

DONATELIFE WEEK 19 - 26 FEBRUARY 2012 “ASK AND KNOW YOUR LOVED ONES’ DONATION WISHES

Would you know what to say if you were asked “Did they want to be an organ donor?”

To help encourage more Australians to discuss organ donation, Ballarat Health Services along with DonateLife are holding an Organ Donation Awareness Walk in Ballarat during DonateLife Week, Sunday 19 - 26 February 2012.

The Awareness Walk – “Walk and Talk for Organ Donation Awareness” will take place in the Botanical Gardens of Lake Wendouree on Sunday the 19th February 2012 starting at 10am.

We wish to invite you to participate in the walk, take an active part in this important awareness campaign and hear from Federal Parliamentarian Catherine King and Ballarat Mayor Mark Harris on the subject of Organ Donation.

Following the walk there will be a free sausage sizzle, musical entertainment, presentations of personal stories from locals touched by the gift of organ donation and the opportunity to register your wish to become an organ donor.

If you have any queries in relation to the above or anything to do with organ and tissue donation, please do not hesitate to contact **Larna Kennedy** on 0411323006 or via email lar_nak@bhs.org.au These same contact details are for you register your intent to participate in the walk.

Date:	Sunday 19th February 2012, 10am
Place:	Lake Wendouree, Botanical Gardens
Details :	Free Sausage Sizzle, Local transplant recipient's story entered into the “ <i>Book of Life</i> ”, Local Senior Nurses to answer questions.



Ballarat Health Services

Nursing Services Forum— 2 February 2012

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Message from the Executive Director Acute Nursing & Midwifery

Happy New Year, I hope that you all had an opportunity to relax and spend quality time with family and friends over the Christmas New Year period.

Thank you to all the staff once again for your hard work and commitment to providing best possible care to patients and their families over the holiday break, the activity through the emergency department and on the wards was consistently high and at times challenging on many levels. I am aware of the issues raised around pharmacy, radiology and pathology services availability to support the clinical areas over the public holiday period; this is actively being followed up and reviewed with all the key areas and has been highlighted as a concern with Executive Staff Council. We are collaboratively working through the issues so as we can ensure we improve service provision and timely delivery of care during this time and in periods where public holidays fall. Well 2012 has started off with a bang!! We have many important projects that have commenced in January and

February that are all patient focused and working towards best outcomes for patients and their families.

The key projects that have kicked off this month are:

- Liverpool care Pathway
- Six Pack Falls Project
- Observation and Response Chart Phase 2 Trial
- Implementation of the New National Labelling recommendations for injectable medicines, lines and fluids.

Whilst I am aware that this may initially add to the pressure of managing constant and at times challenging workloads across the clinical areas, I am extremely encouraged by the enthusiasm and the commitment of the Nurse Unit Managers and their nursing teams to embrace this work. The projects all interlink in some way and are all underpinned with the objective to improve the patient journey and experience at BHS and to ultimately achieve best outcomes and deliver excellent care to the community. The key focus for the Nurs-



ing Directorate this year is to continue to be Patient Focussed and Outcome driven by embracing all opportunities to critically review and reflect on our practices, actively and constructively participate and be open to all possibilities. I look forward to working through all the challenges and opportunities we will drive and be involved in over the next 12 months and I am always open to hearing your thoughts and feedback on any matters that you want to explore or are concerned about. Please don't hesitate to talk to me directly, email or by phone. leannesh@bhs.org.au ext: 94236

Influenza and you!

It's that time again.

The Infection prevention and Control Unit is again in the planning stages for the Influenza vaccination program. PDP education sessions have commenced, which present many thought provoking statistics about the effect of influenza illness on the public and on health care providers. The influenza program will commence late in March. Everyone will soon receive the consent form with their pay slips. In order to make the process efficient and quick for staff we request that staff complete the form and bring it to the session when vaccinations are being administered. The reverse side of the form is for completion by people who refuse the administration or have it given to them elsewhere. We are required to submit refusals to the Department of Health as part of our data collection to VICNISS. This year we will be again offering a large number of sessions throughout the health service and at all sites, at various times and days, and over several weeks. Staff can access these sessions at any advertised site, day and time, and at staff immunisation clinics. The sessions will be advertised on the intranet on a daily basis. Published literature widely recommends that all health care workers have an influenza vaccination on an annual basis, for their own and their family's protection. We also have a duty of care to those in our care to ensure their safety.





