new quarterly newsletter will provide news from both SCH and the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Staff at SCH and CHW staff are encouraged to direct suggested names for the new newsletter to jessica.jaramillo@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or to Julie Munley at CHW: julieS5@CHW.edu.au

Graduation Ceremonies 2011

Two patient Graduation Ceremonies will be held in 2011 to farewell some of the Hospital's long term patients.

When: Monday, 11 April and
Friday, 2 December

Where: John Beveridge lecture Theatre,
level 1

Time: 10am

For more information, please contact Michelle Honan via email: michelle.honan@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

From the Executive

The New Year is well upon us and 2011 is guaranteed to be a busy year for all working in the NSW health sector.

While I trust many of you were able to enjoy a well deserved break over the 2010/2011 holiday season, I would like to extend a special thank you to those who worked over Christmas, New Year and the numerous public holidays. As we all know, the Hospital 'never sleeps' and the past holiday season was no exception.

As you have read on the front page of this newsletter, the New Year brings positive change to health care delivery in NSW. While many of our colleagues at the newly established Local Health Networks are in the early stages of transition, the SCH Network has made significant progress – one of the most notable being the appointment of a number of positions to the SCH Network:

Director of Nursing:	Ms Annette Solman
Director of Clinical Operations:	Dr Michael Brydon
Director of Clinical Integration:	Ms Cheryl McCullagh
Director of Clinical Governance:	Dr Stuart Dorney
Director of Community Relations:	Ms Gillian Paxton

These positions will take effect immediately, however I remind staff that there will be a period for bedding down the roles and transfer of responsibilities from existing roles, so please be patient whilst these logistical issues are sorted through.

I am sure you will agree with me in recognising the depth of talent and experience we have in the Executive. Further, I would like to thank all Executive staff members from the Westmead and Randwick campuses for their dedication and professionalism during this transition period. All have acted with integrity, professionalism and in the best interests of the organisation and the services to children and young people. I am very grateful for their hard work and dedication.

A number of positions remain to be finalised. These include the Director of Research, Director of Finance and Corporate Services and the Director of Workforce Development. I will keep you updated with the progress on appointment to these positions.

Mandatory Committees for the SCH Network were also recently established, with some already having their first meeting. Committees include Audit and risk management, Finance and performance, Health Care Quality and The Medical and Dental Appointment Advisory Committee.

The SCH Network Governing Council has met for the third time – the first time as a governing council.

Once recruitment to the Network Executive is finalised, the next phase of organisational development for the Network involves the creation of the Network Clinical Council and the appointment of the Executive Clinical Director position and the Allied Health Director.

As we continue to work through this period of transition, I am pleased to see that through open communication and collaboration many teams at Randwick and Westmead are starting to collaborate across the Network. Some examples include the renal teams working on common communication strategies with families, the alignment of common infection control protocols through the infectious diseases teams and even the development of a shared, after hours public relations on call roster for both sites.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued efforts during this period of transition and for your unwavering commitment to caring for the children of NSW and beyond..

Best wishes,

Elizabeth Koff, Chief Executive

Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (Randwick and Westmead)



New CRMO – Dr Ellen Mackinnon



Sydney Children's Hospital warmly welcomes its newly appointed Chief Resident Medical Officer (CRMO) for 2011, Dr Ellen Mackinnon. Dr Mackinnon is not new to SCH, having worked in the Hospital since 2007 as a Resident. Prior to starting at SCH, Ellen spent one year at St Vincent's Hospital, after moving to Sydney from her hometown of Perth.

As part of her training, Ellen spent some time in the Newborn Care Centre at the Royal Hospital for Women and has worked at hospitals in Canberra, Wagga Wagga and most recently, Darwin.

While the CRMO position is somewhat of a departure from her usual clinical duties as a paediatric trainee, Ellen says she is looking forward to the challenges ahead.

"I feel as if this year is going to be a busy one, learning new skills and experiencing a completely different side to the Hospital," said Ellen.

"Understanding how things are run, being able to meet and work more closely with the rest of the multidisciplinary team as well as all the other wonderful people who help run the Hospital will be some of 2011's key highlights.

