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## New Cultural Centre



A newly refurbished whanau/family centre and administration block is soon to be opened. Two buildings have been relocated, modified and joined to form a new cultural centre on campus. The old whanau /family house which was beside by the old pharmacy was remote and isolated from the new campus and the impending subdivision meant it was no longer viable. So one of the houses on Blair Street (it used to be the base for CAMHS) was relocated to the raised site near the back of the new hospital laboratory beside the Blair Street exit to become the new whanau/family centre. Adjoining that is the CT prefab shifted from the old hospital which will become the administrative wing. Both houses are now connected by a common glazed entry foyer with ramp access from Blair Street and stepped access to the new hospital campus.



There will be five bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen/dining and living room in the whanau/family centre where family and friends can stay while they support someone in hospital. There will be accommodation there for two or more families. In the Admin block there will be offices for various hospital support groups, including the Maori Women's Welfare League as well as a meeting room and storage area. The new whanau/family centre should be finished and ready for visitor accommodation in two or three weeks while the administrative wing will be completed in about six weeks. The name for the new centre will be finalised soon.

## Changes afoot



Action is being taken to help ease congestion in hospital public carparks. The carparks on Te Ore Ore Road and along Blair Street will soon have a maximum parking limit of two hours imposed and monitored by Council staff. That will mean that any staff parking there will receive a ticket. The signage should be completed and erected within the next fortnight. Staff are requested to park in the staff car park in front of the Mental Health Unit where there is a lit and sealed path leading from the carpark to the back of the Hospital.

Meanwhile Oldfields are making good progress on the building of 12 new public carparks near the Blair Street exit. They will be sealed soon and should be in use in two or three weeks.

# New Volunteer Co-ordinator



*Sue Oldfield, new Volunteer Co-ordinator. Her contact number is 027 342 2460.*

Sue Oldfield, who has been a volunteer herself for the past year, steps into Carol MacDonald's shoes as Volunteer Co-ordinator. "I have absolutely loved my time as a Volunteer and I have met some wonderful people," Sue says. Patients are always so appreciative and friendly - they are really grateful for your help. Volunteering is such a rewarding experience - I would encourage anyone to get involved."

A keen gardener who loves floral design Sue has also been a Flower Lady for a year. Throughout the Winter while the Flower Ladies took a break Sue was responsible for maintaining floral displays in the hospital reception area. The Volunteer Service has been a great success since it began in April 2006. Under Carol MacDonald's leadership numbers have grown from 12 to 30 and they have added value to the hospital experience. In addition to the Meet and Greet service, the Volunteers offer admin support to Outpatients, run the Chapel service on the first Wednesday of each month, and take the book trolley and the mobile shop around the wards.

"Together we have have created a service we can all be proud of," says Carol. "There is a great team spirit and I know our Volunteers are well respected." Carol is now working full-time managing the the new patient journey process for the DHB.

## Pay and Employment Equity Committee Update

The committee extends a big thank you to those who completed a survey form. "We were pleased to get a 25% response rate to the survey" says Cathie Morton, committee member. "With representation right across the DHB we now have good information to enable us to compare our findings against those of the five pilot DHBs."

"We are finding that most of our results match those of other DHBs," says Maureen Breukers, Project Facilitator. "For example the majority of staff feel valued as employees and consider that women and men have the same chances for promotion."

Christine Allen, PSA representative on the committee, agrees but points out that although the findings are generally favourable there are some key issues

that the DHB must address. "We will be making a number of specific recommendations in our report."

Sandra Scott, one of the two NZNO representatives explains the next steps in the verification process. "We will now document the findings in a verification report and a Wairarapa DHB report. The verification report is sent to the National Coordinator for inclusion in a sector wide report for consideration at Government level. The Wairarapa DHB report will comprise a number of recommendations to the Senior Management Team.

**Maureen Breukers**  
**Project Manager**



### And a message from our sponsor.....

Kenny Riach, local rep for Accuro, the company which sponsored the Hospital Revue, congratulates Anna Stuart for being the first DHB employee to sign up for Accuro health insurance. "Accuro brings you lower premiums, rewards for being healthy (non smoking discounts & BMI), a choice of plans, excesses & providers, a user friendly website, loyalty & wellness benefits in all plans," says Mr Riach. "Also children can be covered on adults policy till 25."

If you would like more information ring Kenny on 06 377 7048 or 0272 595640 or email: kriach@xtra.co.nz



## Organisation Culture Survey

Don't forget to have your say and be heard. Fill out the survey you received either by email or by mail and send it back straight away.. Change will happen only if everyone contributes.