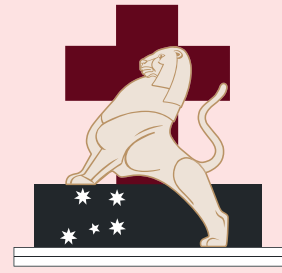


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The official newsletter of Concord Hospital



New CT scanner launched in emergency

Concord Hospital has officially opened a new CT Scanner in the emergency department, providing increased access to imaging and diagnosis for patients requiring urgent care.

Sydney Local Health District and Concord Hospital Executive and staff gathered to celebrate the new Computed Tomography (CT) scanner, the first phase of a \$4.4million refurbishment of the emergency department.

"It's a great day for our department; it's great for patient care, and it's great for our staff," said Dr Phil Visser, the Director of Concord Hospital emergency department.

Dr Visser said the new scanner would allow patients in the emergency department to access CT imaging without leaving the department.

"We now have the opportunity to just walk from the room next door and bring someone in and seamlessly provide care," Dr Visser said.



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Acting Director of Radiology Robert Loneragan said the new service was a result of many staff working together.

The District's Capital Infrastructure and Engineering team refurbished a large part of the emergency department to house the new scanner.

The addition of the CT scanner in the emergency department is the second stage of investment in

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state-of-the-art medical imaging services for Concord Hospital patients. One of two CT scanners in the Radiology Department was replaced in 2023.

Planning is also under way for an additional new MRI scanner at Concord Hospital.

Front page: Senior Medical Radiation Scientist Jehan Loke prepares a patient for examination in the new CT scanner; Left: Members of the Imaging team pose with the new scanner at the launch; Right: Peter Zarzour examines scans from the machine



Family shaped focus on service

With two distinct traditions of service in his family, it might seem that Dr Cameron Korb-Wells was destined to work as the Medical Director at the National Centre for Veterans' Healthcare (NCVH).



Coincidentally, those two strands of service – healthcare and military – first came together almost 80 years ago at Concord Hospital. It was there that his maternal grandmother, Mary Wells, served as an Army nurse in the final days of World War II.

Dr Korb-Wells credits the influence of his grandmother, mother and sister, all nurses, for guiding his choice of career. "Their background certainly influenced my decision to pursue a career in health care," he said.

The military service of his grandmother, grandfather, father and other family members also played a significant role in his decision to join the NCVH team. "When the opportunity arose to contribute to a health service directly supporting veterans, my family background again drew me towards the role," Dr Korb-Wells explained.

Helping military veterans was a defining element of Ms Wells' time at Concord in the 1940s. She celebrated her 100th birthday earlier this year but her memories of

tending to returned prisoners of war remain vivid and emotional.

"When all of the buses and coaches all arrived with all these poor emaciated people, I was very sad. The injuries were very confronting," Ms Wells told The Saturday Telegraph in a recent interview.

Dr Korb-Wells said he and Ms Wells have discussed her time at Concord and how the treatment of military veterans has evolved over the past 80 years.

A significant change at Concord has been the introduction of the NCVH in recent years. Dr Korb-Wells noted that the multidisciplinary nature of the Centre's service is pivotal in ensuring better outcomes for new generations of veterans.

"The ability to provide an integrated and holistic service to effectively manage and support veterans' needs across a breadth of issues has been very successful in achieving substantial gains in health and quality of life," he said.

Message from the General Manager

Welcome to the Autumn issue of Concord Connection.

We have had a very busy few months at Concord, with cause to celebrate some wonderful milestones.



One milestone was the official launch of the new CT scanner in the Emergency Department in May.

It was wonderful to join the ED and Imaging teams to celebrate the new level of care we will be able to bring to our patients with this scanner, part of the \$4.4 million refurbishment of the Emergency Department. I would like to thank all the staff in ED for their understanding and commitment while the work was under way.

Another cause to celebrate was the opening of the new rooms in Ground East for the Osteoarthritis Chronic Care Program and the neighbouring Pulmonary Rehabilitation Gym. These fantastic new spaces will support our staff in providing excellent care to our patients.

