



craig's corner

I'm shifting.

For the next year or two, I'm relocating into Waikato Hospital, as is our chief financial officer, Brent Wiseman.

I'm comfortable with performance and progress elsewhere in the organisation, but I've been here over a year and after what feels like much talk, planning and investment I haven't seen the gains I'd like in Waikato Hospital. Our performance is languishing compared to other DHBs and I haven't seen the major process improvement that I've been talking about – maybe it is about to occur as I'm aware of the hundreds of projects we have on the go.

Great things happen every day at Waikato Hospital and that it works as well as it does is testimony to our staff – who make it work, despite the processes and systems that they have to work in. There is a need for change that is bigger than individuals or individual departments. Waikato Hospital is so big and complex that it needs organisation attention to bring about the overall high-level process changes that are required. That's where I hope I can help.

- Craig Climo is Waikato DHB's chief executive.



COLLABORATION: From left members of the Hands Up for Health team Judy Barnett, Barbara Garbutt, Lindsay Lowe, Louise Wild and Gytha Lancaster.

Best of Health Awards 2008

Friday night's Best of Health Awards was a big success with winners announced and a good time had by all.

Michele A'Court, MC for the evening, entertained the crowd and after dinner Rotorua band 'Count Me In' got everyone up and dancing.

Finalists were:

Innovation

- Bench top endovascular simulator
- Double balloon enteroscopy
- Waikato community pharmacy group free ECP for under 25 year olds

Collaboration

- Secure electronic referral receipt pilot project
- Hands Up for Health
- Hepatitis C management in the prison setting – a shared care model

Continuous improvement – clinical practice improvement

- Waikato Hospital trauma service
- Ward based sedation for dressing changes and wound debridements of Waikato Hospital burns patients
- SBARR co-operative communication tool

Continuous improvement – clinical service delivery improvement

- Nurse led clinic – breast cancer care support and assessment clinic
- Midland adolescent and young adult oncology haematology service
- General practice initiated community management of cellulitis

Continuous improvement – non-clinical support improvement

- Webhealth Waikato kiosk project
- Waikato DHB website
- Media streaming at Waikato DHB

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS:



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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



Fresh Future for Waikato kids

Health Waikato gratefully accepted a \$125,000 cheque for Waikato Hospital on Tuesday 11 November from Progressive Enterprises as part of their 2008 Fresh Future fundraising appeal.

The money will be spent on improving facilities and equipment in Waikato Hospital's paediatric areas.

More than \$1 million was raised since the launch in August and Waikato Hospital is one of 10 hospitals throughout New Zealand to benefit from the appeal.

The cheque was presented at a special ceremony yesterday afternoon in level B5 of the main entry building. Forty representatives from local Progressive Enterprises stores attended the event as well as a number of DHB staff.

Dave Graham was the MC and kept the crown entertained. The Glamour Girls from the nursing service performed a special number too.



Aston Moss (left) and Kevin Booth (right) present cheque to Craig Climo (centre).

Food for thought this Christmas

This Christmas, Breast Care staff have decided not to do their routine 'Secret Santa' ceremony where they buy each other presents.

Nope, this year they have opted instead to spend the same amount of money they normally would on their Secret Santa gift, to buy food for their local food bank.

But if they're going without their Secret Santa present, they think you should too, and are challenging other departments within the organisation to do the same.

Email thomsena@waikatodhb.govt.nz and get your department listed on the intranet as a food-giving department, so we know which ones are joining the cause!

Food banks are always in need, and especially at Christmas time, so don't leave Breast Care as the lonely, but generous department, add your department's commitment to giving food to your local food bank.

Round the Bridges team

Waikato District Health Board has 787 staff members entering Hamilton's Round the Bridges race this weekend with some coming from as far as Taumarunui, Tokoroa and Thames.

Chief executive Craig Climo, Health Waikato chief operating officer Jan Adams and board chair Jerry Rickman are also taking part.

It is the second year the DHB has entered a team, last year we had 210 staff getting involved.

Congratulations to you all for creating this huge team and good luck on the day!

NZ Masters Games 2009 - registration booklets

The ACC NZ Masters Games 2009 are in Wanganui in February 2009. Entries close on 9 January.

We have received nine copies of the official registration booklet.

If your area is keen to get a team together, or if you are interested as an individual, call into Viscom or phone Kate on x 8780, and get a copy.

If you would like to contact other staff members who are going, or want to form a team, let Kate or Bee know (see contact details below) and we will post up your information in the Workplace Wellness > [Events and Activities](#) area.

Pre-Christmas golf day to support asthma and respiratory services

Sunday 7 December is the Asthma Golf Tournament at Ngaruawahia Golf Club.

Entry fee is only \$20 (there is also a nine-hole division from 1.15pm with an entry fee of \$15).

Up for grabs is the Don Illing Cup, the Dunbar Trophy, men's and ladies' divisions, and lots of prizes.

Catering and bar facilities available.

Enjoy your game and support a great cause - the proceeds will help Asthma and Respiratory Services (Waikato) Inc to educate, guide and help people and their families with asthma and other respiratory conditions.

For a starting time, contact the Ngaruawahia Golf Club: Lyn MacRury 07 824 8006 x803 or email nga@wave.co.nz.

Summer membership special - tennis and squash courts

You can have access to the hospital tennis and squash courts for a special summer price of \$10 per month (per key). This special is only available from 1st Nov till 31st March and is only for DHB employee.

Come and check out the recently painted tennis court. Get in shape for summer!

For more information or to obtain a key contact:
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Andrea Fluhler - Radiology
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