

Hands up for health awards



HANDS UP FOR HEALTH TEAM: From left, Judy Barnett, Barbara Garbutt, Lindsay Lowe, Louise Wild and Gytha Lancaster

Innovation and quality improvement is alive and well in the Waikato if Friday night's Best of Health Awards is anything to go by. Waikato District Health Board (DHB) awarded five local health projects special status at the ceremony with each taking away a trophy and cash grant to invest into their award-winning project or support a new initiative.

Waikato DHB chief executive Craig Climo spoke at the ceremony and congratulated the winners and finalists.

"You are all winners to me, both for having got this far and of course for your contribution to health.

"The number of entrants, the quality of the finalists and the fact that Waikato is able to sustain a major event like this reinforces that innovation and quality im-

provement is alive and well here.

"My strong perception is that Waikato stands out on the national stage in this regard, and long may it continue," he said.

The quality of entries was matched by quality of entertainment as guests were treated to a glamorous night hosted by MC Michele A'Court followed by Rotorua band 'Count Me In'.

Waikato DHB's Best of Health Awards are a biennial event that celebrate, recognise and reward excellence and innovation in health initiatives around the Waikato region.

This year is the fourth awards' ceremony and applications were sought from all health providers within the Waikato DHB area. Twenty eight applications came in and 15 finalists short listed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS:



BEST OF HEALTH AWARDS 2008

Waikato District Health Board

Innovation (\$5000)

- Double Balloon Enteroscopy – Health Waikato, Waikato DHB

Collaboration (\$5000)

- Hands Up for Health – Population Health Service, Health Waikato, Waikato DHB

Continuous improvement – non-clinical support improvement (\$1000)

- Webhealth Waikato Kiosk Project – Linkage Trust

Continuous improvement – clinical practice improvement (\$1000)

- Ward based sedation for dressings changes and wound debridements in burns patients at Waikato Hospital – Health Waikato, Waikato DHB

Continuous improvement – clinical service delivery improvement (\$1000)

- General practice initiated community management of cellulitis – Waikato DHB

Continuous improvement overall winners (\$4000 each)

- Ward based sedation for dressings changes and wound debridements in burns patients at Waikato Hospital – Health Waikato, Waikato DHB
- General practice initiated community management of cellulitis – Waikato DHB



DOUBLE BALLOON ENTEROSCOPY TEAM: From left, Dr Tony Smith, Julia Cleaver, Lynne Irving, Carolyn Gibbs, Dr Frank Weilert, Bronwyn Scully and Dr Jim Brooker.



CELLULITIS TEAM: From left, Jan Goddard, Linda Rademaker and Kevin Thorburn (Pacific Surgical Ltd).



WARD BASED SEDATION TEAM: From left, Dean Blake, Sheena Reid, Bronwyn Pester, Chris Jephcott, David Kibblewhite, and Denise Cranston (Braemar Hospital).



WEBHEALTH WAIKATO TEAM: From left, Hilda Botha, Richard Jeffcoat, Sarah Edmonds and Graham Potter.

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