"The sense of community that exists between the staff and patients makes working at SCH so enjoyable – I look forward to the year ahead," added Ellen. While she is yet to pick a topic, Ellen is also hoping to complete her college project this year – 2011 will certainly be busy!

Dr Ellen MacKinnon.

...Thank you Dr Rob Slade

As we welcome Ellen, we thank Dr Rob Slade for his efforts in 2010 as CRMO.

Rob has not gone too far and is now working in the Hospital's Emergency Department.

The team at SCH would like to thank Rob for his leadership and commitment to the Hospital at large and especially the 2010 team of junior medical officers (JMO's) – we wish him the very best in the future.

Welcome to new JMO's

In January, more than 50 new JMO's were welcomed to the SCH team.

Senior staff members introduced the new JMO's to the Hospital with a detailed Orientation Day which included essential topics such as Infection Control and Paediatric Life Support, as well as subjects unique to paediatrics like Child Protection, Working with Parents and Families and Prescribing for Children.

The new JMO's also received a tour of the Hospital, and got to know each other over an afternoon barbeque.

As we warmly welcome the new team of JMO's, the team at SCH would also like to thank the 2010 team of JMO's for their hard work. We wish them well for the future.

New JMO's start at SCH



Employee of the month

January/February



Congratulations to the January / February Employees of the Month, the team of Administrative Officers in the SCH Executive Unit.

The Executive Unit administrative staff were nominated by the Executive Unit Managers Jane Jennings and Jenni Corbett.

"The Executive Unit administrative staff are extremely dedicated and supportive and have worked tirelessly during the last half of 2010 to make the transition to the new Sydney Children's Hospital Network a smooth one for our Executive team. They have done this as always with a great sense of teamwork," said Ms Jennings.

Ms Corbett also adds "they are an absolute pleasure to work with, their dedication is outstanding and despite their hectic schedules, they are always happy to help in any way they can. As a team, they work together to maintain and continually provide high levels of support to our Executive team and they are very deserving of this acknowledgement."

Administrative staff, Executive Unit

November/December



In this edition we also acknowledge and formally congratulate the November/December 2010 Employee of the Month, Grainne Dunne, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Centre for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders.

Grainne was nominated by Dr Michelle Farrar who believes that Grainne's unique and specialised skills are a great asset to SCH.

"Grainne's an extremely dedicated, professional and committed member of staff," said Dr Farrar.

"She is able to undertake complex medical procedures outside of CICU, including stem cell collection, pheresis and TPE.

Grainne understands potential medical complications...and anticipates these in her care," added Dr Farrar.

Congratulations Grainne!



Minister announces winners of 'Hospitals' Got Talent'

On Thursday, 9 December 2010 the Minister for Health, the Hon. Carmel Tebbutt MP attended SCH to unveil the Foundation's five brand new art exhibitions which are on display through to Friday, 28 January. The exhibitions showcase the exciting work of Australian and international artists including Joel Dickens (Arthouse Gallery), Polixeni Papapetrou and Narelle Autio (Stills Gallery), three artists from COFA (UNSW) and Lilly Wortzel (Art 2 Muse Gallery), whose paintings and photographs bring bright and warm colours to the corridors of SCH. The Minister took the opportunity to congratulate the winners of the 2nd annual 'Hospitals' Got Talent' exhibition – Ally Garrad (overall winner), Rosannah Garvie (highly commended), Nora O'Loughlin (highly commended) and Roxanne Fea (patients' prize).

Thank you to all the staff on the Randwick Hospital's campus who submitted such fabulous artworks! After the exhibition finishes at SCH on 28 January, it will be on display at POWH from 3 February to 29 April.

Patients' prize winner Roxanne Fea's 'Grey nurse shark and brave little fish, Maroubra' (2008)



Little Lights a success at Christmas

Thanks to everyone who so generously donated to the Foundation's inaugural Little Lights campaign at Christmas, which was a huge success. You may have noticed a sparkling Christmas tree, donation box and a display of Christmas light cut-outs in the SCH foyer. The cut outs had touching messages of support from the public to SCH staff, families and kids in Hospital over Christmas. There's still time to make a donation at www.littlelights.org.au

sunSCHine on the beach for SCH

Our newest fundraising event sunSCHine on the beach kicked off the summer party season on Saturday, 4 December 2010 at Nielsen Park in Vaucluse, raising an impressive \$50,000 for the Hospital.