We have also had cause to celebrate some of the people who help make Concord Hospital the special place it is. Among them was Professor Pierre Chapuis who was recently named Honorary Consultant Emeritus at the hospital. This was a fitting recognition of Pierre's distinguished career.

Concord Institute of Academic Surgery chair Associate Professor Sarah Aitken has also been recognised with a Harkness Fellowship in Health Care Policy and Practice. We wish Sarah well in her time at the University of California, San Francisco, and look forward to the insights she'll be able to provide on her return.

You can read all about these highlights and more stories of the excellent care we provide to our patients and community at Concord and of the remarkable people who work here.



New OACCP rooms opened



Concord Hospital has officially opened its new clinic for the Osteoarthritis Chronic Care Program (OACCP) and the Ground East Gym.

Concord Hospital acting General Manager Joseph Jewitt joined Associate Professor Ana Ananda, Head of Department, Rheumatology, to open the new purpose-built facility.

The new clinical and gym spaces – which include an outdoor area – are seen as ideal for the OACCP and are expected to be very beneficial for patients.

Associate Professor Ananda said osteoarthritis affects about 2.2 million Australians and costs about \$1.4 billion a year in knee or hip joint replacements alone. She said OACCP’s team of clinicians and allied health professionals helped many patients to defer the need for such surgery.

“But it’s not just the numbers, it’s also patient experiences ... patient outcome measures,” Associate Professor Ananda said.

Above: Bryan Sinclair exercises in the new gym under the guidance of physiotherapist Regina Leung.

I've recovered that well because I have done all the exercises they gave me... it has helped my recovery tenfold

Consumers map out year



“And for those who do go on to have surgery, they are a lot fitter. They have much better post-operative outcomes. It’s a win-win.”

Patient Bryan Sinclair, who has had both knees replaced, said the program helped him feel more comfortable about having surgery and helped him emerge stronger.

“I’ve recovered that well because I have done all the exercises they gave me, did build my muscles up in my legs, and it has helped my recovery tenfold.” Mr Sinclair said.



Consumer representatives from across Sydney Local Health District (SLHD) came together at Concord Hospital’s Medical Education Centre in April for the first District-wide consumer event for the year.

Co-designed with consumers, the event was an opportunity for representatives to learn more about services and programs across the District.

Retired public servant Jenny Brigg has been a Balmain Hospital Consumer representative and member of the Consumer and Community Advisory Committee. She found the meeting inspiring.

“We are partnering and supporting consumers and clinicians in shaping and conducting research. It shows a real maturing of our relationship together,” she said.

The meeting showcased patient-centred initiatives from the Public Health team, the Carers Program, and “Anticipate” – a clinical design project run by RPA Women and Babies team aimed to expand the support provided to expecting parents in the earlier stages of pregnancy.

“Consumer representatives said they wanted to learn more about the different areas of the District, the challenges the district faces and the communities we work with,” said Matt Halpin, District Director Consumer and Community Participation.

“For effective partnerships with consumers, we need to bring people in at the start, equip them with the information to understand the services we provide and continue to look for opportunities to collaborate throughout.”



Staff photo



Nursing staff from Concord celebrate at the hospital's International Nursing and Midwives Day ball.

We will remember them



A large group of Concord staff, patients and visitors gathered on 24 April for the hospital's annual Anzac Commemoration Service.

Led by Catholic Chaplain Father Graeme Malone, who was joined by Anglican Chaplain Reverend David Anthonisz, the ceremony honoured the memory of the Australian and New Zealand troops that landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915.

Each year we pay tribute – not only to the original Anzacs but to all who died or were disabled in their service for our country

Among those attending the ceremony were Concord Hospital acting General Manager Joseph Jewitt and Director of Nursing Helen Goldsack.

Father Malone said the Anzac tradition had inspired and offered an enduring example to generations of Australians.

“Each year we pay tribute – not only to the original Anzacs but to all who died or were disabled in their service for our country,” he said.

Father Malone said Australians should remember those who had made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of justice and freedom.

“At this time we dedicate ourselves anew to the cause of justice, freedom and world peace as we pray for those regions and peoples in our world experiencing war and conflict still today,” he said.

