

Mersey Messenger

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Don't Forget:

- To look at the Education Calendar for Workshops, In-services and Conferences.
- To book by due date for Education Workshops.
- Orientation—13th May, 2008
- There will be Community Placement Students over the next 6 weeks. Please make them feel welcome

CEO's Message

Welcome to this first edition of Mersey Messenger, the new newsletter of the Mersey Community Hospital. The purpose of the newsletter will be to provide information to staff, and visitors to the hospital, of newsworthy events that are occurring around the campus. The newsletter will be of particular interest over the next few months as the Commonwealth Government concludes the process to select the new Management arrangements for the hospital.

One of the features in every edition will be a profile on new staff members, so everyone can get an appreciation of the excellent talent and personalities we have working at the Mersey. Another feature will be the opportunity for staff members to highlight some of the extracurricular activities they are involved with, both professionally and socially. There are many staff members who contribute at both national and international level in a wide variety of interesting clinical and cultural activities.



Whilst there will be many stories, interviews and information we would like to share with you, we would also like to receive requests from you, our readers, on topics that you would like covered in the Mersey Messenger. The editorial team will guarantee to respond to all requests for articles, and the team will answer all letters and correspondence. We are committed to making the newsletter interesting for every reader and a means for highlighting the broad range of health services offered by the Mersey Community Hospital.

Dr John Menzies
CEO MCH

Mother's Day Raffle

Once again our tireless "Relay for Life" Team are actively participating in further fundraising to support their dedication to raising funds for Cancer Research.

And we can help!

Located at Front Reception is a lovely basket of goodies, which any Mother would appreciate, so please purchase a ticket (best of luck!).

A Warm Welcome to:

Danielle Emmett, CSSD Assistant

Jodi Tobias, Registered Nurse

Pat Poulton, Registered Nurse

Paul Dabner, Registered Nurse

John Perkins, OH&S Co-ordinator

Lisa Allard, Snr Pharmacist

San Sui Lim, Student (Pharmacy)

Dr Hitti Bakshi, Resident Medical Officer

Dr Bishr Faheem, Resident Medical Officer

Susan Martin, Admin Support Officer

Anzac Day

Anzac Day commemorates the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. The date, 25 April, was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916.



The Beach at Anzac, Oil Painting by Frank Crozier 1919

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. In 1917, the word ANZAC meant someone who fought at Gallipoli and later it came to mean any Australian or New Zealander who fought or served in the First

World War. During the Second World War, [ANZAC Day](#) became a day on which the lives of all Australians lost in war time were remembered.

The spirit of ANZAC recognises

the qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice which were demonstrated at the Gallipoli landing.

A tradition of the Latrobe Anzac Day Celebrations is the donation of books (staff educational and storybooks for the children) from Local Community Organizations including "our Ladies Auxiliary", Sea Scouts and local schools. This thoughtful gesture is very much appreciated.

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow
old;

Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the
sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Exciting Times for Physiotherapy

The Physiotherapy Department is undergoing rapid re-development over the next few weeks. On Monday May 12th an extensive re-design and re-furbishment of the existing gym will commence, providing a larger, friendlier and more functional rehabilitation space for our community. Alongside this, the Physiotherapy staff will also gain an office space!!!

A multitude of new equipment will also be arriving including a top of the range treadmill, exercise bike, tilt table and standing frames.

We are really looking to improve the standard of rehabilitation that we can provide to all of our clients and encourage rehabilitation out of the ward environment.

We are also hoping that the new equipment and gym design will benefit staff. Plans are afoot to introduce a staff circuit training program, aiming to improve the morale and well-being of our staff.

We have been fortunate enough to gain 2 excellent new staff to the department.

Raj Gopal joined us in February as our Senior Medical Physiotherapist and Erin Senz, will be joining the expanding team on June 2nd as the Senior Physiotherapist in Orthopaedics and Surgery.

It is a truly exciting and challenging time for us all here at the Mersey and the Physiotherapy Department is keen to embrace the change that faces us and continue to improve the excellent standards that our community deserves.

Lisa Sanderson
(Physiotherapy Manager)

Congratulations—Kerry Hall

The Nursing Board of Tasmania has approved KERRY HALL as a Provider for the State for Preceptor Education. This is a notable achievement—only 12 appointees in the State and "Mersey" is fortunate to have Kerry's expertise. Congratulations

Welcome to Christine —New HIM

Christine Lewis commenced last month as the new Health Information Manager.

