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Subject: Community Liaison Group's Big Plans for 2010

Wairau Hospital's Redevelopment Community Liaison Group already has a long list of activities planned for the New Year.

Community Liaison Group, Chair, Tessa Anderson said, "The group is proud of their achievements for 2009, and next year will see an even greater connection between the Marlborough community and the new hospital facilities."

Projects for the coming year focus on enhancing the new facilities that will open in February 2010. The group has commissioned local landscape designer Jo Saunders to complete the concept design for a Memorial Garden; and are currently working with local artists to develop glass art panels depicting the Marlborough landscape for the new main entrance to the hospital.

The hospital's extensive art collection has been assessed and a number of artworks selected for cleaning and reframing before being re-hung in the new facilities.

Ms Anderson said it was intended that the reframed artworks would be joined by the winning pieces of art from a competition for local secondary school students to run in the first half of 2010.

Representatives of the Community Liaison Group are working closely with Paediatrics staff on the development of a children's courtyard, as well as completing a survey with the families of Paediatric patients to establish what the group can provide to make their experience of the hospital environment as comfortable as possible.

Group members will be available to speak to members of the community at the Emergency Department preview on 10 February 2010. Alternatively the group can be contacted through the Project Administrator on 03 520 9859.

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