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Minister visits



Associate Minister of Health Hon. Mita Ririnui visited Wairarapa Hospital on Monday as part of his liaison role with seven DHBs including Wairarapa. He met with Board members and management staff of Wairarapa DHB and then toured the hospital visiting the Imaging Department, Selina Sutherland, ED, the Acute Assessment Unit, the Medical Surgical Ward and theatre. It was a quick visit but he was impressed with our facilities and the willingness of staff to explain their roles in the hospital and demonstrate new equipment.

CEO David Meates, Hon Mita Ririnui, General Manager of the Hospital Anne McLean. Board Chairman Bob Francis, Board members Yvette Grace and Janine Vollebregt.

Star quality

Dr Niels Duggan was in the right place at the right time last week when the Lifelight team arrived at HDU to film a commercial to promote the air ambulance service. They shot the fixed wing ambulance scenes at Masterton Airport and the "hospital" scenes at Wairarapa Hospital. In HDU, flight nurses from Capital & Coast and crew rushed down a corridor with a patient on a stretcher and transferred her to Dr Duggan's care. The commercial will go to air on 21 April on TV3, so watch out for a star in the making.



Dr Niels Duggan, CapCoast nurses Karen Hathaway and Kerryn Schulz with "patient" Izzy White



Lifelight ambulance officer, Nick Latta, watches Cameraman Darryn Smith do his first 'take'.

Flu Vaccinations

Remember

Protect yourself so you can protect others.

7.30am - 4.30pm

Wednesday 23 April Room A HR

Thursday 24 April Room A HR

All staff having their vaccination go into a draw for dinner for two at "The Grill" or one of five double passes to the movies.

Phone or email Suzy Rogers on 5618 to confirm your booking so she can make sure she has enough vaccine. But you won't be turned away if you just turn up on the day. Staff returning to clinical areas where they can be monitored do not need to wait the 20 minutes after their vaccination if they choose.

Gift from Selina Sutherland



Lesley O'Hara, Nurse Manager of Selina Sutherland with the new pumps.

There are times when theatre, the wards and the poor orderlies and hospital coordinators are desperately hunting for one of the pain pumps or IV pumps. Selina Sutherland Private Hospital has purchased two Colleague IV pumps and two Bodyguard pain pumps to enhance the general pool for these high use pieces of equipment for the Wairarapa Hospital and Selina Sutherland Hospital. This should ease the pressure considerably. From time to time Selina Sutherland assists with education and equipment for Wairarapa Hospital -it is part of the synergy between the two.

Celebration Week

5-9 May

It's almost two years since Wairarapa Hospital was officially opened. We marked our first anniversary last year with a Celebration Week, and it proved so popular we're doing it again in the week of 5-9 May.

Watch out for next week's InSite for details of the programme which will include lunchtime lectures, a bubbly breakfast on Friday in the courtyard, decorated doors and another chance to do the 'departmental interloan'. Last year saw staff working alongside the CEO, the CEO as an orderly, several staff spending time with the ambulance service, communications staff alongside nurses, and a midwife spending time at the Wellington Neonatal Unit and the Lifeflight centre. Planning and Funding staff joined in, by acting as a bedmaking 'flying squad' on the Friday, freeing up clinical staff to attend the 'Bubbly Breakfast'.

Contact Jill Stringer on 027 273 1154 with your brilliant idea for making the week even more fun, or to register your interest in the 'departmental interloan'.

Farewells

Selena McKay

After 9 years at WDHB HR Advisor Selena McKay is leaving for a new job at the Open Polytechnic in Lower Hutt. HR Manager, Bruce McGregor, made sure she knew "the door was always open" when she got tired of commuting. Many staff and associates spoke warmly of Selena's ability to calmly deal with any HR crisis or issue. Combined Union representative, Pam Hornsly, despite being on the opposite side at the table through many negotiations, described her as "a good one". We wish Selena all the best in her new role and look forward to the possibility of her return!



Margie van der Lans



Margie van der Lans, visiting neuro-development therapist (VNDDT), will leave a huge gap, team leader Linda Tatton says. "She gave such wonderful support to families with children who have developmental delay and she worked closely with other agencies such as Plunket and Special Ed to coordinate services and champion the child's cause. Nothing was too much

trouble and with her lovely smile she filled gaps, shared experiences with new grads and was a great support to everyone in our department. She went well beyond her job description and we will really miss her knowledge and support."

Margie has worked for the DHB for more than 11 years mostly as VNDDT but also filling gaps in Rehab and as Community Coordinator for a time. She and her husband are off on their OE and they plan to work as physios to fuel their travels.