CEO Communiqué—Development Update

In recent years Ballarat Health Services has been very successful in securing grants to re-develop its facilities. Significant factors which have affected this include the growing demand for services, heightened acuity, increasing patient throughput, and the fact that BHS has a current masterplan which outlines the future development of the Base Hospital site. Recently completed projects include:

Redevelopment of the Adult Acute Unit Mental Health Service

- Redevelopment of the Emergency Department including provision of fast track bays and 8 bed short stay unit
- Construction of a Cardiovascular Suite
- Construction of a Special Care Nursery and Midwifery Outpatients
- Construction of the Deakin Clinical School and renovation of the Library
- Provision of BreastScreen services.

Recently an additional ICU bed has also been opened.

Projects currently under construction include parental accommodation adjacent to the Special Care Nursery, the \$55M Ballarat Regional Integrated Cancer Centre (BRICC) and the creation of an energy centre attached to the boiler house to expand the power supply.

BHS has also received funding to relocate administrative departments from Yuille House and opted to do so by constructing two additional floors in the BRICC, levels four and five. The aim of relocating the administrative departments is to allow the demolition of Yuille House to facilitate the construction of an Ambulatory Care Building.

Prior to the last State Election the Coalition pledged to increase bed numbers on the Base Hospital site. During 2011 various options for increasing bed numbers have been considered. The preferred

option is to remove all Specialist Clinics from the areas adjacent to the wards and extend beds right across each floor; this will obviously require re-design of each floor and the relocation of Specialist Clinics.

The re-design of each ward floor will allow some of the significant deficiencies that are readily evident to be addressed. These include staff stations, bathroom facilities, storage, access to computers, facilities for bariatric patients and teaching areas. It may be necessary to relocate Specialist Clinics temporarily into Yuille House pending the construction of a purpose built Ambulatory Care Building.

Over recent weeks Executive staff have been working with consultants to develop a business case to be considered for inclusion in the May State Budget. Projects that will be included in the business case include:

- Bed expansion and associated works
- Helipad
- Multi-deck car park.

The outcome of the business case will be known when the May State budget is released.

It will obviously take some time to commission the additional beds. In the meantime, given the pressure on existing beds, we will need to continue to pursue efforts to improve discharge planning, increase utilization of day surgery and apply treat in turn principles.

Members of the Executive are available to talk to wards, departments and groups about these developments.



Presentation On DonateLife Week by Larna Kennedy Hospital Nurse of Organ and Tissue Donation



Maternity and Special Care Nursery Capital Project

The Maternity and Special Care Nursery Capital Project is nearing completion with the final works - incorporating two parent accommodation units and a new Labour Ward triage facility on 5th Floor Henry Bolte Wing - on schedule for completion by the end of February 2012.

With the Special Care Nursery having moved to 5 West, we are maximising the space left behind to improve our family centered approach to service provision. The new refurbishment includes one single and one double bedroom with ensuites that will be available for the parents of babies receiving inpatient care. This facility will also be used to assist rooming-in between babies and their parents/carers prior to discharge from the Special Care Nursery. Additionally the refurbishment will accommodate an improved clinical facility for Labour Ward triage and antenatal patient assessment and monitoring. This space includes a two bay clinical consultation room and sitting area that will have the flexibility to provide increased privacy for waiting patients and their families.



Diabetes Education Activities

The Diabetes Education Unit is holding two (2) activities for Type 1 Families and Carers in February and March.

What: BBQ Night For Type 1 Families and Carers
When: 10 February 2012 from 6pm onwards
Where: Lake Wendouree (Big Playground)
Bring your own tea, chairs etc

What: Information & Exercise Night for Type 1 – Guest Speakers Attending
When: Friday 23rd March 2012 at 7.00pm
Where: St Patrick's Hall, Sturt Street

All Enquiries to Diabetes Education on 5320 (9) 6754 or barbw@bhs.org.au

Regional Maternity Services Website

The Regional Maternity Services Website (www.grhc.org.au) was developed to provide regional maternity staff with information and access to BHS policies and guidelines, eLearning resources, midwifery programs, midwifery resources, education and training, and consumer information. To date total downloads from the website for our CPG's alone was 4,949. The hot topics were Antenatal Expression with 366 and all of the Fetal Surveillance CPG's. These figures show that the site has been well received in the region and that regional midwifery staff have availed themselves of this important resource.

