

ST. AND-NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL, PRIVATE BAG X 1010,
HARDING, 4680

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Message From the Hospital Manager

St Andrews Hospital is proud of being able to publish this First News letter. Congratulations to the Task team who worked very hard for the past few months, organizing, co-ordinating and planning activities which made this project a success.



Mrs. T L Ntleko, Hospital Manager

SERVICE ELEMENTS ACCREDITED

Congratulations ST. ANDREW'S on being **COHSASA Accredited!!!** This is a **quality improvement programme** conducted and tested by COHSASA (Committee of Health Service Accreditation of South Africa), and promoted by the Department of Health. During July 2002, 23 service elements, participated in the COHSASA's Accreditation Programme. While some other hospitals passed 7 out of 23, we are proud to report that, 18 out of 23 service elements successfully qualified for accreditation! St. Andrew's was awarded the **Intermediate Accreditation Status** at a glittering ceremony held at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital on the 25th July 2003. Well-done guys! This goes to show that our hard work here doesn't go unnoticed. Keep up the excellent work!



ST ANDREWS HOSPITAL CHOIR IS No. 1 !!!

We are proud to announce that our talented Choir has won the prestigious DOH 2002 Provincial choir competition! Well- done guys! Our choir was formed in 2001, when Mr. Dindi, a staff member had passed on. The choir consists of 14 staff members from various departments. The committee members are: Mrs. Qayiso (chairperson), Mrs Mfeka (secretary), Miss Ndlovu (PRO). As a result of Mrs Mfeka and Ms Mnomiya's communication efforts with head office, our successful choir has represented the DOH as the provincial choir on many occasions, The choir is currently registered for the Imvunge competition at Mongusuthu. **GOOD LUCK GUYS!**

Miss Ndlovu & Mrs Mfeka



Computer Emergency!!!

I work in a busy office where a computer going down causes quite an inconvenience. Recently one of our computers not only crashed, it made a noise that sounded like a heart monitor. "This computer has flat-lined," a co-worker called out with mock horror. "Does anyone here know how to do mouse-to-mouse?"



West Virginia Hunters

A couple of guys from West Virginia are out in the woods hunting when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing, his eyes are rolled back in his head. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls 911. He gasps to the operator, "Bubba is dead! What can I do?"

The operator, in a calm voice says, "Just take it easy. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead."

Silence. Then a shot is heard. The guy's voice comes back on the line. he says, "OK, now what?"

History of The Hospital

Harding is situated in the Southern Kwazulu-Natal close to the Eastern Cape border. It is on the main N2 South route between Port Shepstone and Kokstad. The town, which was established in 1877 as a military outpost, was named after Sir Walter Harding – the first Chief Justice of Natal.

The Roman Catholic Church purchased a plot of poor grassland, between 1915 – 1920, in Harding for 40 Sterling Pounds. This site was used to build St Andrews Mission School.

The population of Harding has steadily increased by 1940, and there become an urgent need for a hospital. The Roman Catholic Church converted a house owned by Mr. Nimack in Moodie Street, near the mission, into the first hospital. Sr. Clare from the Mission School arranged sales and bazaars to raise funds.

Two nuns Sr. Solana and Sr. Edeltrudis were recruited during 1944 from the order of the St. Solanus in Germany. They converted the house into a 12-bed hospital. Sr. Edeltrudis was the first matron and Sr Solana the cook, seamstress and Jack-of-all-trades.

St Andrews Mission Hospital was opened on 31 May 1944. More facilities were required. So more nuns were recruited from Germany. One of the nuns qualified as a sister tutor and was able to start a small training school for nurses at the hospital.