More than 200 guests enjoyed a cocktail party at the Nielsen Park Beachhouse and were moved by organiser Nikki Dunlop's personal story about how her daughter Pia's life was saved by SCH staff. Hosted by designer Peter Morrissey and presenter Laura Csortan, guests were encouraged to dig deep and buy raffle tickets and auction items to reach the amazing total.

The dedicated organising committee of sunSCHine



BIG W's big hearts

Last November we celebrated BIG W Big Heart Day at SCH with BIG W staff from all over NSW. For the past 16 years, staff from state-wide BIG W stores have supported SCH by holding fundraising events in their local communities, which have totalled \$5 million since 1994. BIG W staff came to visit SCH and meet our patients and their families to see how BIG W's support helps make a difference.

In 2009, BIG W was inducted into the Hall of Champions, the Hospital's highest benefactor level. Thank you to the team at BIG W for their ongoing support of the Hospital's Cardiology and Rural Outreach Program.

BIG W Chullora staff with Cardiology patient Blake Latimer and mum, Kelly



SCH patients set sail on the Harbour

On Friday, 12 November 2010 a group of SCH patients, families and staff set sail from the Rocks onboard the Southern Swan, sponsored by UBS, to cruise Sydney Harbour as part of the Sydney Cove Rotary Regatta. The kids helped the crew steer, let out the sails, find treasure with the help of a treasure map and even scrub the decks! The Sydney Cove Rotary Regatta celebrated its 14th year supporting SCH and have raised more than \$1 million for our Hospital.

Scott and his family steer the ship



Sell & Parker's Car Crush Tour

Last November we also took our patients, their families and staff for a fun day out to our sponsor Sell & Parker's metal recycling plant in Blacktown. This annual event gives patients the chance to sit behind the controls of a huge car crushing machine as whole cars are crushed into metal balls the size of a fist! Sell & Parker is a Hall of Champions sponsor of the Hospital, donating more than \$1.4 million over the past eight years to support the SCH Intensive Care Unit.

Be part of history with 'Our Family' volume 2

You can secure your place in history by featuring in 'We're Growing Up!', Volume 2 of the 'Our Family' series of photographic books, which make great gifts for a special someone or for your coffee table. The first edition of the 'Our Family' book was launched last year and raised over \$15,000 for the Hospital. Book your place in Volume 2 now, and have your family photographed for a good cause! For more details, call Israel Smith Photographers on 9665 0800 or go to www.israelsmith.com/ourfamily.

Foundation CEO Adam Check and his two daughters. This photo featured in 'Our Family' volume 1.



SESIH disadvantaged and high risk children

It is well known that certain groups of children and young people have particular health needs and are at high risk of morbidity and mortality. These groups include those from Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander communities, refugee children, children living in out of home care, some cultural and linguistically diverse groups, homeless children and children of parents with mental illness. By addressing issues of access and equity, these children may have a greater chance of accessing services and being healthy members of our society.

In late 2009, the Greater Eastern and Southern Child Health Network provided funds for the project "Prioritising Health Services for Disadvantaged and High Risk Children", a project South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Health endorsed in March 2010 and which will conclude in June of this year.

This project explores the systems and processes currently in place for prioritising health care services for these high risk children. Focus areas include surgical waiting lists, outpatient appointments, community services, assessment services, education programs and more. Working together with service providers, the project aims to explore feasible systems to prioritise high risk children within existing resources.

While the project is well underway, staff may be contacted over coming months to discuss systems which they have in place for the prioritisation of high risk children.

This work will dovetail into current work on the SESIH Child and Adolescent Disability Plan as well as current reforms to the child protection system in NSW. These reforms will see the prioritisation of out of home care children for health checks and eventually other health services

The project is managed by Phyllis Moran, Manager SESIH Child and Adolescent Clinical Stream and Dr Karen Zwi, Community Paediatrician.

Should you wish to discuss this project further, please contact Project Officer Margo Casacelli via email at Margo.Casacelli@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or by phone on 9382 1926.