Concord executive staff laid wreaths at the Centenary Garden before staff, patients and visitors were invited to add their own poppies as a mark of commemoration.



Professor Pierre Chapuis honoured

Colorectal surgeon Professor Pierre Chapuis has been named Honorary Consultant Emeritus at Concord Hospital.

Professor Chapuis' appointment follows his recent retirement from Concord after a distinguished career providing exemplary service to the hospital and its patients for more than 40 years.



Professor Chapuis, who was also the Co-Chair of the Concord Institute of Academic Surgery, made significant contributions across the hospital's work.

Professor Chapuis has been a supportive and influential supervisor to many PhD students, has led the surgical masters program for many years and been a mentor for many academic surgeons.



He served as a Senior Lecturer in the Discipline of Surgery at Sydney University, before his promotion in 2014 to Professor of Surgery and Director of Postgraduate Surgical Education.

Associate Professor Sarah Aitken, Chair of the Concord Institute of Academic Surgery, said Professor Chapuis' mentoring played a pivotal role in her own career.

“Pierre encouraged my interest in surgery when I was a young female medical student, unwavering in his belief that I would make an excellent surgeon,” she said.

“He hasn't ceased in his encouragement since then.”

One of Professor Chapuis' greatest achievements has been his instrumental role in establishing and maintaining the world's largest single-unit colorectal cancer database – the Colorectal Cancer Health Outcomes & Values Research Project.

Associate Professor Aitken said the influence of this work should not be underestimated.

“The work that came from that has shaped the staging and understanding of colorectal surgery internationally,” she said.

Step up for cancer survivorship

The Concord Hospital community has been urged to Step Up for Cancer Survivorship to help improve the lives of cancer patients.

The fundraising program will run throughout June and provide much-needed support for Concord's Sydney Cancer Survivorship Centre.

Medical oncologist Janette Vardy, the centre's director, said the Step Up fundraiser was vital in providing services to cancer patients.

“It's essential to be able to just even maintain the work we're currently doing,” she said.

“It contributes to paying for the instructors, for the free courses that we run for our cancer survivors, which includes things like art therapy, music therapy, Pilates, etc.”

Participants can register as individuals or teams, with a tax-deductible \$25 donation, and seek sponsorship

for their commitment to undertake physical activity throughout June.



Dr Vardy said she would be participating again this year despite the fact she is on crutches with a broken foot.

She is not the best fundraiser in her household, however. That title belongs to Coco, her Cavalier King Charles spaniel.

“He registers separately and he always raises more money than I do because he's cute,” Dr Vardy said.

Visit stepupforcancersurvivorship.org.au to register.

New hope for MND patients



A breakthrough drug being used to treat a Concord Hospital patient offers a “real glimmer of hope” for sufferers of motor neurone disease (MND).

Neurologist Professor Steve Vucic says the development of the drug Tofersen – which he is using to treat patient Luca Cacciotti – is a landmark moment in the fight against MND. He says the results of a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine showed remarkable improvements.

“It showed that patients that received Tofersen for a longer period of time did better in terms of disease, muscle weakness, and other clinical symptoms,” said Professor Vucic, Director of Concord’s Brain and Nerve Research Centre.

“In actual fact, some of them stabilised and started to improve, which was a remarkable result.”

Professor Vucic stressed those early results needed to be validated in a recently completed phase three study but said he was excited about the potential for the drug.

Tofersen is a genetic therapy that targets a specific genetic abnormality in some patients with MND. It binds to a protein produced by a gene called superoxide dismutase 1 (SOD1), preventing the protein from causing neuro degeneration.

Mr Cacciotti said his life was turned upside-down when he was diagnosed with MND late last year.

“It was a huge hit. It was like a sledgehammer - my life changed forever in that moment,” he told The Saturday Telegraph in a recent interview.

Mr Cacciotti said Tofersen’s benefits far outweighed the discomfort of the drug being injected by Professor Vucic via a lumbar puncture.

“The pain is nothing in comparison to the outcome,” he said.

