



Media Release

Platinum Award for Bethesda Hospital's Safety

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Bethesda Hospital will be receiving their WorkSafe Plan Platinum Certificate of Achievement from Mr Lex McCulloch, Worksafe WA Commissioner at a presentation at the hospital on Thursday 20 February 2014 at 10am.

Bethesda Hospital is the only WA hospital to receive a Platinum Award from Worksafe WA in this area for the past six years.

To achieve a Platinum WorkSafe Plan Award organisations have to demonstrate a rating of 90% or more in every element of the WorkSafe Plan in the areas of Management Commitment, Planning, Consultation, Hazard Management and Training and Supervision as well as an annual reduction in either the incidence rate or frequency rate of lost time injury.

WorkSafe Plan Certificates of Achievement are presented at three levels:

- Silver Certificates: organisations meeting minimum standards
- Gold Certificates: organisations demonstrating good progress toward a best practice approach to safety and health management
- Platinum Certificates: organisations that achieve highest standards.

Ms Melody Miles, Occupational Safety & Health Manager at Bethesda Hospital said that 'achieving Platinum level is a challenging task, particularly for hospitals given the nature of the work we do. It takes an ongoing commitment by everyone at Bethesda Hospital to keep our injuries at a low rate, with our ultimate goal being to achieve and maintain a rate of zero injuries'.

Ms Yasmin Naglazas, Hospital Chief Executive Officer said that 'the WorkSafe Award demonstrates our commitment to creating a safe work environment, and it is an outstanding achievement for our OSH committee as well as our management and staff to be externally recognised for our practices at the highest level'.

This prestigious award is in addition to Bethesda Hospital's top rankings in the patient satisfaction surveys conducted by health funds HBF and Medibank in the past two years, as well as the WHO Asia Pacific Hand Hygiene Excellence Award 2012/2013.

Bethesda is an independent 88-bed hospital in Claremont, which has been providing outstanding care and service to the Western Australian community for 70 years.

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