Margo Casacelli, Phyllis Moran and Karen Zwi



Clean hands save lives

A message from the SCH Hand Hygiene team.

When we are fit and healthy we can usually defend ourselves against many germs. However, when we are unwell and in hospital, our natural defences are weakened leaving patients more at risk of health-care acquired infections (HAIs).

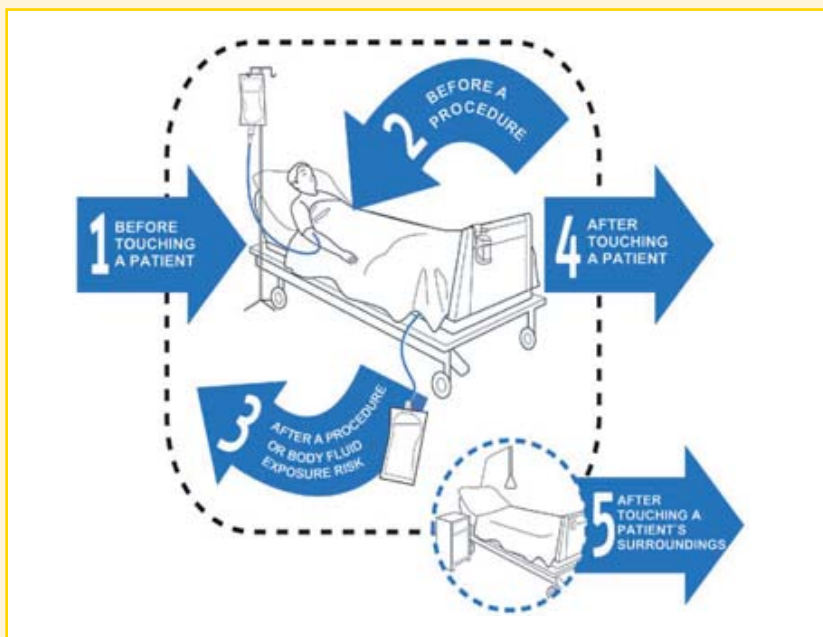
While hand hygiene has and continues to be a priority across the State, there is always more that can be done. As a leading children's hospital, it is our responsibility to proactively work on this important issue.

Sydney Children's Hospital is using greater employee engagement strategies to further improve and maintain excellent rates of hand hygiene.

The Hospital has adopted the strategy "5 Moments of Hand Hygiene", a national strategy developed to improve hand hygiene. The 5 moments describe the fundamental reference points for health care workers in which hand hygiene is required, to effectively interrupt the microbial transmission.

Hand hygiene continues to be a priority at SCH. For more information on hand hygiene, please speak to your manager, visit the hospital intranet site or the Hand Hygiene website www.hha.org.au or contact a member of the Hand Hygiene team.

For more information on each 'moment', visit the Hand Hygiene Australia website.



SCH Hand Hygiene team. From left, Terri Cripps, Michael Brydon, Louisa Wilson, Larissa Mackey, Hala Katf and Jackie Ludher. Absent from the photo is Meg Wemyss.

The year that was: 2010

The last few months of 2010 were filled with various SCH milestone events...

October

Carer's Week Activities

A parent and carer information morning tea was held on Wednesday, 13 October to celebrate Carers Week.

Hosted by the Caring for the Carers Working Group, the morning tea was a small way of acknowledging the vital role parents and carers play in working with staff to care for their children.

Many family members attended including parents, carers, grandparents, siblings and patients. Janice Oliver, Carers Program Coordinator, SESIAHS was also present to speak with parents, carers and staff, answering questions and offering families an information pack.

A Carers Week Forum was also held on Friday, 22 October and was open to parents and carers of young people with a disability who are close to transitioning from paediatric to adult health services. Issues discussed included transition from paediatric to adult health services, disability dentistry services, consent and guardianship, financial issues and general practice and carers support. This event was hosted by SCH, the Agency for Clinical Innovation and SESIAHS Carers Support Program.

Party Day 2010

A fun day was had by all at last year's Party Day celebrations, which took place on Wednesday, 20 October. A number of celebrity guests, including Bondi Vet's Dr Chris Brown and members of Hi-5 joined patients and staff to celebrate International Children's Day.

