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Your chance to see what's happening

You drive/walk/ride past it every day. You can see the progress from the 3-Storey block windows. You read all about it in InSite. You might have even seen a bit of the inside at the Roof Shout. But there is nothing like actually walking through our new hospital, to get a true idea of its size, space and functionality.

Well, from next Friday 12 August, you will have the chance. Facility Manager Peter Clayton will be taking guided lunchtime tours for interested staff, once a fortnight.

The numbers on each tour are limited, because you will need to wear one of the 10 sets of safety gear available.

To book your place (the first tour is already booked out) phone Peter on x5148, then meet at the Blair Street gate on the designated day at 12 midday.

The tours are open to all staff - you do not need to be a User Group member, or have some other official role.

Maternity Services make progress

This week DHB staff involved in maternity services met with GPs, Independent Midwives, representatives from the New Zealand Nurses Organisation and the New Zealand College of Midwives. The workshop had the aim of determining the vision and guiding principles for the new model of care the team is seeking to devise by the end of September.

The meeting was run by an independent facilitator, enabling all present to have their say.

"I'm really pleased with the outcomes of the workshop," says Director of Nursing Helen Pocknall. "It feels like we now have the right parameters to be building the service within. We still have some way to go to define, cost and analyse the suggested options, but we are now focused on a shared vision of where we want to get to."

Given their timeframe, Maternity Services will be one of the last staff groups to have their workforce confirmed, once the model of care has been de-

He's Impressed!



The verdict is out – he's impressed! Long time campaigner for Wairarapa Hospital Services, George Groombridge, was shown around the new district Hospital site last Wednesday by CEO David Meates, and says he's most impressed with the layout and the spaciousness of the building.

"I was particularly impressed with the way it's been designed with room for expansion if it's needed," he said. "I'm delighted the chapel is going to be moved and added to the new building, and that we have been able to retain Selina Sutherland Hospital – both of these things are really important for the community. The three theatres seem impressive – it puts lie to the misconceptions about less facilities."

George has been involved in campaigning for hospital services in the Wairarapa for more than 15 years, and was a key mover in organising the 'Hands around the Hospital' campaign. He is now chairman of the local Grey Power group.

"I'm very, very pleased that the community and the powers-that-be have agreed that we have to have an adequate hospital in town," says George. "Both Shirley and I work with elderly folk, and they look for a hospital, and a good supportive community. We have those things here. The new hospital makes the Wairarapa a very attractive place – it stabilises our community, and helps retain professional staff. The days of will we/ won't we are gone forever."

Wairarapa DHB - towards our new hospital

Next year

It's hard to think ahead right now, when everyone is so busy making things 'work' on a day to day basis, but try to cast your mind ahead to March and April next year.

There will be three or four 'occasions' that we need to start thinking about and planning for.

First will be the Open Days in mid to late March. These will take place over a weekend, with an open day for staff and their families on the Saturday, and then one for the public on the Sunday. This has to be timed for when the building is complete, but the final clean has not been done (otherwise people couldn't go into places like Theatre).

Soon after the open days, there will be a dawn ceremony to bless the new hospital, before the first patients are moved in.

And then, once everything is moved and settled, there will be the official opening - a formal occasion with invited guests and significant rituals.

Lastly, we need to think about how we would like to honour our past, and how each area of service would like to 'close the door' on their old locations.

Please start thinking about these occasions. There will be an opportunity to do something really meaningful and memorable.

What will be important to you?

What do you want to go down in history?

What will make the occasions more memorable for you, and others involved?

What do you think people will expect?

What unexpected things could we do?

Your thoughts and ideas are welcome.

Please phone Jill on x 5840, or email me at communications@wairarapa.dhb.org.nz

Building progress update

As of this week, there are between 90 and 100 construction staff on site, as well as all the builders behind the scenes, pre-nailing trusses or building joinery units. The roof is on the vast majority of the areas, with just the plant room and Kitchen still being done. Some interior painting is underway, and the ceilings will be going on to some of the ensuites over the next few weeks.

There are still some of the more peripheral areas to be constructed, like the Air-conditioning plant outside the ambulance entry, the equipment compound outside the plant room, the maintenance workshop, body-hold area and rubbish room.

Satellite services

Investigations into the location of the 'satellite' services continues, with the feasibility of moving mental health services to the existing Selina Sutherland hospital area currently being reviewed.

It's important to note that some 'satellite' services may continue in their existing locations for up to 6 months after the rest of the hospital moves, as there may be considerable adjustment required to their new location to make it suitable for its new use.

IT update

The 'PC' (Personal computer, not politically correct!) Plan has been given to User Groups for comment, with feedback still needed to Gary Ireland from med/surg, Maternity, and Clerical. Overall, the plan seems acceptable to most, with some adjustments. At this stage it looks like there will be around 114 PCs available, plus the specialised monitors for radiology image viewing.

The Electronic Discharge Summary project is progressing well, with plans to 'Go Live' on the 1st of September. The process has been helped by having technical staff on site full time over the last week or so, ironing out potential problems as they present. There are still several more weeks of testing to do, before those concerned can sign off on the systems' integrity and reliability.

Community presentations

The CEO, SMT and Communications Unit have just embarked on a series of presentations to the community about the new hospital. (The who, what, why, where, what next, etc.).

Letters were sent to a wide range of community groups, agencies and organisations, and service clubs expressing our willingness to come and talk to groups of any size. So far, we have nearly 20 groups on the schedule, and the first session was given on Monday to the Arthritis foundation.

The presentation was very well received, and the audience asked a series of searching questions. The presentation will be updated with new photos and information as needed over the next six months.

If you know of, or belong to a group that may like to hear this presentation, please contact the Communications Unit to arrange a time and venue.

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