Then



Flora, Martha, Albitonia- Nov. '69

Now



St Andrews Hospital - entrance

D G Shepstone officially opened our larger hospital with more facilities in October 1956. Dr R E Stevenson, director at Provincial Medical and Health Services, laid the foundation stone on 29th August 1954. The hospital was built slowly at a 40, 000 Sterling Pounds and stands as a monument to the patience and devotion of Father Andrews who inspired it and Brother Alex who built it mainly with un-skilled labour. In 1951 an X-ray department was established on land owned by the M.O.T.H.S and administered by the Harding District War Memorial Trust. In 1968, the M.O.T.H.S made up the shortfall in the cost of an X-ray plant, which was the finest in country district hospitals.

The nurse's home was built in 1962. In 1970 the original hospital was demolished and replaced with a double-storey building containing wards and storerooms, called 'Ekuphumeleni' - meaning resting place. The storerooms were eventually converted to the outpatient department.

By 1984 the nuns who had staffed and run the 250-bed hospital were growing old and offered the hospital to the N.P.A (Natal Provincial administration).

The N.P.A took over officially on the 01 October 1984. A new Security Office was built after changing the entrance to the hospital. A new house was completed late in 1990 for the Medical Superintendent. The Hospital Board erected a sheltered waiting area in 1991 for visitors at the main gate. A new 3-storey Nurses home was completed in 1993, with 3 flats, 10 bed-sitters and 80 single rooms. Today our humble hospital stands proudly as a symbol of hard work and dedication to the community of Harding. (V.Rampersad)

Doing time in Harding



Meet our new community service staff:

Dr S Buddu and Dr M Moodley
Ms B D Dlamini
Ms R I Semple
Ms V Rampersad
Ms R Rajkaran:

Medical officers.
Enrolled Nurse
Dietician
Pharmacist
Physiotherapist

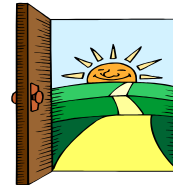
Nursing Assistants:

Mandisa Cele, S B Hlongwane, N B Mcobothi, N Tshezi, N E Gwala and Z N Sithole

Thank guys for your service and we hope that you are enjoying your year with us!

Mr D. Nair

Goodbye



Resigned

Sr Mbanga – Advanced Midwife
Sr Puling – Theatre Technique
Mr. Yeni - Administrator

Retired Staff

Matron Margaret,
Calvert Evers,
Sr Mahlawe,
Sr Mqukuse,
Sr Cimi and
Mrs. Mahlawe

Memorials

Miss Happy Sjavu – Security Guard

Agnes Jali and Reggie Nzuza:

Basishiya Ngukukhulu Ukuzuma

Ngomhlaka 13 July 2003.

Babengomabhalane Kusi

Gumbilokwamukela abazulayo. Sithi

Mabalale Ngokuthulu Siyohlala

Sibakhumbula Njalo.

Thank you for your time and service to the community of Harding. May your future endeavors be even more successful.

Sr. J. J. Lushaba

IMPROVEMENTS

UPGRADING OF KITCHEN: The entire kitchen was painted and new cold rooms added. The kitchen is now electrically powered and has new working table and cooking pots. Well-done workshop! Expect only the best from our kitchen.

LAUNDRY: Servtech has replaced our old steamroller with a new electric roll ironer.

ADMITIN SECTION: New benches have been installed purchased for the patient waiting section.

ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY: A new transformer has been installed to upgrade the Electrical Power supply. The Steam Boilers will no longer operate and Khoza Construction is now busy replacing Hot Water Calorifiers and Installing New Electrical Geysers.

Mr H. Ogle

Editorial:

Welcome to our very first edition of St. And-news. This newsletter has been envisaged for several months and has finally reached fruition. I am honoured to be the first editor of our newsletter and I hope you enjoy it. If you have any articles or ideas about the newsletter, please contact me at the pharmacy, or any of our helpful committee members. **Remember this is your newsletter!**

Thank you Friends

Vashna Rampersad B.Pharm

Coming up - next issue:

- Watch out for more of our fascinating history
- Meet our new Admin staff
- Health Tips
- Jokes
- More renovations
- Christmas ideas
- Festive recipes
- Articles from YOU!

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