Professor Vucic said Tofersen would be suitable for a small proportion of MND patients but could hold the key to treatment for all sufferers of the condition.

“[Tofersen] would affect about 1 percent of all of the patients that we see,” he said.

“So, it’s a small proportion but it’s a very good model for how to progress further. It’s really a movement towards

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Professor Steve Vucic talks to MND patient Luca Cacciotti about his treatment with Tofersen. Credit: Tim Hunter/Sunday Telegraph



Dementia is everyone’s business

When Patrick Honeine’s father Samir, aged 76, was diagnosed with early onset dementia 18 months ago, it was a difficult adjustment for the family.



Samir Honeine (left) with his family, including son Patrick (right) at the Dementia Framework launch at Concord.

“Dad has always been a very active and extremely intelligent person ... Unfortunately, the situation very quickly deteriorated, and we were pretty much left trying to understand how to help,” he said.

Working with Sydney Local Health District’s dementia respite service, Patrick and his family receive support and guidance about accessing services and respite care.

This support gives the family the comfort to know Samir is being cared for as well as providing the chance for some much-needed rest, particularly for his mum.

“Both of these lovely ladies (home care workers) have been an absolute Godsend to our family,” Patrick said.

“They have just adapted to him so well, whether it’s just sitting quietly with Dad, having a cup of coffee or playing card games.”

Patrick, Samir and their family joined Dr Andrew Hallahan, District Executive Director of Medical Services, and Clinical Associate Professor John Cullen, Clinical Director Aged Care Services at Kalparrin Centre in Concord, to launch the District’s new Dementia Active Healthcare Framework and Roadmap 2024-30.

The Framework will guide Sydney Local Health District’s delivery of care to people with dementia, with consideration for the current landscape of dementia care, recognising the partnerships required and importance of offering a range of services to meet the diverse needs of each individual.

Clinical Associate Professor John Cullen emphasised how the supports provided to patients and their families need to be multidisciplinary, flexible and dynamic, to change when a person’s needs change.

what we refer to as precision medicine ... If we can identify what is the predominating cause [of MND] in a specific patient, we can then tailor treatment to them.”

Professor Vucic said the availability of Tofersen had already transformed his practice.

“I now do a genetic test on all of my patients that come in with motor neurone disease, and explain to them why I’m doing it,” he said.

“And if I identify a person with an SD1 mutation, then I would offer them the stream. And if they’re suitable for it ... you would offer it to them ... So that’s how it’s transformed what we do and that’s quite exciting. We’ve been forced into precision medicine, which is fantastic.”

Sally Sitou visit

Federal Member for Reid Sally Sitou visited Concord Hospital on 5 March for a tour of the Concord Cancer Centre.

Ms Sitou, whose electorate includes Concord, also visited the Palliative Care Service, Ward 1A and the Day Therapy Service during her visit.



She spoke to Concord Cancer Centre staff about their work and to patient Emiliana Siasat about her treatment.

Concord Hospital acting General

Manager Joseph Jewitt said the visit was a great opportunity to highlight the centre’s work.

“It was great to see our staff proudly talking about the amazing care they provide for our patients every day,” Mr Jewitt said.

The Concord Cancer Centre is a nurse-led outpatient treatment unit providing assessment, treatment, and supportive care for up to 70 patients a day. The treatments administered in the centre consist of chemotherapy, immunotherapy, blood and blood products, hormone therapies and the care and management of central venous access devices.

Celebrating 25 years of HIV and dementia care



Lorraine Sutherland is forever grateful for the care given to her son, Aaron.

"The Yaralla staff are the family that are here for the residents each day. When

we, their other families, can't always be here," she said.

Her personal reflection was one of the stories shared to celebrate 25 years of state-wide HIV and Dementia care residential services, now administered in Yaralla House.

The unique facility, situated on the historic Dame Eadith Walker Estate in Concord, offers nursing-led residential care for people with HIV cognitive impairment to have the highly skilled level of care appropriate to their needs.

"This is quite a milestone for our service. It's been a time of extraordinary change over those 25 years," said Dr Roger Garsia, Immunologist and Director District HIV Services and Yaralla House.

