



Northern Health



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Community Connect

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Outstanding health care for our
community

Welcome to the January edition

Welcome to the first edition for 2018 of Northern Health Community Connect, Northern Health's monthly community newsletter.



I hope everyone enjoyed the festive period, and has returned safe and energised for 2018.

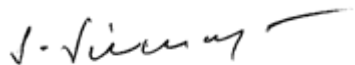
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In January, after a record number of applications, we welcomed 52 graduate nurses and midwives along with 40 medical interns to Northern Health. Northern Health is committed to attracting, training and retaining highly skilled local health professionals to meet the growing needs of our community.

Also in January, long serving employees at Northern Health were recognised for their outstanding contribution to health care in the north at our annual award ceremonies. Among the service award recipients were four extraordinarily dedicated individuals who were recognised for 40 years of service to Northern Health.

Our staff and patients at Northern Health are supported by the tremendous team of 400 volunteers, who provided almost 45,000 hours of assistance in 2017, equating to over \$1.5 million of value to Northern Health.

A timely reminder and as temperatures continue to remain hot, it is an important to think about how you and your loved ones can stay safe in the heat. I also encourage you to be bushfire ready, and to visit www.emergency.vic.gov.au for more information and updates.



Siva Sivarajah
Chief Executive
Northern Health

Our patients treated across Northern Health in January

Number of Births	319
Emergency Attendances	8,036
Outpatients Appointments	15,377
Inpatient Admissions	7,806
Ambulance Arrivals	2,370
Emergency Procedures	602

What's happening at your local health service?

New breathing space for residents in Melbourne's north

To address the growing demands for respiratory services in our community, Northern Health has opened a brand new, state-of-the-art Respiratory Function Laboratory offering a full range of respiratory testing. In addition to General Respiratory outpatient and inpatient units, our respiratory service now includes the following sub-specialty clinics; Suspected Lung Mass Clinic, Severe Asthma and Allergy Clinic, Post Discharge Rapid Review Clinic, and the Oxygen Assessment Clinic.

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Early works on Stage 2 of the Northern Hospital Tower

Early works, due to commence in March 2018, will see the addition of 18 Intensive Care and High Dependency beds, and a greater capacity for mortuary, loading dock and supply services at the Northern Hospital Epping. By expanding your local hospital and reconfiguring our wards, we are increasing our services and capacity improving access to meet the growing demands of the northern community.

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Outstanding contribution to health care in the north

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Thanks to our dedicated volunteers

Volunteers play a significant role at Northern Health, from guiding patients and visitors, to fundraising, and supporting patients in Emergency and Outpatient Departments. Staff and patients at Northern Health are supported by the tremendous team of 400 volunteers, who provided almost 45,000 hours of assistance in 2017, equating to over \$1.5 million of value to Northern Health. Northern Health volunteers are inspiring members of the community who selflessly dedicate their time to the organisation. If you would like to find out more about volunteering at Northern Health contact us on 8405 8971.



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