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Raising community awareness of stroke – Stroke Awareness Week

‘Chances are we all know someone who has suffered stroke’

Across Australia approximately 200,000 stroke victims are living in the community. For some, minimal adjustment is required to enable them to return to their every-day activities. But many need rehabilitation to restore or re-learn lost abilities.

Stroke Awareness Week, from 20 to 26 September aims to raise awareness of stroke and its impact on individuals and their families, and provide help.

Stroke information display

Stockland Wetherill Park

Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 September.

Audrey McCall, Social Worker at Braeside Hospital said as part of the week’s activities, Braeside Hospital Rehabilitation Unit staff will stage a Stroke information display at Stockland Wetherill Park on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 September. “Information about stroke prevention, the signs and symptoms of stroke, and community supports and services for individuals and their carers/families will be provided.”

“Information about the local Fairfield Stroke-By-Stroke Recovery Group will be on display as well. This group meets monthly at the Fairfield RSL Club and is co-ordinated by Braeside Hospital staff. Members of the stroke group enjoy social and educational activities including regular outings. For more information about the stroke group, visit the display at Stockland Wetherill Park or phone me, Audrey McCall at Braeside Hospital on 9616 8610.”

“With over 48,000 strokes occurring in Australia each year, chances are that we all know someone who has experienced a stroke. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a look at the displays and to talk with staff from Braeside. It is a great opportunity to take away new information and help to raise community awareness of stroke.”

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