While some staff members chose to go back to the 1970's, donning big wigs and flares, others chose to give us a glimpse of what we might be wearing in the year 3000. Regardless of their costume of choice, everyone enjoyed the day's festivities and free BBQ lunch.

A special thank you to the Hospital's hard-working and dedicated group of volunteers, who not only donated their time but also sponsored the Party Day BBQ, with assistance from the team at UBS Investment Bank.



Les White's staff farewell party

On Thursday 28 October, former SCH Executive Director Professor Les White was farewelled by more than 100 staff at a function held in his honour at The Coogee Bay Hotel.

While Prof White has not gone too far, now working as the State's new Chief Paediatrician, the evening provided friends and colleagues with an opportunity to share memories and celebrate Les' long 36 year history at SCH.

Professor Glenn Marshall delivered a touching speech on behalf of all at SCH, with the SCH Network Chief Executive, Ms Elizabeth Koff also delivering a thank you speech, presenting Les with a few gifts on behalf of all at SCH. Dr Michael Brydon also took the opportunity to thank Tracy Opperman for her outstanding contribution to the Executive Unit and the Hospital. Tracy has also moved with Les to NSW Health.



November

The 9th Annual John Beveridge Oration

On Wednesday, 24 November, the Honourable Michael D Kirby AC CMG was keynote speaker at the annual John Beveridge Oration, which is held annually in honour of the life and work of the late Professor John Beveridge.

As both a former Australian High Court judge and the first Australian recipient of the Gruber Justice Prize, Justice Kirby provided an intriguing insight into the various issues surrounding "Difficult Births/Difficult Cases – The problems of 'Wrongful Birth' and 'Wrongful Life'".

Video of the John Beveridge Oration can be viewed via the SCH intranet.

The 10th Graduation Ceremony

The Hospital's 10th Graduation Ceremony was held on Friday, 26 November 2010, marking a major milestone in the lives of ten SCH patients.

The event also marked the 100th patient graduation in the Hospital ceremonies history, with families, friends and staff coming together to celebrate long term patients transition to adult services.

Thank you to the Graduation Ceremony organising committee, Captains' Starlight and the Ceremonies special guest speaker, Channel Nine journalist Mr Peter Overton.

Patients graduate at 10th Graduation Ceremony



Caring for the Carers Activities

Comprised of a team of volunteers and SCH staff, the Caring for the Carers Working Group were hard at work in 2010, supporting parents and carers by holding hospital wide events and activities. Volunteers from the Caring for the Carers Working group ended their year of activities by holding a successful cake stall in the Randwick Royal – thank you to the Working Group for their initiative and hard work in 2010!

Two volunteers at the November cake stall at Randwick Royal



December

International Volunteers Day

Sunday, 5 December was International Volunteers Day, a day recognising the outstanding contributions made by volunteers the world over – including our dedicated team of SCH volunteers.

On behalf of SCH patients and their families, the Hospital held an early evening event for the Hospitals volunteers to acknowledge the time they give to support staff, patients and families. Our volunteers do an amazing job, thank you!

Christmas time at SCH

Staff Christmas Party

Organised by the Hospital's Medical Staff Council, the annual hospital Christmas party was held on Friday 17 December.

Staff and their families came together to celebrate the holiday season, with Santa Claus again stopping by to deliver Christmas presents. Thank you to the Medical Staff Council, for again bringing the festive cheer to SCH.

Stars in the building

In the lead up to Christmas, many high profile and inspiring members of the public eye stopped by the Hospital to visit patients and their families.

Hollywood actors Anne Hathaway and Jake Gyllenhall, SCH Foundation Ambassador Nicole Kidman, Australian singer, songwriter and actress Delta Goodrem and Australian cricketer Brett Lee all stopped by, visiting families in the wards.

Patients and families do enjoy these special visits. The Hospital would like to again thank Anne, Jake, Nicole, Delta and Brett for making the time to visit, just in time for Christmas.

Nicole Kidman; Delta Goodrem



Santa and his helpers

Santa Claus was busy in 2010, visiting SCH to spread some Christmas cheer.