Current residents, staff and friends of the service joined Dr Garsia to listen to personal reflections from people who have been touched by the unique service.

Guests included Reverend David Anthonisz Concord Hospital Anglican Chaplain, District Board Members, past staff members, and partners from ACON, Positive Life, the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation, Tree of Hope, and Adahps.

Lisa-Anne Scaturchio, Yaralla House Nursing Unit Manager, is also proud of her team and the care they provide to residents.

"We give patient-centred care, not diagnostic-specific care. It is care in the truest sense.



Celebrating our midwives

For Natasha Fotofili there was never a question about where she wanted to work as a Registered Midwife.

"Since I was a student, I wanted to work at Concord Midwifery Group Practice because it allows that relationship-based care, where you get to know the families across the whole pregnancy, which is just beautiful, it is the best part of the job," said Natasha, who is now a Registered Midwife in the clinic.

Concord Hospital's Midwifery Group Practice is a small team of midwives providing care for clients who have a low chance of developing complications in pregnancy.

Where possible, the clinic allocates the same midwife to care for a client through pregnancy, childbirth and with in-home visits in the weeks after birth.

"There is a building of trust, there is a friendship building along the way, you get to know a lot more about the family, what their wishes are ... and you really want to look after them on the day they do birth their babies," Natasha said.

One family Natasha has cared for through the clinic is Bianca and her baby daughter Peggy.

They first met when Bianca was 12 weeks into her pregnancy. Natasha saw Bianca at Concord Hospital for prenatal appointments and was with her at RPA Hospital for Peggy's birth.

"On the day she went into labour, I was on call, and we went into RPA together ... and Peggy was born on my birthday," Natasha laughed.

Bianca said she was apprehensive about childbirth when she fell pregnant, but meeting Natasha changed that.

"She was just so calm and peaceful and just gave me this real sense of faith in my body and so much confidence in my biological ability to have a baby," Bianca said.



Harkness Fellowship for Sarah Aitken



Concord Institute of Academic Surgery chair Associate Professor Sarah Aitken has been named the 2024-25 Australian Harkness Fellow.

The vascular surgeon will travel to the University of California San Francisco in September to begin her year-long project on planning for health workforce diversity. The project will look at how institutions in Australia and the US implement diversity and inclusion policies to ensure equity in their respective health systems.

Associate Professor Aitken – who is also head of surgery at the University of Sydney – said reflecting the

communities they serve could help hospitals and educational institutions better serve those communities.

"There's a lot of scope to be thinking about, what does our community look like and how do we represent that in our workforce?" she said.

"And what needs to change at the leadership level to make this happen? So that's kind of where my interest came. And it ultimately comes down to being able to provide the best care for our patients."

The Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice, administered by New York's Commonwealth Fund, support year-long comparative research projects with mentoring from US experts.

Associate Professor Aitken said Sydney Local Health District had made great strides in building a diverse and inclusive workforce and could play a leading role in helping other organisations do the same.

"I think that as a District we've done some amazing work in the space of LGBTI workforce and creating a workplace that's really open and inclusive," she said.

"But it's not enough just to be looking at our own backyard ... And I think there's real scope here for Sydney Local Health District to be part of leading those discussions."



A bloody great thank you

The Foundation for A Bloody Great Cause, the Bloody Great Committee, and Concord Hospital's Haematology Clinical Research Unit (CRU) welcomed some of their supporters to a special event on Wednesday 10 April.

Professor Judith Trotman, Head of Haematology at Concord Hospital, welcomed past event sponsors and generous donors and thanked them for their continuing support.

As part of the evening, the supporters were taken on a "behind the scenes" tour of the Concord Cancer Centre.

The guests were able to take a rare look at amazing high-tech laboratories where all blood samples are tested for diagnostic purposes, ready for specific treatments.



REDEVELOPMENT

Concord Forensic Mental Health Unit

The construction company Built has been awarded the main works contract for the new Concord Forensic Mental Health Unit.

The contract was awarded in May and meetings are being set up to finalise the new complex's design and commence equipment procurement activities.

