

Embracing Diversity: Community Festivities at Fairfield Hospital

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Background

SWSLHD provides healthcare services to one of the fastest growing regions in Australia and delivers a wide range of services through hospital facilities and community-based care.



35% of the district's community was born overseas.



Fairfield Hospital, as part of SWSLHD is active in developing and strengthening community Partnerships.

Objective

- Promote meaningful, welcoming and diverse engagement between Fairfield Hospital and the local community.
- Establish SWSLHD as a proactive, equitable and culturally appropriately organisation to all members of our community in a consistent and co-ordinated manner.
- Identify opportunities for engagement with external organisations.

Method



Proposal and event expression of interest (EOI) organised by Fairfield Consumer Engagement Manager.



Open to organisations that service Fairfield LGA to host a stall at the entrance of Fairfield Hospital.



Endorsement granted by the General Manager of Fairfield Hospital.



Community EOI disseminated at Fairfield Multicultural interagency June 2024.

Results

The project has had great success. The first community group to request a stall was the Mandaean community. Partnerships are in progress with the Khmer community and Community First Step.



Conclusion

Although there is no monetary benefit for the hospital, the event demonstrates the hospitals commitment to community capacity building and partnerships.

These events are low risk and low cost, and build a feeling of community, diversity and inclusion.

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