

# centrenews –

events, news, gossip, activities ,social functions

## Talk to the Animals



Pat a piglet, nurse baby chickens, feed goats/sheep with handfuls of chaff.... and talk to the animals. A Mobile Animal Farm will be set up on the lawn, near the gazebo on Wednesday afternoon next week. The farmyard nursery will give everyone the opportunity to “talk to the animals”. To quote one study done on the importance of pet therapy in the process of rehabilitation **"there is healing power in a wagging tail"**. Animal Farm - Wed 7 Feb 2.00pm – 4.00pm



## Goodbye Sam

Samantha Farr received a surprise farewell from staff in the CARS unit prior to her departure last Saturday. Sam, who has spent more than 5 years in various hospitals, said “ My last few months at RRCS have been the happiest, but I’m looking forward to getting home to my family and friends, and my goal is to complete my Yr. 11 studies.”

Photo: Dr Zeman, Rachel Taylor, Kerrie Killin, Gail Teale-Sinclair, NUM Mavis Barnard with Samantha Farr



## Australia Day with our Ambassador David Hall

Ryde Citizen of the year 2007 Andrew Hill and Young Citizen of the Year Mitchell Leggo received their awards from Ryde Mayor Ivan Petch on Australia Day. They are pictured with David Hall Australia Day Ambassador. In David’s speech he encouraged people to support the new facilities that will be developed at RRCS.



**TAD Golf Day** The third annual TAD Golf Day will be staged at the exclusive Macquarie Links International Course on Tuesday 5 June. This is a great golf day on one of the most enjoyable layouts in NSW with breakfast, motorized carts, 18-hole Ambrose tournament, lunch and a mini-auction. Keen golfers won’t want to miss this - book now with Geoff Prenter at TAD on 9808 2022 ext 28

## The New Executive.... of the Rehabilitation Directorate

Elizabeth Drolz - Acting Director Clinical Rehabilitation Service/Nursing Services

Christine Wyness - Acting Deputy DON

Delia Gray - Director Allied Health & Community Services (secondment)

Prof Ian Cameron - Director Medical Services

Jennifer Hennessy - Business Manager



## Farewell to Frances

Frances Money Penny, Director of Nursing was farewelled by all the nursing services from across the Centre. Frances will commence her new role of Manager, Division of Aged Care and Rehabilitation, Northern Beaches Health Service (Manly/Mona Vale) in early February.



**First Sunday of the Month** walking group – this Sunday at 8.30am. Meet at Morrison Rd entrance...just turn up, no need to book, bring friends, family or neighbours to join in the walk and the rewarding coffee that will follow.

centrenews

contact – Jim Towers (ext 268) towersj@doh.health.gov.nsw.au

010207