



Redletter



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Get a kick out of the special World Cup edition





Vision

Red Cross War Memorial Children’s Hospital strives to be a leader in specialised health care for children.

Mission

To be a leading national specialist children’s hospital providing quality health care to our clients, valuing and advancing the frontiers of child health.

Welcome Dr Linda



Dr Lungi Linda, the new CEO of the hospital, is married with four children. Dr Linda qualified from the University of Natal with an MBChB degree in 1980.

She also is also a graduate of Manchester Business School for AMP, Advanced Management Programme, gained a post graduate diploma in Health Informatics from Winchester University, completed a Primary Health Care Service Management Course from Wits Business School. Dr Linda has worked in private practice for 16 years in the Eastern Cape. She was the district surgeon Eastern Cape for 13 years and worked at the Goodwood Day Hospital for two years. Dr Linda was appointed the Chief Medical Superintendent at Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital in the Eastern Cape for 6 years and held the post of COO at Groote Schuur Hospital for 22 Months.

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Nurses’ Day



KYLE PETERSEN BAND SINGER TARRYN LAMB SERENADES MR L MATANZIMA AT THE NURSES’ DAY EVENT.

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Highlights

Socca feva

MEXICO WERE THE CHAMPS AT THE HOSPITAL'S VIVA EASTA FEVA SOCCER CHALLENGE. LOOKING RESPLENDENT IN THEIR SOCCER GEAR ARE THE STORES TEAM (BELOW), WHO REPRESENTED MEXICO. THEY ARE FRANK, JOLENE, CLIVE, ANTON, EARL, SHARIF, TINA, KOEBRA AND NICKY.



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Highlights

New CT scanner is the best in its field

The new Computerised Tomography (CT) Unit was opened by Health MEC Theuns Botha and Dr Dimitri Erasmus in the Radiology Department on Thursday 15 April.

“The Department of Radiology at The Red Cross War Memorial Children’s Hospital is thrilled to be able to provide state-of-the-art imaging to its patients,” says Dr Tracy Kilborn, Senior Specialist and Acting head of department.

The cost of the machine was R8.4 million and it was funded by the National Government from the Modernisation of Tertiary Services Grant. The new scanner can take

high-resolution images of exceptional quality at unprecedented speed – the entire body from head to toe can be scanned in less than 10 seconds.

This reduces the need for sedation. The scans also subject the children to less radiation.

The CT scanner operates by using X-rays to get a volume of data, which a computer translates into an image.

The new multi-slice scanner is particularly useful in cardiac and vascular imaging where its ability to reconstruct images in multiple planes, and three-dimensionally, reduces the need for diagnostic



MINISTER THEUNS BOTHA, IN FRONT, CHATS TO DR TRACY KILBORN AND DR ANITA PARBHOO. AT THE BACK IS CEO DR DIMITRI ERASMUS AND PROF HEATHER ZAR.

angiographic studies that are invasive and require general anaesthesia. The superb image quality is also being used to provide pre-operative three-dimensional images of the spine, face and limbs for ENT, maxillofacial and orthopaedic surgery.

CT scanning technology has been in clinical use for

over 20 years. Red Cross acquired its first CT in 1987. A single slice spiral CT scanner replaced this unit in 1998. Technology has advanced rapidly in the last 12 years necessitating an update of equipment, this culminated in the installation of the new 64-slice CT scanner at the hospital in November 2009.

Socca Feva continued...



LEFT: THE RUNNERS UP: THE HR TEAM, WHO REPRESENTED ARGENTINA, FINISHED IN SECOND PLACE.



RIGHT: THE BEST SUPPORTERS PRIZE WAS SNAPPED UP BY MEDI GUARD.

Winners enjoy prize



THE WINNERS OF THE EASTA FEVA SOCCA CHALLENGE WON A LIMO DRIVE AS FIRST PRIZE. THANK YOU TO LIMO EXTREME.



Theatres win architectural award



**KMH,
THE ARCHITECTS WHO
DESIGNED THE NEW
OPERATING THEATRE
COMPLEX, WON THE
2010 SAPOA
(SOUTH AFRICAN
PROPERTY OWNERS'
ASSOCIATION)
AWARD
FOR BUILDING
EXCELLENCE IN THE
CATEGORY "SOCIAL/
ENVIRONMENT IMPACT
DEVELOPMENT".**



Information update

Hundreds of children get measles jab

The measles outbreak earlier in the year caused an immense strain on Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital and clinic staff in the province.

During April 222 patients were admitted for measles and six patients were treated in the ICU. The total number of people visiting the hospital for immunisations was 700 for measles and 500 for polio drops.

The immunisations were also made available to staff and by the end of April 764 staff members and 45 mothers have been immunised. On April 1, Communications Director for the Western Cape Department of Health, Faiza Steyn, issued the following release:

"The overwhelming frustration and despair associated with an outbreak of this seriousness has been replaced with a sense of optimism and hardened

resolve.

"When the metropole had less registered nurses than required many of the health facilities were stretched beyond capacity - health workers (and even parents) from all sectors rallied to the call and proved that we all stand together in times of need and great danger. This measles epidemic has been very serious, hitting Khayelitsha, Mitchell's Plain, Klipfontein and the Northern District particularly hard. Out of sheer necessity and for the first time ever, the age of children to be immunised has been extended from 9 months to 59 months (5 years) for polio and from 6 months to 15 years for measles. Due to the immense number of children in need of immunisation - three times more than ever before - health workers became severely over-stretched until appeals for volunteers to come forward began to pay off. Parents



INFECTION CONTROL SISTER CHARMAINE RINQUEST GIVES A CHILD A MEASLES INJECTION IN OUTPATIENTS DURING THE MASS IMMUNISATION CAMPAIGN IN APRIL.

became health volunteers in the Northern District and private health facilities also offered their assistance at no charge. Going well beyond their core duties, staff have also joined up with the Metro District Health Services and City of Cape Town to go out

to schools and creches to immunise children at risk.

