

Welcome again to the electronic version of Our Korero. Thanks to all those who voted – fortnightly was the most popular option so we'll be doing it if we can sustain the copy flow. Given recent record postings on the intranet the last month, that's unlikely to be a problem.

Okay let's start with the wonderful news out of Thames where nine of our laboratory staff won \$1 million in Lotto last week. Wayne Johnston, Christine Lancaster, Shane Ayrton, Sue Brooks, Gordon Bowers, Margaret Quinn, Raewyn Steadman, Eva Hooper and Jane Ashby are part of a syndicate that's been buying Lucky Dip lotto tickets for eight years. The syndicate picked up \$111,111.11 each. Congratulations team.

### **Work Perx**

Keep your eye out on Work Perx for new and updated special offers and discounts from a wide range of companies for our staff.

For example Noel Leeming has cost +10 per cent + GST for two weeks only from next week at Hamilton and Te Rapa branches.

There's a very good offer for Waikato University gym membership and other deals on tyres, towbars, travel insurance, electrical work, Thai cuisine, squash and tennis, spectacles and laser eye surgery.

<http://ourintranet/WDHB/Staff+Matters/Worx+Perx/default.htm>

### **New posting:**

Congratulations to Dr Phil Wood the new Director of Clinical Units for Waikato Hospital. Phil started on Monday and brings a wealth of clinical leadership and a strong academic background to this key medical leadership position.

### **Building names:**

The board is today discussing naming of new buildings on the Waikato Hospital campus. We've made five recommendations to the board. The most significant is that the 26.5ha of the hospital campus be named Waiora Waikato and that interested individuals and groups (that includes staff) submit names for the Clinical Centre.

To read more go to <http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/file/fileid/30341> We'll let you know how you can submit your suggestions.

### **Replacement boilers**

We're also looking to replace Waikato Hospital's old boilers

<http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/file/fileid/30344> and we've asked the board to approve our recommendations.

### **Meet our new director of nursing and midwifery**



Actually she's not new – it's Sue Hayward as she looked back in 1974 when she was a fresh-faced new graduate nurse.

Wintec journalism student Heather Chappell caught up with Sue to talk about her career, Releasing Time to Care: Productive Wards, her family and why nursing remains a great career option.

Read Heather's profile online

[http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/news/pageid/2145861985/Nursing\\_leader\\_makes\\_a\\_difference](http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/news/pageid/2145861985/Nursing_leader_makes_a_difference)

We've also recently published a profile online about our new clinical leader of orthopaedics at Waikato Hospital, Chris O'Meehan. Have a read of it

[http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/news/pageid/2145861924/Putting\\_the\\_pieces\\_together\\_in\\_orthopaedics](http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/news/pageid/2145861924/Putting_the_pieces_together_in_orthopaedics)

Watch out for more profiles of our people. We're never going to run out of material with more than 5900 staff all of whom have a special story to tell. We will run them on our website [www.waikatodhb.govt.nz](http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz)

### **Health targets**

Results from the quarter four health targets are out later this month. We're stars again for radiotherapy meeting the four week target 100 per cent of the time six months before the harder target starts. The two targets of concern are emergency department and smoking. Read what Craig Climo reports to the board in his chief executive's report. <http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/file/fileid/30339>

### **Waikids**

Paediatrics has a new name and image – Waikids. It provided an opportunity for paediatric services, although not all currently physically together, to unite under one banner. Clinical unit leader Dr David Newman made the announcement at the Fresh Future launch last week. By the way, please support Fresh Future. This money – we've had \$410,000 over three years, does come back to Waikato Hospital and our young patients. Check out our website [www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/waikids](http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/waikids) for more on Waikids and Fresh Future.

### **Workforce needs**

What are we doing to meet future workforce needs? The Workforce Development team now have more than 18 pieces of work on the go, covering both Waikato DHB workforce improvements and sector-wide initiatives. If you are interested in issues like an ageing workforce, attracting young people into health careers, recruitment and retention strategies, developing the care and support workforce, helping the aged care sector prepare for the future....and much more....check out the workforce web pages and sign up for the e-newsletter that will update you on the team's progress. You can have the newsletter sent to your work or home email address.

[www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/workforce](http://www.waikatodhb.govt.nz/workforce)



Phew – that's a bit of news. To find out more about what's going on at Waikato DHB, check out the intranet. There were more than one billion hits last month – breaking the record by two million! With 10 days of August, we're already up to three million hits so like the emergency department, we're breaking records galore.

Don't forget about Talking Point and Waikato DHB classifieds. Debate is pretty hot and healthy on OrgPlus and the classifieds continue to hit the mark for many of our staff as we're regularly asked to remove items either sold or found.

Catch you in a fortnight. Be good and if you can't be good, be careful.

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