

This month's edition of Ex-Site introduces key staff members of Wairau Hospital Redevelopment and looks at the work of the User Groups.

## Wairau welcomes Project Director

Nelson Marlborough District Health Board would like to welcome Martin Ridgway as the newly appointed Project Director for the Wairau Hospital Site Redevelopment Project.

Martin comes from an IT Project Management background, and has qualifications in Quantity Surveying.

Before leaving the UK three years ago Martin was Project Manager for IT on the redevelopment of Heathrow Airport.

Martin and his family moved to Blenheim after visiting on a brief holiday.



**Martin Ridgway**

They have found the 'sea change' from London life to Marlborough's lifestyle relatively easy.

"I especially enjoy the sense of community in Blenheim, along with the great weather, scenery, access to the Marlborough Sounds, and the variety of local wines," says Martin.

Martin's role is to provide direction for the many stakeholders including the community, DHB and its staff as well as the external project consultants and contractors employed for the project.

Martin brings over 20 years of experience to the NMDHB and the Wairau Site Redevelopment Team with a background in major construction and information technology capital projects.

'It's a very exciting project. It represents a wonderful opportunity to design and build a modern hospital with new facilities which will improve patient care for the community of Marlborough and be

an attractive place to work in and that we are all proud off'.

The Site Redevelopment Team will be situated in 'Bunnies' room in the Administration building for the duration of the project.

Along with the appointment of Martin, the NMDHB also welcomes Emily Radnor as the Project Administrator and Communications Coordinator.

Emily has spent the last two years travelling and working in Melbourne, London and New Zealand and is very happy to have finally settled in Blenheim. Emily and her partner have recently



**Emily Radnor**

bought their first home and look forward to a summer of renovations and spending time in the Marlborough Sounds.

Emily has a Social Science degree from Melbourne with experience in Events Management, administration, logistics and customer service.

"I am thrilled to be on board at such a pivotal moment in Marlborough history. I look forward to being a part of a team that makes this transition a positive experience for both the community and the staff whilst creating an efficient and patient friendly hospital."

"I have already had contact with a number of staff on the User Groups and I plan to be available and approachable for staff inquiries as their input is paramount for the success of this project."

Emily can be reached on Extn 6859.

## Project Timeline

**Oct 06**  
**Commence Users Groups**

**Nov 06 - Sept 07**  
**Briefing and Design**

**Oct 07 - Dec 07**  
**Contractors Procurement**

**Jan 08 - Sept 09**  
**Construction**

**Oct 09**  
**Handover**

# Allied Health & Community Nursing User Group



Above Lynette Stewart (Physiotherapy) explains some of the facilities in Southland Hospital with Barry Best (Social Workers) and Joanne Harper (Occupational Therapy)



Left: Brenda McAlpine (Community Nursing) and Cath Lawson (Speech Therapy) viewing the Allied Health plans from Southland Hospital.



Above: Allied Health and Community Nursing User Group Meeting, led by James Bowyer, District Manager Clinical Support

## Feedback from Allied Health/Community Nursing User Group

Over the past two months, the Allied Health and Community Nursing user group has made fantastic, effective and thorough progress with their Model of Care, Terms of Reference and are now fine tuning their needs and future expectations in regards to storage, equipment, IT and clerical support.

The group noted that throughout this process, it was exploring and scrutinising their own departments, how they run, where they work well or where they could improve. Also contacting other hospitals to understand the change they went through in similar circumstances, and looking for ideas on co-location.

The group found this both interesting and inspiring.

'It has been exciting looking at how we do things and how we can do them better in the future and has become a catalyst to communicate with other departments' Ali Rendall (AT&R representative) commented.

Over all they have enjoyed being part of the user groups and this phase of the site redevelopment and are especially looking forward to seeing the concept plan that will be developed in response to their models of care.

**For further information on Wairau Redevelopment please approach department managers or people on the User Groups.**