

Thursday, 22 November 2018

## **Sutherland Hospital to host celebratory Community Open Day**

Sutherland Hospital will open its doors on Saturday, 1 December, 2018, from 10am to 2pm for a community celebration to mark the facility's 60 year anniversary.

Valerie Jovanovic, General Manager, Sutherland Hospital, said the Open Day is an opportunity to showcase the Hospital to the community and promote health initiatives to local residents.

"Sutherland Hospital has a proud history with the local community and the Open Day is a way to give back to those who continue to support the Hospital today," Ms Jovanovic said.

A highlight of the Open Day will be the attendance by Cronulla Sharks players. Entertainment will include performances by Ettingshausens Dance Group, Street Beatz the Shire, the St George and Sutherland Community of Ukulele Musicians and the Caringbah High School string ensemble.

Activities for children include face painting and a jumping castle. There will be a range of food and beverage outlets and local market stalls.

Hospital staff will be available to speak to visitors about important topics such as health, wellness and how patient feedback is used to improve services. An information and feedback session will be held at 12 midday, providing a forum for members of the community to help shape planning for the Hospital into the future.

"Sutherland Hospital is a community-based hospital in the true sense, with local support dating back to 1944 – 14 years before the hospital was officially opened – when the first Auxiliary was set up to raise funds towards the building of a new Hospital," Ms Jovanovic said.

"Sixty years on, Sutherland Hospital continues to benefit from strong community support with volunteering and donations for the purchase of medical equipment, research and improved patient amenities."

The Open Day is part of a state-wide program, in which hospitals around NSW will open their doors to the general public.

Entry to the Open Day is free, along with free onsite parking from 10am. Visitors are encouraged to access the car park from Kareena Road.

More information about the Open Day is available at:  
[www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/sutherland-hospital](http://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/sutherland-hospital).