

Centre for Education and Training APRIL/MAY 2015

April was Standard 10, Falls Prevention; May is Standard Four, Medication Safety; June is Standard 9, Patient Deterioration. Keep an eye on the PDP calendar for education and training sessions for these NSQHS Standards.

Falls Prevention Equipment and Devices Product Showcase



April (NSQHS Standard 10, Falls Prevention Month) started with a day of learning and perusing opportunities for all staff from BHS with the Falls Prevention Equipment and Devices Product Showcase. The showcase was held across two sites, ERC Ballarat Base Hospital and QE Lederman Hall. Equipment and devices ranged from sensor mats, non-slip socks, footwear (for staff and patients/residents), the latest in new technology in falls prevention in beds, lifting and transfer

aids, and air mattresses. The day was well received by those who attended the day as it offered staff the opportunity to view the latest innovations, ask questions and have a 'play' with the equipment.

Pictured above is Anne Griffith from ArjoHunt Leigh with Ashlee, a 4th year Paramedicine/Nursing student from ACU demonstrating the Sarah Plus, standing and raising aid.

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Congratulations to 105 years of combined wisdom. Well done!

Congratulations to the following CET team members who were acknowledged for their years of service to BHS in April

Carolyn Driscoll – 10 years

Marian Fox – 10 years

Wendy Porteous – 10 years

Fiona Strauss – 15 years

Peter Timms – 15 years

Samantha Gent – 20 years

Debbie Ware – 25 years

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Gallipoli

Sarah Birtles, CNE–Professional Development, was selected as a volunteer with Conservation Volunteers Australia to assist with the Commemorative Services as part of the Centenary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. Sixty participants from Australia and New Zealand (most of whom had either a medical/nursing background or a link with Gallipoli) spent 11 days touring the Battlefields and Cemeteries and learning about the key locations and people involved in the Gallipoli Campaign. The volunteers were required to assist with a variety of tasks, including registering buses, wrist banding patrons post security checks and providing support to mobility assisted patrons. A large component involved assisting those with mobility issues onto buses and transition through the services as well as recognizing those requiring medical care and assisting them to the medical and warming tents as necessary. Although there were people of all ages, there were many elderly people who required significant assistance during the 30 or so hour period.

This year there were almost 12000 people attending the Dawn Service, requiring a significant amount of work from the Department of Veteran Affairs, the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces, Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Turkish Government and *Jandarma*. Visitors began arriving at the site at about 1000hrs on the 24th April where they spent the night prior to the Dawn Service. Following the Dawn Service, the Australian contingent walked to Lone Pine to attend the Service commencing mid-morning. The New Zealand visitors walked to Chunuk Bair to attend the Memorial Service at that site. Those who had registered as Assisted Mobility or who required medical assistance prior to this were transported via shuttle buses. Due to the logistical issues, the last visitors left the area at about 1900 of the 25th April – a long day for all.

The Gallipoli experience was wonderful and rewarding yet very emotional. The Turkish tour guides gave us great insight to what our ancestors endured – it is very difficult to imagine.....



CET Staff Update

- Wendy Porteous has taken on a project as part of the DoH and E3learning development of e-learning.
- Mel White has taken on the CNE–Emergency role in a full time capacity till the end of this year.
- We congratulate Fiona Strauss in her new six month role as Practice Improvement Officer within the Quality team. Fiona will work 12 hours a fortnight with us undertaking medical observations of practice audits with Wendy.
- We welcome back Jo Campbell into the role of Clinical Teacher after her tenure with the GARM Unit working as Project Officer for Standard 10– Falls.
- We welcome Kristee Winters to the SimVan team.
- We welcome Teri O’Dowd into the role of CNE–Critical Care, working predominately Tuesdays.
- We congratulate Marian Fox in her new role of Acting Graduate Transition Coordinator. Marian commenced this role on the 11th May for 25 weeks while Marilyn Kearney is off enjoying her world adventures.
- We welcome Paula Britt –Clinical Support Nurse (Graduate Nurse) to the Graduate Support Team.

EN TRAINEES GROUP THREE GRADUATION

Congratulations to the 11 nurses who have recently completed their Diploma of Nursing via the Ballarat Health Services Traineeship Program. Balancing work, study and personal commitments is always a challenge and the dedication and commitment which has seen them succeed is a significant achievement. Particular acknowledgement needs to be made to Beryl Harding for receiving the Academic Achievement Award along with Rebecca Romeo who was recognised for excellence by her peers.

Success for the students of this course would not be possible without the expert teaching and support of the Course Coordinator Emma-Lee Fell who took over the role from Gay Corbett along with the Managers and staff of the Residential Aged Care Directorate. I would also like to congratulate both Nancy Varghese (PS Hobson) and Tracey Breust (Geoffrey Cutter Unit) for their outstanding support of the EN Trainees which was acknowledged by the trainees through Staff Recognition Awards.

“I wish you all the very best for a long, fulfilling and successful nursing career”.

Sue Gerversoni—Executive Director Residential and Quality Services

‘New Post Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing – Oncology’

This post graduate program has commenced at Ballarat Health Services in partnership with ACU with two students commencing in the first semester. Submission for mid-year intake is currently advertised on the ACU website.

The content of the program is provided online however; tutorials, resources and clinical support is available to students through CET at Ballarat Health Services.

Further information about the program can be obtained by:

ACU website <http://www.acu.edu.au/> and clicking on courses or contacting Robyn McIntyre if you require further general information on:

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Yuille Park Community College CET Visit

In response to the CET donation in December last year to the Yuille Park Community College Breakfast Program, Mr. Clete Paige—Principle, invited Denielle Beardmore and the team for lunch with the students at the school. This invitation was the children's way of saying 'thank you' to the team; acknowledging the support given and empowering the students to have ownership of their future endeavours . The lunch also provided the opportunity for member of the CET Team to meet our possible future health care clinicians.

The following is an excerpt from the letter sent to Denielle Beardmore from Nat Vercoe—Kitchen Specialist. (Yuille Park Community College)

"Just wanted to thank you for your continued support of our school, particularly towards the breakfast club and supporting our café last Thursday.

I'm so sorry I didn't get the opportunity to come out and thank you all personally on the day, it was a little bit hectic (but exciting!), but wanted to let you know that we really appreciated your time and patience with our amazing group of kids.

Although we are always grateful of your generous donations, having you all come in is such a fabulous way to support these kids in connecting with our wider community. I feel it is so important for them to contribute to society, how that can give a sense of belonging and importance in the world. We are hopefully breaking a few moulds, by building their confidence, and helping them to realise they are capable, regardless of their circumstances".

Nat Vercoe

Pictured below: Members of the CET Team with Vic-Principle Mr Brett Shillito