Santa was helped by the many corporate groups and individual members of the public who generously donated toys, clothes and other items for patients and siblings.

Christmas was clearly a time of giving – the Hospital would like to extend its sincere thanks to those who helped make the festive season that little bit brighter for patients and their families.

Christmas Day at SCH

Despite their surroundings, patients woke to find a Christmas present by their bedside, with members of The Wiggles visiting each ward, singing Christmas carols and delivering special gift bags.

Courtesy of the SESIAHS Carers Program, Christmas Lunch vouchers were given out to parents, carers and siblings with 63 adults and 28 children taking up the offer to have a free, Christmas roast lunch at the Forecourt Café. Thank you again to The Wiggles for helping make the day that little bit brighter for the Hospital's patients, to the SESIAHS Carers program and to the many staff who worked on the day.



What's On!

Toastmasters: Communication & Leadership Career Advancement

Toastmasters, a non-profit global organization for the development of communication, leadership and public speaking invite all Randwick Hospital staff to attend meetings which aim to enhance confidence and communication skills in a fun, friendly and supportive environment.

When: Meetings are held on the first and third thursday of each month

Where: Sydney Children's Hospital Conference Room 6

Time: Meetings are held between 5pm and 6:30pm

Contact: Helen – 0410 540 914, helentg@tpg.com.au or Dennis – 9314 3654, dwllam@ihug.com.au

Standing Tai Chi class

Where: Cardiac Rehabilitation Gym – Physiotherapy department, level 1, Prince of Wales Hospital

When: Thursdays 5pm – 6pm

Cost: \$10 per class (10 sessions in a series)

Contact: SHARE on 9533 4422 or email info@share.org.au

Kidstuff – School Loyalty Program

Next time you make a purchase at Kidstuff toy store (located on Level 1, Royal Randwick Shopping Centre) don't forget to mention SCH. For each dollar spent in-store SCH receives 1 Education point, with accrued points going towards a rewards program that assists our Play Therapy Unit in the purchase of new toys.

Movers and Shakers

- **Rebecca King** has been appointed to the position of Clinical Nurse Educator in C3 West on a permanent full-time basis effective from Monday, 10 January 2011.
- **Jessica Gouvas** has been appointed to relieve in the position of Clinical Nurse Consultant, Mental Health on a temporary full-time basis effective from Monday, 31 January 2011 up until Tuesday, 1 November 2011.
- **Fatma Elzein** has temporarily reduced her hours to 24 hours per week as Acting CNE Recovery Unit & Ambulatory Care Unit for the period commencing Monday, 24 January up until Monday, 25 April 2011. Vanessa Da Silva will cover the remaining hours (14 hours per week) up until Monday 25 April 2011.
- **Mayra Dos Santos** has been appointed to the position of Clinical Nurse Specialist Facilitation Development on a temporary part-time basis effective from Wednesday, 9 February up until Sunday, 7 August 2011.

Patient services activity comparison

	January 2011	January 2010
Admissions	1196	982
Discharges	1165	981
Day only cases	567	425
Hospital average length of stay	2.9 days	2.9 days
Hospital average length of stay (excl day only)	5.6 days	5.2 days
Occupancy	88.8%	89.9%
Non-admitted patients	20,657	16,852

Save the Date!

Comedy For Kids – 20 May 2011

This is your chance to have a laugh and help put a smile on the faces of our young patients. With side-splitting performances from Aussie comedians Julia Wilson and Steve Philps, a sensational live show by popular ABBA tribute band Bjorn Again and a delicious gourmet BBQ and seafood dinner, this is a night not to be missed. Tickets on sale from 4 February through the Foundation on 9382 1188. Please visit www.comedyforkids.org.au

Gold Week, 30 May – 5 June

Gold Week is your chance to help us raise \$700,000 for SCH. It's easy! Just hold a Gold lunch for your friends, family or colleagues in June and ask your guests to make a donation to the seriously ill and injured children at SCH. Every little bit counts towards purchasing life-saving equipment, funding important staffing positions and refurbishing wards. To find out more about how you can get involved, go to www.goldweek.org.au or call the Foundation on 9382 1188.