

## Space exploration

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A corner of disused Ward 6 has played a role in the hospital's redevelopment plans over recent weeks. Concern over the size of consulting and examination rooms saw the construction of a rough and ready, real-size mock-up to enable staff to see the reality of paper plans. Getting inside a walled room with examination table, desk and chairs has proved an extremely useful exercise and offered staff the opportunity to give well-informed feedback.



*Mair Moorcock and Dr Ian Denholm discuss space requirements in a consulting/examination room mock-up*

## Project update

### Workforce Development:

- The feedback process on the workforce development consultation documents has entered the next phase. The 50+ written submissions, and verbal feedback from the 102 people who attended feedback meetings is being collated using a template so that the Senior Management Team can more easily analyse the data.
- It's already clear that some dominant themes will emerge from this - we'll report back on these soon. The timeframe for confirmation of the new workforce is scheduled for the end of March.
- Interviews are underway for the Hospital Leadership positions. These are key positions as we progress towards the new facility.

- Ilana Burt has been appointed as the Service Development Project Manager for the Site Development Project and will be working closely with Karen Orsborn. They will be moving their office over to the main hospital in the near future.
- John Bissett, who has been closely involved developing benchmarking for the workforce, will be revisiting the DHB on 16th and 17th of March to work through assumptions and benchmarking with user groups. This visit was arranged following feedback from staff that this information had not been widely shared or understood.

### Facilities:

- Over the next few weeks, we will be having site visits from companies responding to the RFP (Request for Proposal) for updated equipment in Radiology. An issue still under discussion is the type and location of ultrasound equipment.
- Air conditioning in the new facility has been under the spotlight, with user group feedback a key part of finalising plans. For example, some underfloor heating has been included in the Theatre complex, to ensure optimum air flow according to guidelines.
- Over the next few weeks, you will see 'footprint maps' of the new hospital go up on display.
- Construction of the new District Hospital is progressing well. Following on from the pouring of the concrete floor slab for Maternity, the floor slab pour for the theatres and CSSD areas is being progressively completed. This followed on from finalising the main drain positions last week.
- Next up for the slab pour are the new Emergency department and Paediatrics ward. Rigg Zschokke are now finalising form work and setting out drainage in these areas. Again accuracy of determining services coming up through the floors and coinciding with wall positions is critical as once the concrete is set alterations are major!
- **Milestone!** This week the first timber wall framing will be erected in the maternity ward. This is

quite a milestone, as the Hospital will start to have form. Our perspective from one dimension to three dimensions will give a much better impression of size.

- No 7 Blair Street was moved last week, allowing the excavation in preparation for the floor slab for the laboratory area to be completed.



No. 7 Blair street on the move, with final placement taking care to protect surrounding trees.

## IT update

Information Technology services have been very busy lately adding 3 remote access sites to our system.

This means staff in areas remote from the hospital can now access information held on our servers. The areas are:

**CAMHS** (Child, Adolescent Mental Health Service), who have moved to Renall Street; **Ambulance**, who have co-located with the Fire Service in Chapel Street, and **Wai-Aro Laboratory**, who have set up a Patient Centre at the Medical Centre in Greytown (see other story on this page).

Also underway is the general movement of the organisation from using Pegasus as our email system to using Microsoft Outlook, and another project related to Electronic Discharge Summaries.

Then there is the introduction of the School Based Vaccination programme for the Meningococcal Immunisation Campaign.....

A big task over the next few weeks for IT is to scope up the range of new initiatives for the new hospital that have IT implications, to co-ordinate the workplan for the trialling and introduction of these. Initiatives under discussion range from patient call systems in the Outpatient areas, to inpatient nurse call systems, to WinScribe - the computer based voice recognition system that allows voice to screen dictation.

## Change Team Changes

Communications via InSite became easier as of last week, when the Change Team evolved into the Change Co-ordination Team, and widened its horizons to include a greater range of people who are all drivers in the process of change, but have had no regular forum to connect with. CCT meets every Tuesday for an hour, to update others on current and upcoming projects and issues. We immediately saw the value of this, as the team shared insights into good process with others who were planning new projects that might have implications for work practices.

The other immediate benefit is being able to report via InSite on issues under discussion, so interested parties not yet part of that discussion can contribute. This is important because it's not always easy to identify EVERYONE who might have an interest in a subject, and their input might be really important.

**With questions, or to contact the  
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## New look for lab services



Early February has seen hospital based lab services transformed into 'Wai-Aro'. Now sporting a stylish logo and two extra part-time phlebotomists the service continues to operate from within the hospital near radiology. Two familiar faces are now on board, Robyn Bain, formerly of Ambulance services and Noeline Aberly who has also worked with ambulance services and will be well-known to those who shop at Woolworths.

Wai-Aro is beginning to offer services out in the community and has already started collection and analysis services in Greytown. The Monday-Friday collection service has been welcomed by doctors and patients alike, offering a streamlined service with results transferred immediately to hospital records. Changes in Ministry of Health in funding structures has opened the way for hospital laboratory services to operate on an equal footing with other providers. The name Wai-Aro means 'to analyse' and the logo symbolises centrifusion.