What's a HIM?

Health Information Managers (also known as Medical Records Administrators) plan, develop, implement and manage health information systems (including clinical and administrative data)

A Day in the Life of:

- Plan and develop health information systems
- Supervise staff
- Work with computerised and manual patient information systems

- Design & review health records

- Coding diseases & procedures

- Management functions

- Develop & service education programs

- Data extraction for analysis to support business processes.

- Quality

A combination of clinical, technical knowledge together with Management skills.

Christine undertook a University Degree in Business Science, Health Information Management (BSchIM) in WA.



The attraction for Christine and her husband to explore a "Sea Change" is what attracts most, the Tasmanian lifestyle, affordability etc.

Two projects Christine will focus on are:

Improving the way we deliver information (IT system) and

Helping to promote the Mersey as the place to work and live—through designing a DVD. In the coming weeks Christine would like to have a "get together" with any interested staff to explore ideas.

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FIND OUT MORE BY READING ABOUT CHRISTINE LEWIS

Library News

All clinical staff at the Mersey have access to EPOCH .

EPOCH is an electronic portal for online clinical help.

How do I find it? Go to the DHHS Intranet Site and search EPOCH. Follow the prompts.

Our Librarian, Mary Sheppard is a wealth of information—Mary visits Mersey each week on a Thursday so please take the opportunity to discuss EPOCH and any other library matter with her.

Our Library is located on the 2nd Floor 2D (rear).

Mon, Wed & Thurs, Maggie Lea can assist with any book borrowings.

New Library Books:

- AMC Handbook of Clinical Assessment: Annotated Multidisciplinary clinical tasks

Vacancies Advertised (or coming)

NURSE UNIT MANAGER DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY

To be placed in

The Advocate Sat 19th April.

Closing—5 May 08

Contact: A Cabalzar DNS

Ph: 6426 5263

NURSE UNIT MANAGER

HDU

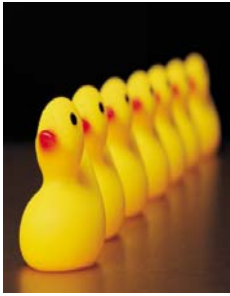
To be placed in

The Advocate Sat 26th April

Closing—12 May 08

Contact: A Cabalzar DNS

Ph: 6426 5263



ARE YOUR DUCKS IN A ROW!

- Competencies
- Quality Programs
- Regular Auditing
- OHS Audits
- Report Good Ideas
- Manuals Updated

QUALITY HOTLINE:

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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Please email your Newsletter

Contributions to:
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 Deadline 12/5/08

Many thanks to all staff who contributed to this issue



The Australian Council
 on Healthcare Standards

Your question- "Why are we gearing up for accreditation again - after all we had approval for 4 years accreditation in 2006!"

Alignment Survey?

Alignment Surveys are on site reviews that help our organisation maintain our accreditation status and ensure that quality and safety continues when an organisation is being restructured- **new management**.

What are the aims of the Alignment Survey?

Review progress on recommendations from last on site survey

Review improvements and outcomes for the EQUIP functions

All Mandatory Criteria, Clinical Function Criteria and Criterion 3.1.4 are reviewed

To make a recommendation on our accreditation status

To provide us with advice on the way forward

When will the Alignment Survey occur?

The 2 day survey will occur approximately September 2008 - confirmation in the next newsletter.

Working parties will be convening soon to ensure we are prepared for the Alignment Survey.

Quality and Safety Team

Julie Duff- Accreditation Coordinator Deborah Gaby - Quality Coordinator
 Heather Craigie - Risk Management John Perkins - Occupational Health and Safety

Who is involved in accreditation? **Everyone!**

Responsibility for Quality and Safety is yours.

Please do not hesitate to ask our team questions over the next few months if you are unsure of your role in the accreditation process.

Education programs will commence in May.

Julie Duff

Social News

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME!!!!

Megan Sharman—baby Boy—Joel Jarvis (12/4/08)

Jessica Thrush—baby Girl—Abbi (21/3/08)

Kerrie Kent—baby Boy—Lewis (29/2/08)

Melissa Dick—baby Boy—Oliver Perry (3/2/08)

Mandy Jones—baby Girl—Hollie

Nicki Birch—baby Girl—Mia