

Lynette Jones joins the Project as Board Representative



Lynette Jones, Board Member

The Wairau Hospital Redevelopment Project Team are delighted that Lynette Jones has been appointed as the new Nelson Marlborough District Health Board representative to the project.

Mrs Jones was officially appointed as the Board representative to the Project Steering Group at the Board meeting on 6 November. Lynette replaces Mr John Inder who has been involved in the project since the development of the Business Case in 2004.

The Redevelopment Team appreciates Mr Inder's input and

advice on the project to date.

Mrs Jones noted that she is mindful that she does not have the 'clinical' factor that John Inder was able to call on during his time with the project, however commented 'I will listen carefully and do my best'

Lynette has had extensive experience in community service including voluntary work for Marlborough Red Cross from 1971 through to National President, New Zealand Red Cross and retired in 1995.

Appointed to the NMDHB Board in 1999 and elected in 2004, Mrs Jones has held a keen interest in the Wairau Hospital Redevelopment Project.

Community Information Meetings

On the Monday 19 November, the NMDHB Management and Board staff and Wairau Hospital Redevelopment Team held two Community Information meetings to share the Preliminary Design options and inform the community on the progress with the redevelopment project.

Attendees were given a presentation with work done to date and were then walked through the three Preliminary Design options that the project team were currently exploring.

The community were invited to ask questions from the Project Team and NMDHB Management staff.

Particular concerns were raised around capacity planning, population trends, nursing staff numbers and the bed numbers especially in maternity and surgical wards.

All concerns were responded by relevant District Managers, the Chief Operating Officer or Board Member.

The forum was attended well by the Marlborough community and was seen as a positive step by the Project Team and the DHB management.

It is expected that a further community forum will be held as the project progresses to keep the Marlborough community informed and offer an opportunity to ask questions.

Any further inquiries about the project can be put through to Emily Radnor, Project Administrator/Communications Coordinator, emily.radnor@nmhs.govt.nz, 03 5209859 or via the web site

Web Page Released for the Wairau Redevelopment Project!

Staff and community members can now keep up to date with the Wairau Hospital Redevelopment Project online.

A site has been especially developed to provide up to date information on the project including web cams (from Feb 08) to watch the building progress, information on the project team and user groups and any up and coming events such as the turning of the 'first sod' and dates of completion for various departments.

Interested community members and staff can visit the site at www.nmdhb.govt.nz/wairau

Consultation on new Staffing Model commences

District Managers, Human Resources, Wairau Liaison Manager and Change Management have commenced a period of consultation with staff and union members on the release of the new staffing and leadership model for the redeveloped hospital.

Staff input and feedback into the model is important to ensure that the model is correct and reflects the needs for Wairau Hospital.

Staff can find more information or support by contacting their manager, human resources, EAP, Chaplaincy or Maori Support

Hawkins Construction Appointed as Main Contractor

The Wairau Hospital Redevelopment Project Team is pleased to announce Hawkins Construction as the preferred contractor as part of the design team for the construction of the Wairau Hospital and Health Centre, Marlborough.

Registrations of Interest were requested by the NMDHB in early June of this year and a special evaluation panel shortlisted the companies before tenders were invited from four companies from around New Zealand. After an intense analysis period, the evaluation panel provided a recommendation to the DHB Board which was accepted.

Project Director, Martin Ridgway commented that 'the evaluation process for the selection of the preferred contractor was thorough and I am

confident that Hawkins Construction personnel, and their partnering approach, will contribute to the success of the project'.

The involvement of Hawkins will be in two stages the design phase and, subject to contract agreement, the construction phase. The Hawkins team will be led by Quin Henderson (Regional Manager), Lloyd Robison (Design Team Leader) and Gavin Daeche (Cost Planner and Senior Estimator).

Martin Edwards, Project Manager, will be based on site full time and will manage the construction works. Mr Edwards has wide-ranging experience in health and has recently completed the Christchurch Women's Hospital and worked on the construction of the

Middlemore Hospital.

Mr Ridgway was assured of Hawkins Construction's ability to undertake the project based on their extensive experience in health and other major construction contracts.

It is expected that local building contractors and suppliers will have opportunities to provide input during the building phases of the project. Construction on the hospital is to commence in early 2008 and will take 21 months to complete.



Myth Buster: Are we building a smaller sized hospital?

The overall size of the campus will be smaller but will have more beds than present due to a more efficient layout, which will help reduce some of the high operational costs of cleaning, heating and maintenance. The reduced corridors will allow departments closer and easier access and will be more efficient use of staff time.

There will be no reduction in the services offered, and the new facilities will help improve patient care and service delivery.

User Group Leaders Assist in Review Process

Wairau based user group Co-leaders have been heavily involved in the Preliminary Design Review process.

The Project Team, District Managers and user group co-leaders have participated in 4 workshops to explore possible alternate design options to ensure that current planning has accounted for:

- Future flexibility of the redeveloped site and buildings
- Way finding and travel distances
- Expansion zones for areas such as Outpatients, Emergency and AAU/ HDU.

Their input in this process is important to allow the project team to provide an informed recommendation to the Steering Group at the end of this month.

These design options are available to be viewed on the website www.nmdhb.govt.nz/wairau

IT/Communications Working Group

As part of the redevelopment project, an IT / Communication working group was established. This group, chaired by RDT Pacific Project Manager Don Robertson, meet on a monthly basis. The working group has been set up to:

- To advise the project team on the DHB policies, practices and expectations related to IT, Communications and Security.
- To review and sign off the design and documentation for the proposed IT, Communications and Security provisions.

The membership of the group ranges from nursing and medical staff, the Wairau Liaison Manger, Project Director, IT, Security and Communication Managers.

Currently the group have been investigating Nurse Call systems, security options and ensuring that the project is providing future proofing for the facility in terms of increasing demand for technology, i.e. data points in each inpatient bed rooms, ensuring expansion space for server rooms, and potential to install wireless IT services for some departments.

Various Nurse Call System companies will be visiting the Wairau Hospital on Friday, 30th of November to provide a practical presentation and answer questions from staff on their systems.



Ali Rendall, member of the IT/Communications Group