

## Maori Reference Group Start Planning Ceremony



Some of the group's members: Denise Rimene, Ali Rendall, Siu Phillips, Lyn Bird, Harold Wereta and Josephine Faragher

The Maori Reference Group met again this month. The group was established to ensure that current planning for the hospital and models of care reflected matters relating to Maori and to ensure

culturally appropriate advice is given.

Harold Wereta, Portfolio Manager in Planning and Funding has now handed the chair of the group to the newly appointed Kaiwhakahaere (District

Manager) Josephine Faragher, who is looking forward to her new role in the redevelopment project. Harold will remain a member of the group to ensure there is a population health approach to the hospital site development.

Josephine commented 'I am excited to be able to facilitate cultural oversight to the Wairau Hospital Redevelopment Project to ensure integration and integrity of Maori principles throughout the process'.

The Maori Reference Group immediate focus will be to deliver advice on protocol concerning the refurbishment of the Mortuary and Stores, 'Turning of the first Sod' ceremony and burying of the Mauri (Symbolic Healing stones) which will be held in March 2008.

The Maori Reference Group is looking forward to planning the ceremony in conjunction with the Iwi Health Board and hope that many staff will attend.

## Staffing Model Consultation Period Ends

The deadline for staff to put forward submissions around the proposed staffing model has now passed.

The staffing model was released last month with a series of presentations by District Manager and acting Chief Operating Officer, James Bowyer, and all staff were encouraged to review the model and provide feedback and submissions via Human Resources. District Managers will now review the submissions and provide a summary document and future staffing model to the Project Steering Group in late January.

The Project Team and District Managers are aware that this process has been difficult for staff and commend the approach and the effort individuals and departments have made in preparing their submissions to the proposed staffing model.

## Nurse Call System Presentation

User Group co-leaders and other staff members attended a presentation from three different Nurse Call System sales representatives on Friday 30th of November.

Ali Rendall has been leading the investigations into the latest nurse call systems for the inpatient areas of the new hospital. The various companies included Miracle, Austco and Merlon and they provided informative demonstrations and answered the questions by the staff.

An evaluation form will be forwarded to all staff that attended the presentations to shortlist a preferred model for the new inpatient facilities.

For more information contact Ali Rendall or Emily Radnor.

## Learning and Development & Wairau Site Redevelopment

As there will be many changes to the way we work and the technology we will use in the new facility, next year a detailed training plan will be driven and developed by staff with the assistance of L&D.

Due to the already increasing other training requirements for staff (as well as site redevelopment), L&D will coordinate an overall plan to ensure that training for 2008 is effective and manageable for Wairau Staff

# Project Director's Report

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Staff and other participants who have provided input and enthusiasm for the planning and design of the Wairau hospital redevelopment throughout 2007.

This has been a very busy time and I understand that site redevelopment adds additional pressure to daily activities, particularly for user groups contributing to process mapping, Room Data Sheets and detailed checking of design plans and schedules.

The project is currently completing a review process that will ensure that the final design of the facility meets the needs of Marlborough and satisfy Ministry of Health requirements. We expect to have final approval of the recommended scheme from the Board after the 18th of December 2007 and will relay this to the staff as soon as this is achieved.

Next year, user groups will take off again with intense 8 weeks of planning for each design stage and we look forward to commencing construction works during 2008.

I have enjoyed working at Wairau in 2007 and look forward to working with you on the project next year.



**Martin Ridgway, Project Director**

## Did you know....

That hoist systems or infrastructure in the ceilings (to ensure future proofing) is being designed to be installed into some of the new combined Inpatient and AT&R areas.

This is to ensure that the 'No Lift' policy for staff is supported in the redeveloped hospital.

## Design Option Review Update

A variation on the Preliminary Design will be put forward to the Board this month. After feedback from the Ministry of Health peer reviewer, the Project Team produced a series of alternative design options to incorporate further expansion zones, better way finding of departments and flexibility of inpatient facilities.

A group of user group co-leaders and District Managers reviewed the plans and after a robust evaluation process, agreed to recommend Option 2 (a development of the inpatient services on the Taylor Pass road side of the Theatres) to the Project Steering Group.

Work is currently being undertaken on quantifying if this design is affordable by the DHB and the Project Team expects a final decision from the Board at the end of the year.

This design option is available to be viewed on the intranet and website [www.nmdhb.govt.nz/wairau](http://www.nmdhb.govt.nz/wairau)

## Wairau Hospital gets a Chapel Again

Kevin Gwynne, Wairau Hospital Chaplain, is delighted to be part of the planning process for the Wairau Hospital Chapel/multi-faith room.

The previous chapel facilities at the hospital was demolished around the 1990's due to it being unable to meet

the seismic (earthquake) regulations. It was originally located to the south of the hospital site, near District Nursing.

Kevin Gwynne, said, "The new chapel/multi-faith room that will be situated close to the Inpatient departments and will be linked to the Chaplain and Pukenga

Hauora offices.

"We will once again have a spiritual heart of the hospital.

The space will be able to be used for services and as a family and staff quiet room.

## Barrier Free for Wairau Hospital

As part of the redevelopment planning, the project team is dedicated in designing an accessible facility for all of Marlborough. Throughout the design stages, the architects are specially trained to ensure that all areas of the hospital are wheel chair accessible including providing access to essential facilities such as toilets.

Feedback has been received from the Marlborough Hearing Association for a request for loop systems at reception points and the New Zealand Association for the Blind to ensure that the right kind of colour schemes are used to help people with visual impairments easily define between walls, floors and doors.

As the design phases progress, further information will be sought around these areas and some DHB staff will be trained in checking the construction to ensure that hand rails etc are being installed correctly.

**Milestone: The first building consent has been lodged with the Marlborough District Council for Mortuary and Stores**