

OUR HOSPITALS

CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM COLLIER CHARITABLE TRUST

Collier Charitable Trust has once again shown its support for Caulfield Hospital, with a generous grant of more than \$13,000 to purchase an *Xsensor* pressure-mapping device for patients undergoing rehabilitation.

The pressure mapping device measures pressure points between two surfaces and displays data in 2D or real-time.

It will predominately be used to reduce risk of pressure ulcers in older patients who are wheelchair bound.

Senior Physiotherapist, Rod Sturt said the sophisticated device will enable clinicians to diagnose patients quicker and provide better outcomes for those who are most at risk of skin breakdown.

“Caulfield Hospital is treating more elderly patients as the population continues to age, and those at risk of skin breakdown are the elderly and spinal cord injury patients,” Rod said.

The generous grant from Collier Charitable Trust comes on top of a \$52,000 grant, received last year, for Caulfield Hospital to purchase equipment for a new patient gym.

SANDRINGHAM STAFF RECOGNISED

Emergency Department Clinical Nurse Educator Margaret Villella was recently presented with the Sandringham Hospital Staff Recognition Program Award for Excellence.

Margaret developed a burns protocol to direct emergency department staff to the current best practice for treatment of burns.

The protocol also won the prestigious National Health and Medical Research Council and National Institute of Clinical Studies “Evidence into Action” award. It has also attracted international interest.

Sandringham’s Physiotherapy Department was awarded the team award - and was recognised for its team approach, research and programs to engage patients mentally and physically.

Long-time Sandringham Hospital staff members were also acknowledged for their length of service, with Nurse Unit Manager Paula Petersen celebrating 40 years. She said Sandringham is a great place to work because of the friendly and supportive atmosphere.



DEFENCE COMMITMENT RECOGNISED

The Alfred’s Intensive Care Unit recently won the Australian Defence Reserves Support Council award. This award recognises employers who are committed to supporting reservists in the workplace, with six reservists in the ICU.