This has truly been a wonderful example of community resolve and camaraderie - a testament to the underlying spirit that all health workers hold dear: care to those in need."

Special events

Staff rock at nurses' party

THIS YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY EVENT HAD EVERYONE OUT OF THEIR SEATS ON MAY 14.



THE MANAGEMENT OF RED CROSS WAR MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL THANKS YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE PATIENTS AT THIS HOSPITAL. WE OFFER YOU OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND HOPE YOU HAVE A YEAR FILLED WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY.



THANK YOU TO THE DONORS, SPONSORS AND STAFF MEMBERS WHO MADE THE EVENT MEMORABLE.



Special events



Patients get an early taste of World Cup

Artists brought the World Cup to patients ahead of the kick off of the first game when they, in conjunction with 2010 Fine Art, painted a soccer-themed montage for the hospital.

The top South African and international artists, Professor William Riquelme, Virginia Holden, Alejandrio Mondria, Gavin Rain and Selwyn Pekeur, painted a montage of soccer balls, the National Flag and Zakumi,

the World Cup mascot, which was hung in the hospital's foyer as part of the decorations in the lead up to the World Cup. The montage will become one of the artworks which will adorn the hospital's walls.

"Every South African, of every age, deserves the chance to share in Africa's biggest event. When stories are told about the World Cup it will be the children of South Africa who will be

telling them - and it is our responsibility to make sure that they share in the excitement," said Rain, a Cape Town artist.

Held in the hospital's school, and supervised by teachers Michelle Shargey and Caitlin Greener the workshop included artists from Paraguay, Mexico and South Africa.

"Art is a lot like football," said Mondria, of Mexico, who also brought sweets for

the children from his home country.

"It doesn't need a common language to be understood - especially not by kids."

Also getting into the spirit of the workshop was Madrie Verwey, Marketing manager of Cavendish Square, who used the opportunity to present a gorgeous gift from the Centre to the Friends of the Children's Hospital Association to benefit the patients at the hospital.

Staff news

It's all about quality care

Welcome to the Hospital's new Quality Assurance manager: Thembeke Busakwe.

She is married with four children: two boys and two girls

She studied:

- General Nursing at Pelonomi Hospital, in Bloemfontein; Community Nursing Science, Pelonomi
- Midwifery at Frere Hospital, East London Bachelor's Degree in social science with the university of the Free State Quality

Improvement in Health Care at Leeds University in England

- Total Quality Management at Unisa
- ISO 9001: 2000 with the SABS in Pretoria
- Implementing Evaluating and Auditing of Quality Systems in an Organisation
- Advanced Project Management for Public managers in Free State University

She worked in:

- A clinical setting from November 1980 until

1998; as a Provincial Quality Assurance Co-ordinator for nine years, co-ordinating quality improvement and programmes for the Districts, Institutions, clinics and EMS stations.

- Worked as an Inspector Auditing Quality Systems in mine Hospitals and in Private Hospitals

"I stand for Batho Pele principles. My slogan is: 'Restore dignity through quality.'"



"Quality is like love, you know it when you feel it." - Franks

Staff news



Farewell Susanna Williams

Nursing sister Susanna Williams was employed at Red Cross from 1 May 1968 until 31 May this year.

She was allocated to all the wards of the hospital and that resulted in her wealth of

knowledge and experience which she applied diligently to support the multidisciplinary team.

Her expertise in particular the nursing of cardiac thoracic patients made her sought after as a member of

multidisciplinary team.

At her farewell function on Friday, 28 May 2010 it was clear that she will be missed dearly by all who worked with her. RCWMCH Nursing Management wished her well in her retiring years.

Stakeholders and partners

Congratulations Mr Khan!

DAWOOD KHAN HAS BEEN BESTOWED WITH ONE OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN'S HIGHEST HONOURS, THE MAYOR'S MEDAL. MR KHAN, WHO IS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE RED CROSS WAR MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FACILITY BOARD, IS A FORMER POLITICAL ACTIVIST. HERE, MR KHAN, CENTRE, IS CONGRATULATED ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY BY THE HOSPITAL FACILITY BOARD AT ITS FIRST MEETING ON 27 MAY. MR KHAN TURNED 80 ON 7 JUNE.



Trust has a new CEO

Louise Driver, the new Children's Hospital Trust CEO, has a Business Science Honours degree in Social Marketing from the University of Cape Town and over 20 years of development and corporate experience.

She has worked in the corporate sector for Old Mutual and MTN's Corporate Social Investment projects, and has worked in the development field for the Catholic Welfare and Development fundraising and marketing for the 22 development projects under their umbrella.

She has initiated and run various community welfare and development initiatives in Cape Town and Durban.

She is also the researcher and author of the book: How to Help: A Guide to Worthy Causes in Durban, which provides a resource for private and corporate funders and beneficiaries.

She was recently MD of GreaterCapital, a Corporate Social Investment consultancy, part of the GreaterGood SA group, where she worked with over 60 corporate



clients assisting them in developing and implementing effective corporate social investment strategies.