

Wairarapa Idle Hospital Revue 2007

All winners on the night!

“Side-splitting” was the comment most likely to be heard around Wairarapa Hospital following last week’s Wairarapa Idle, Hospital Revue 2007. Reviving the long tradition of comedy, amateur dramatics and general ribaldry, not seen at the hospital for ten years, staff from Wairarapa’s wider medical community set about entertaining a crowd of 400 people packed into the Lakeview School hall – and seen rolling in the aisles!

“I was surprised at how many members of the public came along – the show was just a riot! I still haven’t quite recovered from Allied Health’s ‘Cinderfella’ sketch. All the scripts and songs were so cleverly put together and, I have to say, quite outrageous, what a fantastic effort by performers, backstage people and our lovely tea ladies.” said Revue Co-ordinator and DHB Communications Advisor, Jill Stringer. “And best of all we raised enough money, more than \$1500, to purchase specialist fetal monitoring equipment for the maternity unit at Honiara Hospital in the Solomon Islands.”

After a performance of stand-up comedy, musical talent, and burlesque pantomime, the coveted cup was eventually awarded to the ‘Winscribe Warblers’, the very talented clinical typists, for their hilarious version of a Tina Turner number.

Call or email Jill Stringer on ext. 5840 to order your copy of the Wairarapa Idle, Hospital Revue 2007 DVD, priced \$12.



The Winscribe Warblers hoist the winner’s cup. What a performance!

L to R: Christine Allen, Leanne Snowsill, Iona Brook (her twin 10 year olds Elizabeth and Jessica in front), Maria Reid as Tina and Cheryl Falloon.



The Wairarapa Idle Hospital Revue was sponsored by Accuro Health Insurance - our thanks to Kenny Riach! Phone: 06 377 7048



Film Premiere Tickets

The ‘old hospital’ features in a film, due to be released later this month. ‘*When Night Falls*’ is the first major feature film from Alex Galvin and was shot on location in Wairarapa.

Scenes from ‘*When Night Falls*’ were shot in the old three storey block in February this year. The film is a thriller set in 1932 about two nurses trapped in a country mansion with their invalid patient whilst a killer is on the loose. A series of unexplainable events start to occur and the nurses begin to wonder if they are no longer alone.

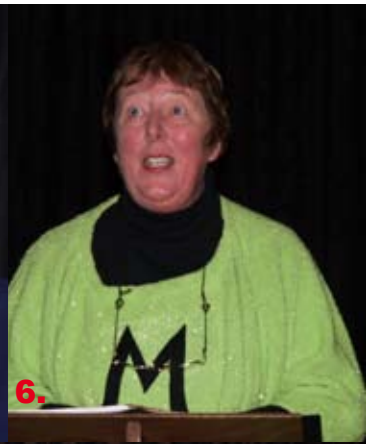
Tickets for the Wairarapa Premiere, are available from Gillian Malton DHB Administrator, 06 946 9880, or the Regent Cinema, Masterton. The tickets price, \$20, includes a complimentary glass of wine or juice served at 7.30pm. Profits raised will benefit the Wairarapa Hospital Children’s Ward.



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Some of our outrageous performers....

Proofs of all Revue photos are at DHB Reception and can be ordered from there.

1. Have you ever seen two more ugly sisters? Property manger Peter Clayton and CEO David Meates brought the house down with their 'handbag' antics as the ugly sisters in the Finance Departments 'Cinderella - the true story'.
2. Staff from Masterton Medical ham it up as The Strolling Zones.
3. The Senior Management Team poked the borax at each other, with HR GM Bruce McGregor playing the Chief Executive, Medical Advisor Alan Shirley playing the Director of Nursing, CEO David Meates playing his executive assistant, Public Health GM Maggie Morgan playing the hospital manager, Planning and Funding GM Joy Cooper playing the chief financial officer and Hospital GM Anne McLean (front) playing the GM of public health.
4. The esteemed judges - surgeon Bertrand Jauffret, Dr Owen Prior, and Board members Perry Cameron and Janine Vollebregt
5. Acute Services manager Kathy Lee narrated a wonderful script about what happens when you come into the emergency department - you may never feel safe again!
6. Hospital Volunteer Maureen McEwen had the audience rocking with laughter with her three 'Irish' poems
7. Imaging - Win Ward and Rebecca Greenlees as the ugly sisters (you should have seen her Brazilian!), Stepmother Heather Armstrong and Cinderella Tausi Munivai

Happy SADD Birthday

Students Against Drunk Driving from across the Wairarapa celebrated the 21st birthday of SADD by throwing a 'Thanks a Brunch' party for front-line workers in the Wairarapa who deal with the effects of drunk driving.

More than 60 staff from the Police, Fire service, Ambulance, and DHB enjoyed the early morning sunshine, and plentiful supply of food – much of which had been donated by other supportive organisations.

'Booze Bus' police staff who work in the Wairarapa come up especially from Wellington to attend, and were very impressed with both the amount of community support shown, and the organisational skill of the students.

SADD students will continue with their work in raising public awareness, especially amongst their peers.



Students enjoy breakfast in the sun with police from 'The Booze Bus'.
Photo courtesy Wairarapa Times-Age



Anne McClean, Viv Napier, patient Jarden (12) and artist Tina Rae Carter. Photo courtesy Wairarapa Times-Age

Mural blessed

Carterton artist Tina Rae Carter 'handed over' her creation – a 23 metre mural in the paediatric unit corridor – following a blessing of the work by kaumatua Mike Kawana.

