

Mersey Messenger

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CEO's Message –

Hello to All,

I can't believe that I have been at the Mersey Community Hospital for one month - it's true time flies when you're having fun!

Since starting I have had the opportunity to meet with a large number of staff and am very impressed by the determination and commitment to providing a high standard of health care to our patients and clients. I have also been impressed by the very pragmatic and generally positive attitude that is taken by the staff to the future of the health network on the North West Coast. Mersey has a strong role to play in this regard.

I have advertised for a number of posts since September 1st including General Manager, Director of Medical Services and Director of Finance. I will also be advertising for the position of GP Liaison Officer and a senior HR Advisor role.

As soon as appointments are made to these roles I will advise staff.

I have appointed Sonia Lillico to the role of Acting GM Mersey Projects. Sonia commenced on Tuesday September 30th and will be with us until end of December. Sonia's office is on the 2nd floor and she can be contacted via Jo Hobbs. Sonia has signing authority for most things and will be at the hospital 4 days per week.

For those of you I haven't caught up with I look forward to meeting you over the next month.

Best wishes

Jane

Welcome—Sonia Lillico



Paying Tribute
To The
Vital Role
of
Seniors
Within Our
Community

Seniors Week

1st–7th October, 2008

Celebrates the valuable contribution Seniors make to our Community.

Seniors Week is an opportunity to focus on positive attitudes towards ageing and to increase public awareness of the rich and varied lives of older people.

"Most older people live actively and independently. "Four out of five people over the age of 70-years-old do not use any age care specific services.





Burnie Show

3rd, 4th
October,
2008



Mrs Jean Moyle Mersey pays Tribute to a Respected Lady

After moving from the West Coast in 1976, Jean joined the Mersey Community Hospital Auxiliary in 1979 a most dedicated and conscientious member working in the kiosk until retiring due to ill health this year. Although retiring from these duties Jean still contributed and attended all meetings both at a regional and state level.

Jean served in the position of President of our MCH Auxiliary for 12 years, she was also Past Chairman of 6 State Conferences and Past President of the Council of Auxiliaries. Her interest in the Hospital and it's role within the Community lead Jean to become an active



member of the MCH Community Advisory Committee spanning over a five year period.

A much loved and respected member who will be sadly missed.

Jean Irene Moyle

19th August, 24 – 7th September, 08

Casting and Splinting Workshop John Kinealy & Smith & Nephew

On Friday 5th September, 2008 Hospital Attendants and Allied Health Staff participated in a Casting and Splinting Workshop kindly sponsored by Smith and Nephew. The 1 Day Workshop provided casting and splinting techniques through intensive hands on instruction

and application from experienced Instructor, Mr John Kinealy.

John is a Certified Orthopaedic Technical Consultant with 25 years casting experience. John has conducted training sessions in Australia, New Zealand, China and P.N.G.

This unique opportunity provided staff with valuable skills to confidently administer in the workplace.



Attendant, DANIEL PURSELL is experiencing being "the patient".

Staff Farewell Long Serving Colleague Heather Loone, After Hours Co-Ordinator

Heather's career in Mersey Community Hospital was one of great achievement, compassion and leadership.

Heather commenced training in 1958 as a Registered Nurse, then spent time at Calvery Hospital to complete her Midwifery training, after which she returned to Mersey.

Heather worked in all nursing areas within the hospital

showing commitment and dedication as she progressed. In 1967 she was appointed Assistant Director of Nursing and remained in that position until 1985 when she accepted the position of After Hours Co-ordinator.

We wish Heather a relaxing and enjoyable retirement.



Tasmanian Hospitals & Healthcare Facilities 55th Annual Conference

Chairman: Sheryl Rockliff—Mersey Community Hospital

Last week the Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities Auxiliaries held their Annual Conference at the "Grange" in Campbell town. A central venue for the 1st one day conference.

100 delegates attended representing 34 Auxiliaries from throughout the State.

Apart from 4 large auxiliaries attached to

our State hospitals 2/3rds have a membership of 20 or less but all make a wonderful contribution to the State Health System.

This year of the 34 reports received \$644,500.00 was raised to buy equipment and comforts for our Hospitals and Healthcare Centres.

A wonderful achievement!

Mersey Community Hospital Auxiliary Committee for 2008

Congratulations are extended to the 2008 Mersey Community Hospital Auxiliary Executive Committee comprising of: President—Karen Addison Secretary—Trish Hollister and Treasurer—Olwen Hedditch.

Staff and Management would like to extend best wishes to Karen, Trish and Olwen on their

Executive appointments and look forward to continuing our close association with the MCH Auxiliary.

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of Management and Staff to sincerely thank the Auxiliary Committee and Members for their tremendous achievements throughout 2007. "Thank You"



Trish

Karen

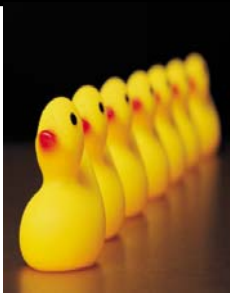
Olwen

Security Segment!



All Staff should be diligent when parking personal vehicles.

Please ensure windows and doors are secured, and valuables are out of sight.



ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Introducing the Mersey Survey Team - 28/10/2008 to 30/10/2008

Ms Christine Minogue Coordinator - RN, RM, BA, MHA

Commenced surveying in 2000 - (Corporate and Support Functions)

Divisional Director (Nursing) Community at the Royal Children's Hospital 1989-2005

RCH Program Manager Integrated Mental Health Program Sept 2005

Ms Minogue's speciality areas include management, paediatrics, mental health and community

Mrs Moina Lettice RN, RM, BNM, Grad Dip Admin, MPublic Health Mgmt, JP

Commenced surveying in March 2006 - (Clinical Function)

Retired

General Manager The Wesley Hospital Townville (non profit) 2005-2007

Quality and Clinical Network Manager for the Northern Zone 2002 - 2005

Acting Director of Statewide Services Unit

Acting District Manager, Cape York Health Service District

Senior management positions in health care for 15 years/change manager

HR and financial management systems

Responsible for establishing one of the first District Telehealth networks with a major metropolitan hospital link

Moina's specialities include administration, nursing, quality, rural and remote services, and aboriginal health.

Reminder to all Heads of Department

A "storyboard/quality display" will be displayed in your work area for surveyors to view.

This will include your major quality/improvements for the past two years.

Please do not hesitate to ask for clerical assistance if you are having difficulty with compiling this display. It is the expectation that all departments will participate.

Julie Duff

Assistant Director of Nursing

QUALITY STORYBOOKS

√Team meeting to decide "story" and display tool

√Data-graphs, flowcharts, pictures

√Analysis

√Plan

√Action

√Results

√Future

QUALITY HOTLINE:

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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Please email your Newsletter Contributions to:
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Next Edition
Deadline 5 Nov 08

Many thanks to all staff who contributed to this issue

Reminder: Staff Circuit Training
Taken by Anne-Maree Scully

Tuesday—6th October, 2008 - 0600 hrs	Physiotherapy Department
Wednesday—7th October, 2008—0600 hrs	\$3.00 per session
Thursday—8th October, 2008—16:30hrs	SIGN UP TODAY