

## Sarah Johnson – Elective Week 3.

Hello!

This week has been pretty miserable weather wise. New South Wales has seen the worst rain for over a decade, causing roads to be flooded and most of the community hospitals to be closed. I spent some time in A&E this week helping to assess patients brought in due to the inclement weather with things like dehydration and broken limbs.

I've also spent some days in paediatric surgery. Anaesthetising children is completely different to anaesthetising adults; not only are the protocols completely different, but communication skills need to be up to scratch. Trying to persuade a three year old to let you put a needle in their hand takes some patience, but I was thrilled when I managed to complete the task.

My audit is progressing well and I've been in touch with my tutor back in Cardiff to discuss future write up and (hopefully) publication.

Last weekend, I took part in a sailing regatta on Sydney Harbour. It was a fundraiser for Sailors with Disabilities and I attended as a medical assistant. Thankfully, my services weren't required and I had a great day out!

I also met up with my great aunt- I haven't seen her since I was six, and she hadn't changed a bit!

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