The mural took over 140 hours to complete, and received sponsorship from the Masterton Licensing Trust and Wairarapa's three Community Arts Councils.

"The mural helps demystify the hospital experience for children and their parents, by illustrating it with local animals in the roles of clinical staff, surrounded by iconic local geography and fauna," says Hospital GM Anne McLean.

"I've loved doing this work," says Tina. "The interest and support from patients and staff has been a joy, and now we have something lasting to support Wairarapa children through their hospital experience."

A Friendly Reminder From IT

Just a friendly reminder that you must select the "Log Off" menu item within Galen rather than closing the window once you have finished with it. This will ensure that you are logged off the system properly and the license is released to enable staff to access clinical information without compromising patient safety.

RIGHT WAYS TO LOG OFF GALEN:

1. Select the "Log Off" menu item within Galen.

WRONG WAYS TO LOG OFF GALEN:

1. Clicking the X on the Galen window (top right corner) which closes the window.
2. Minimizing the Galen window so it drops to the bottom of the screen.
3. Turn off the terminal or PC without first choosing the "Log Off" menu item within Galen.
4. Log out of windows without first choosing the "Log Off" menu item within Galen.

Records Management and YOU

"We are making good progress with the records management project" says Maureen Breukers, the Project Manager. "We now have a draft strategy for the senior management team to consider, this will give us direction for the next two to three years to deliver tangible and visible benefits"

"It's not all about technology" adds Anthea Lister, project team member. "Equally important, it is about the business processes and practices that underpin the creation and use of records. The focus is on implementing consistent systematic practices that will make it easier for all staff to do their jobs"

"We are currently looking at all our policies and procedures, updating them and filling in the gaps" says Helen Smith, project team member. "It is essential that we have the rules, guidelines and tools in place to educate and support staff."

Maree Day, project team member is pleased with the way the Record Management Champions are completing the audit of paper records 'Almost all the Champions have started and a few have nearly completed the work. It's not easy to fit this in with other day to day demands but by doing a little bit regularly we are making steady progress'.

Remember: we are all responsible for good recordkeeping!

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The Patient Journey

Wairarapa DHB is gearing up for the next challenge, born out of the completed Post Implementation Review. Following extensive engagement with the Combined Health Unions forum, it was agreed that there are four main areas we need to focus on to continue to improve and build on the gains we have made so far.

“What became very clear was that while we had achieved a remarkable amount, there were consistent themes about the bits we have yet to do, or could do better,” says Review author Maureen Breukers.

These common threads have been woven together to form ‘The Patient Journey’ – a new way of looking at how we do things right across the health spectrum.

“‘The Patient Journey’ really reflects what this next stage is all about,” says Dr Carol MacDonald, who has been given responsibility for the overall management of the process. “It’s about looking at many of the things we do, and how they affect the journey through health services from home to hospital and everything in between. The four workstreams are ‘Patient

transfers’, ‘Technology’, ‘Models of care’ and ‘Leadership’. It’s clear we have a lot of talented staff who can be frustrated when current systems or processes get in the way of the patient journey, so I think this next stage will strike a chord with many, as we work together towards a DHB where there is no waste, no helplessness, no delay and no needless pain for our patients.”

Each of the four workstreams have an SMT member as ‘navigator’ or sponsor. Hospital GM Anne McLean will head the Patient Transfers’ team, Eric Sinclair the Technology team, Helen Pocknall the Models of Care team, and Bruce McGregor the ‘Leadership’ team. Jill Stringer will work with Carol to keep you informed and involved. Inspirational health expert Richard Bohmer will continue to advise the process.

“One way or another, you’ll all be part of ‘The Patient Journey’ over the next year or so!” says Carol. “Steering groups for each of the workstreams to be setup over the next few weeks and it’s important for staff to get involved.”

Professor Makes Flying Visit

Last week Wairarapa Hospital welcomed visiting Professor and internationally recognised joint replacement expert, Guido Grappiolo, to work with Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Ian Denholm, the first time an orthopaedic professor has consulted on a patient at Wairarapa Hospital. Ian Denholm met Professor Grappiolo at his orthopaedic department in Italy earlier this year and asked for advice on a difficult hip surgery problem.

“Wairarapa Hospital was extremely lucky to have the assistance of this renowned specialist for this particularly complex procedure, an ‘arthrodesis take down’. The Wairarapa patient concerned, Mervyn Herbert, would normally have had to undergo his operation outside the region – but instead he was operated on by the ‘best in the business’ right here in Wairarapa Hospital,” said Ian Denholm.

Mervyn’s hip was fused following an infection in the joint many years ago. During the procedure the hip was taken apart and the joint replaced with an artificial one. It is very complex procedure. Usually it is possible to orient a replacement joint with ‘landmarks’ or the contour of the bones, but, with a formerly fused hip this is impossible.

The Professor, visiting New Zealand to take a two-day hip surgery ‘Masterclass’ in Queenstown last week, rescheduled



Photo courtesy Wairarapa Times-Age

his flights enabling him to undertake the surgery himself.

The surgery proceeded to plan and was completed in two hours instead of the expected three, a testament to the Professor’s skills and experience. “Some of the top orthopaedic surgeons may have only undertaken this particularly procedure maybe ten or eleven times. Guido has completed around seventy of them – there just isn’t anyone better,” said Ian.

“This operation is the first part of a long-term solution, but Mervyn should soon be able to move his hip normally for the first time in forty years,” said Dr Denholm.