

## Mobility Courtyard Officially Opened



Amy Heath, Physiotherapist, tests out the new mobility courtyard with the members of the Marlborough Hospital Equipment Trust

The Assessment, Treatment and Rehabilitation ward at Wairau Hospital has been enhanced with the addition of a mobility courtyard. Alistair Sowman, Mayor of Marlborough, opened the purpose-built courtyard earlier this month.

The redevelopment project's community liaison group developed the courtyard in response to a request from staff for an outdoor area specifically designed to increase confidence, improve mobility and promote independence for rehabilitating patients.

Karen Fisher, group chair, thanked the members of the Marlborough Hospital Equipment Trust for their generosity in funding the courtyard, while the mayor unveiled a plaque acknowledging the Trust's gift. The plaque was generously provided by Philip Gibbison of Gibbison Jewellers in Redwoodtown.

The mayor commended the Trust for funding the facility and said "This particular courtyard is just one of many new features at Wairau that will benefit the people of Marlborough."

Sue Allen, Charge Nurse Manager for Inpatients, says her team is very grateful

to the community liaison group for their support and hard work to secure "a wonderful facility for our patients." Sue also acknowledges the contribution of Amy Heath, physiotherapist, for "her motivation, incredible energy and professional advice into the design process."



Mayor Alistair Sowman reveals the plaque

## New Look and Location for Flavours Café

Wairau Hospital's Flavours Café will move to a central location directly adjacent to the new main entrance in early December 2010. The new 46 seat café will also feature an outdoor courtyard, which will allow patrons to take full advantage of the Marlborough sunshine.



Artist's impression of what Flavours could look like

The new café will offer a full range of sandwiches, salads, fruit and sweets along with hot options at lunchtime. "We'll also be open during the weekends," says Glynis Fensom, Area Manager for Medirest, catering supplier for NMDHB.

The café is currently located in the Administration building (former nurses' home). During the redevelopment, changes in the campus layout have resulted in the café becoming more isolated.

"Our team is really looking forward to the relocation and is excited about being in the midst of the hospital," says Glynis. "We hope that the café will be a friendly and comfortable retreat for visitors to relax and unwind, as well as being a social meeting place for hospital staff."

The café will double as an after-hours tearoom for staff, with tea and coffee making facilities available. A swipe card will be required to access the café during the night.

## Bright and Cheerful for Children's Ward

Paediatric department staff have worked hard to ensure that the new children's ward is a warm and welcoming place for their patients. Colour was a priority for the team to perk up the hospital's base palette of grey tones. Strong primary colours were favoured for feature walls. The final selection includes Resene Chaos (bright red), Prime Time (blue), Tree Frog (green), and Broom (yellow).

"Colour creates a vibrant environment for children, contributing to a more pleasant and fun experience overall," says Mary Bezant, Associate Charge Nurse Manager for Paediatrics. "The bright walls provide a distraction and create a topic of conversation, making the whole hospital experience less frightening."

Areas closer to the eye level of children will also receive a splash of colour. Brightly coloured decals will be stuck to the flooring vinyl throughout the corridors and decorate the sides of the reception counter.

The vibrant decor, along with the outside play area, televisions and DVDs in the bedrooms, and numerous games and toys, ensures Marlborough's young people need not dread a trip to the hospital.



## Information Available at Entrance

From Monday, 8 November 2010, visitors to Wairau Hospital will be able to receive directions and assistance from an information desk located in the new main entrance to the hospital. The information desk will operate between 9.00am and 4.00pm, Monday - Friday.

The information desk will be manned by Hospice Marlborough's pool of volunteers. The volunteers will be provided with a full orientation to the new campus layout in the coming weeks.



## Woodwork Gift for Chapel

Ron Perano of the Woodworkers Guild has created two small side tables for the hospital chapel. Community Liaison Group member Jenny Robertson met Ron in the chapel to receive his gift on Tuesday, 5 October 2010.

"The tables are beautifully made from heart Rimu and match the existing Rimu lectern, Chaplain's chair and altar in the chapel," says Jenny. "These tables replace the standard issue furniture and further enhance this lovely space in the heart of the new hospital."

## Events to Celebrate Stage Three

The first of two events to celebrate the new facilities and prepare them for occupation has taken place.

A formal blessing was held at dawn on 26 October 2010 for hospital services moving in Stage Three. The invited guests followed the Kaumatua and Chaplain through the new Outpatients, Paediatrics, and Maternity facilities before concluding the ceremony with morning tea in the Wairau Café.



A preview will be held for the community to view the new Outpatients, Paediatrics and Maternity facilities before they are occupied on Tuesday, 2 November 2010, between 4.00-6.00pm. Last entry will be at 5.45pm.

## Countdown to Stage Three Facilities Occupation: Two Weeks

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