The purpose-built forensic mental health facility will be built as an expansion of the Concord Centre of Mental Health and its services, on the grounds of Concord Hospital.

The project is part of the NSW Government's \$700 million investment in the Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program and it is expected to be complete by the end of 2025.

Complementing the existing forensic mental health services at Concord Hospital, the new facility will provide additional low and medium secure mental health beds for long stay patients.

It will be named "Burudyara" (pronounced BOO-ruhd-YA-ruh), which is a local Aboriginal word



meaning 'butterfly', in line with NSW Health's approach to building stronger connections between our facilities and the lands on which they're built.

Burudyara will improve the capacity of Mental Health Services to provide appropriate mental health care to people with mental illness who are, or who have been, in contact with the criminal justice system. The facility is due to be completed by late 2025.

Multi-storey car park

A topping out ceremony in late May marked a key milestone in the Concord Hospital Multi-Storey Car Park project. Sydney Local Health District Executive staff, Concord Hospital acting General Manager Joseph Jewitt



and Redevelopment Transition and Planning Manager Deb Gowdy joined staff from Health Infrastructure, project managers bd infrastructure and builders Lipman.

A tree was installed on the top level of the car park to mark the occasion as part of a construction tradition that stretches back more than 1000 years. The five-level structure topped out in mid-May and the project is on track to be completed by the end of 2024.

The \$32.4 million car park project is the final step in completing the hospital's redevelopment, which also included construction of the on-grade P3 staff car park and the \$341 million Rusty Priest Building.

The multi-storey car park will add an additional 550 new spaces, taking parking capacity for Concord Hospital to more than 2300 spaces, improving access to healthcare services for the whole community.

The structure also includes 10 accessible spaces, lift access and provisions for the potential addition of electric vehicle charging stations. Security measures will include CCTV coverage and duress points on each level.

Staff stars



Team of the quarter

Concord Oncology Pharmacy Team

The Concord Oncology Pharmacy Team works to produce lifesaving medications to patients in the day therapy centre, serving more than 100 patients daily.

This team's collaborative approach is emphasised in their multidisciplinary team meetings, where pharmacists can

escalate issues or raise concerns about a patient's treatment. The mentoring of experienced staff has been outstanding, enabling new members to quickly assimilate, learn and become productive members of the team.



Employees of the month

January



Aung Mon Maran, Environmental Services

Aung consistently works extremely hard to keep patients and staff safe by his level of commitment to cleanliness in the Day Therapy

Centre & Apheresis Unit. He is a hard worker who takes pride in his job and shows kindness to all that he meets.

February



Tess Hawkins, Aged Health and Rehabilitation

Tess is an outstanding exercise physiologist who has shown excellent leadership in establishing the Centre for STRONG Medicine. Tess leads her

team and mentors each individual, encouraging them to grow and develop, and empowers patients to realise the benefits of exercise in maintaining their health, function and quality of life.

March



Jehan Loke, Radiology

Jehan, Senior Radiographer CT, has done a fabulous job in implementing the new Emergency Department CT while demonstrating amazing inter-professional communication,

leadership, managerial and education on this complex project. He is always open to feedback and has prepared materials and always made himself available when needed.

April



Ivy Gough, Palliative Care

Ivy, a Clinical Nurse Consultant, has excellent communication skills and is honest and respectful in her interactions with staff and patients

alike. Not only is she confident, but she seeks to instil confidence in others as well. She is a real asset to the team.

May



Jennifer Bartlett, Rheumatology

After an established career in Haematology/Oncology nursing at Concord, Jennifer has embraced her role as a Rheumatology nurse. She

has sought to enhance her knowledge of Rheumatology nursing and has forged useful collaborations with Rheumatology nurses in other tertiary hospitals. She is respectful of all people and genuinely cares for her patients. Jennifer's approach in empowering patients with education has led to improved patient outcomes and medication compliance with disease outcome measures. She is an exemplary staff member.

Teleburns service keeps patients at home



When Griffith man Thomas Shields accidentally stepped on hot coals from a campfire, he made his way to the local hospital.

