

User Groups Sign off Concept Design Plans

After much input, many meetings and hard work, the Wairau Site Redevelopment User Groups have begun signing off the Concept Design Plans.

The sign off represents the user groups agreement to the general arrangement of key spaces and inter connections for the footprint/configuration of the rooms on the campus to satisfy the new model of care

James Bowyer, Allied Health user group leader was the first group to sign off their plan (and receive their chocolate fish!) and felt that 'there has been good consultation and involvement in the process by all to add value and provide input to achieve the desired outcomes' These user groups are now progressing into Preliminary Design Phase where all of the designs will move into Computer Aided Design (CAD) format. This software used for the drawing preparation will provide more accurate room configuration with the addition of doors, hand



Wally Fitness and Brenda McAlpine Sign off on Concept Design Phase

basins and the basic internal layout of each room.

Wally Fitness (Architect/Health Planner) who has developed the Master and Concept and Preliminary Design Plan's will start to reduce his user group interaction and Carl Grey (Architect) will work with the groups to further develop a detailed room by room drawing for each department. 'This is an intense phase where

there is a lot of information going to and from. There is a process set up that we are working by to make this phase run smoothly' notes Carl Grey.

User groups are still working on detailed patient flows and revisiting the way they currently work to ensure that efficiencies are gained in the new campus to provide a better service to patients, families and the Marlborough Community.

Communication

The Project Team wishes to encourage a healthy flow of communication from the Wairau Hospital Staff and the Project. If you have any concerns or would like clarification around any area of the site redevelopment project please:

- Contact your user group members
- Visit the Project Office, phone or email Emily Radnor or Sue Morris
- Discuss concerns or questions with your District Manager or Head of Department

User Group Guides and Sub Project Briefs Complete

All user groups have received their sub project briefs and user group guides. These reference documents include the Models of Care, sign off documents, benefits to be realised etc and are to keep the user groups focused on their own 'sub' projects within the larger hospital wide project.

Your user group representative will have printed off and bound these documents and will be available to view in your department.

Test Drilling Commences

As of the 12th of June, a Geotechnical contractor began drilling test bores to check the suitability of the underlying soils around the site for construction.

A total of three bores were drilled and varied from 23 to 25 metres deep. Samples from the bore holes will be analysed to inform the structural design

Outpatients User Group

The new medical and surgical Outpatient department will be located in an extended and refurbished Churchill Trust building. This integrated model will provide a seamless service and a 'one stop shop' for patients.

The user group, with representation from nurses, health educators, physicians, audiology, clerical, orthopaedics, oncology etc, have met on a weekly basis for 4 months now. They have had challenges around space and the way the department will be configured and rooms used.

Much effort has gone into scheduling consultation rooms and the user group are working on developing a future programme optimising the rooms over a 6 week schedule.

Lindsey Bates, District Manager and Leader of the user group believes 'the concept of a combined service or one stop shop will improve the patients experience, by reducing duplication of visits for tests and assessments, by providing opportunity for scheduling of multi disciplinary assessments, and improving information flow between specialties and patients. These benefits will only be



Outpatient User Group members

achieved by smart scheduling and the group should be commended on the scheduling work undertaken to date'.

More detailed designs have been drawn for the specialty rooms such as ENT, Ophthalmology, Audiology and ECG /physiology and the Architect is working closely with the specialist consultants to ensure that their needs are met.

Collocation to laboratory and radiology prevent the need for patients to move around the campus, further enhancing the efficiency for the clinic and ease of access for the patient.

Maori Reference Group

The Maori Reference Group will meet this month to examine and sign off on the user group Model's of Care and the results arising from the assessments from the Competency Tool - He Taura Teiki – that was given to the user groups to ensure that Maori culture was being considered in the new facility design and models of care.

The user group Model's of Care will then be issued to the Project Steering Group that will sign off on the models at the end of August.

Staff Forum/FAQ

Throughout the past few months, there have been numerous questions that have been raised by the user group, District Managers and other staff around the Wairau Hospital on Site Redevelopment.

The Project Team, Senior Leadership Team, Property Manager, Finance Manager, Human Resources, Project Managers etc have worked together to answer these questions on behalf of the staff and community.

To further answer staff questions, staff forums will be set up to allow staff who are not part of the user group process to hear a briefing on the project and ask the team any questions. These forums will be advertised widely and with early notice to provide opportunities for staff attendance.

Myth Buster - Hospital Bed Numbers

Over the past few months, many staff have become concerned around the number of bed space planned for the new hospital.

A new bed model was prepared on forecasts using 2003/04 volumes

with future population increase applied combined with the census analysis.

The configuration of the bed spaces will differ in the redeveloped campus, to reflect the changing profile of

health care and new models of care.

It is proposed that there will be an additional 5 bed spaces when the new campus is complete. Expansion zones for further beds will also be planned for.