



Media Release

Annual Christmas Gathering at Bethesda Hospital

Friday 21 November 2014

Bethesda Hospital in Claremont held its annual clinical association meeting, and Christmas celebratory drinks at the Hospital cafe on 18 November 2014.

Attended by the Bethesda Hospital board, senior staff, accredited doctors, and other stakeholders, the 100 strong crowd enjoyed a New York jazz themed evening whilst looking across the Swan River.

Hosted by Hospital Chairman, Dr Neale Fong, attendees were given the first glimpse of the results of a six-month brand revitalisation process involving a new logo and a new name – Bethesda Health Care.

Dr Fong also advised that the Hospital's operating theatre expansion project from 7 to 9 was well underway and following the receipt of Development Approval, the project will commence early in 2015.

Bethesda Hospital's Foundation launch and Patron's Group was mentioned, as was the celebration of 70 years providing care to the WA community. The Chair of the Patron's Group, businesswoman and well-known philanthropist Rhonda Wyllie also attended the evening.

Dr Fong thanked all of Bethesda Hospital's staff including volunteers, and accredited doctors for their continued work and dedication towards providing excellent health care, and promised that 2015 would be an exciting year for all involved with the private Hospital.

Other milestones for 2014 included:

- A focus on elevating the patient experience, underpinned by the Hospital's quest to truly achieve 'personalised care'
- Full compliance with the new National Health Care Standards during the recent Accreditation audit
- Significant achievements in the area of infection control, namely the establishment of an Antimicrobial Stewardship Program
- A successful GP Education series run in collaboration with the Royal Australian College of GPs
- Increased investment in clinical education for staff

Dr David Sofield, Chairman of the Bethesda Hospital Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) also spoke to the group, and thanked them for the support of the MAC throughout the year.

Bethesda Hospital is an independent 88-bed Hospital in Claremont.

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