Often a burn injury would require a transfer to Sydney to continue his treatment but the Teleburns service operated out of Concord Hospital's Burns Unit meant Thomas could stay close to home.

Teleburns staff at Griffith Hospital assessed Thomas' injuries during a teleconference with their Concord colleagues and determined that he could receive appropriate treatment at Griffith.

"Being able to just do a five-minute drive down here, it saves so much time," he said.

Fiona Shields, Thomas' mother, described the Teleburns service as a godsend.

"It's just so much better to be able to be at home," Fiona said.

"We're six hours away, 600 kays away [from Sydney] ... So it's not like you can drive down in the morning and come back in the afternoon, because that's 12 hours."

The Teleburns service has operated since 2021 with the aim of providing optimal burns care as close to home as possible for regional patients. This enhanced model of care provides support via MS Teams and a high-definition pan tilt zoom camera to provide virtual multidisciplinary care at six sites in NSW.

Local state MP Jason Yat-Sen Li toured Concord's Burns Unit recently to see the Teleburns service in action.

we are able to support burns patients and clinicians in rural communities

"It's amazing to see how online technology can help achieve better health outcomes for burns patients," said Mr Li, the Member for Strathfield.

"And it's inspiring to see the team here at Concord working with teams across NSW to ensure those outcomes while keeping patients as close to their homes as possible."

NSW Teleburns Concord is led by Nurse Practitioner Miranda Pye, who said the service sought to treat patients in the best place at the right time. She said a patient's postcode should not determine their burn injury outcome.

"Last year the NSW Teleburns service at Concord provided support to 125 patients," Miranda said.

"Of all of these, only 10 had to travel to Sydney. This is remarkable because we are able to support burns patients and clinicians in rural communities and ensure they have optimal burns outcomes."

Miranda said staff such as nurse Alba Papisidero at Griffith helped to keep patients at home while still ensuring patients received the best possible care.

Gym

Exercise classes are back at the Concord Hospital Staff Gym. Members can register for unlimited classes.

As a special offer, SLHD staff who are not gym members can attend up to five free classes without a membership for all of June.

To learn more about the classes on offer, scan to see the timetable and class descriptions, then book to secure your place. Numbers are limited to 13 people per class.



A look back in time

Army nurses and other personnel from the then 113th Australian General Hospital parade outside the front of the hospital for Anzac Day commemorations circa 1944. At the time the hospital was the biggest in the southern hemisphere, with more than 2000 beds, and its staff conducted some of the most cutting-edge procedures of the era.

Get in touch

We would love to hear from you. To provide feedback, suggest stories or submit a staff photo, please contact our Concord Connection working group SLHD-ConcordConnection@health.nsw.gov.au



Events

22 June

Sydney Cancer Survivorship Centre Benefit Concert

Strathfield Symphony Orchestra presents American Plains

Strathfield Town Hall, 7.30pm

Tickets: \$50 (adults), \$30 (concession) and \$130 (family)

Available from www.stepupforcancersurvivorship.org.au/merch

2 September

Concord Hospital quarterly staff update

Robert Lusby Auditorium, Medical Education Centre

2pm-3pm

18 October

Concord Hospital quarterly staff update

Save the date - A Bloody Great Night Out

Doltone House, Darling Island Wharf, Pyrmont

Tickets on sale soon.

For further information email: committee@abloodygreatcause.com.au

Find out more about Sydney Local Health District's community events at: slhd.health.nsw.gov.au/sydneyconnect/events

Step Up

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CANCER SURVIVORSHIP



This June, will you take the challenge and step up for cancer survivors?

We're calling on the community to commit to a personal goal in their favourite physical activity for the month of June and help raise funds for our free programs for cancer survivors. You can walk, run, dance, swim, kayak, play tennis, hop backwards, or do any kind of physical activity that you enjoy.

Register, make a tax-deductible donation or sponsor a friend or family member. Funds raised will help us ensure that people diagnosed with cancer live the lives they want, in the best health possible.

The Sydney Cancer Survivorship Centre is dedicated to help survivors and families better manage their treatment beyond its acute diagnosis and care.



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