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RENEWAL PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Message from the editor

As we rapidly get closer to practical completion things are really hotting up in the Project Team Office. Everyone is busy making preparations for commissioning of the building when it is handed over in early December this year.

The Project team and staff continue to review the unit under construction and provide advice/solutions to issues as they arise. As can be seen from pictures in the

newsletter the building is now coming together very quickly

Managing contractors have flagged that practical completion may be delayed to the 8th December 2005.

We anticipate taking occupancy of the unit around the 12th December.

We will use this time before Christmas to move in equipment and to set up the unit and conduct our commissioning and testing processes.

Project Report

In addition to items covered in this newsletter work is progressing in the following areas:

Perimeter Security

- Selection panel has reviewed the seven responses to tender and have made a recommendation. DHHS Contracts Review Committee have signed off on this recommendation enabling the project team to proceed with engagement of the successful company.

Human Resource and Industrial Issues

- Staff and unions have been presented with the proposed staffing structure and roster for the WLC. In addition they have been involved in a review of the Nursing Hours per Patient Bed Day required for this unit, and are in receipt of the report. It is anticipated that this will all be signed off in the next few weeks.

Legislation

- Significant work has been undertaken by Sharyn Eastaugh, Dr John Crawshaw and others in preparing legislation amendments to acts such as the *Criminal Justice (Mental Impairment) Act 1999*; *Sentencing Act 1997*; *Mental Health Act 1996*; *Corrections Act 1997*; *Youth Justice Act 1997* and *Guardianship and Administration Act 1995* in order to provide legislation to govern the operation of the WLC. This work is now with the parliamentary drafters, and is hoped will be presented to Parliament during the Autumn sitting.

Interservice Protocols

- Working groups have been established and meet regularly to progress development of memorandums of understanding (MOU) and transitional plans for the current hospital. First draft of an MOU between DHHS and DoJ is out for broader consultation and comment. MOU between DHHS and Police has been updated to make reference to the WLC. First draft of transitional model also out for review by the working group. Further MOU's are required with mental health services, youth justice, alcohol and drug services, community corrections to name a few.

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View along back boundary fence



Photo Above
Day Room Extended Care Unit



Photo Above
Activities Room in the Extended Care Unit, as you can see painting has now commenced



Photo above *Extended Care Unit Nurse Station*

Primary Health Services

Work is progressing well on the new Health Centre at Risdon Men's Maximum and Medium Prison complex both in terms of building construction and the health service model that will drive it.

Comparisons are being made between proposed health services at Risdon and those currently offered interstate and overseas. The plan is to develop comprehensive primary health care that meets national Corrections benchmarks and the best practice ideals of State Health Departments.

The new Health Centre will operate around a correctional structured day and will provide inpatient and outpatient facilities by a team of nursing, medical and allied health staff.

Will have some progress shots for you in the next issue.

Clinical Processes Group

This group is currently reviewing the Service Delivery model and continuing to work through patient related documentation, particularly discharge planning and referral protocols into the Wilfred Lopes Centre.

Communication

Mental Health Week Breakfast 8.30am Thursday 13th October 2005

Join us for breakfast, meet the SMHU Senior Management Team, listen to our guest speakers and much more as we celebrate a new service direction for Tasmanian Forensic Mental Health.

8.30am Thursday 13th October 2005

Hotel Grand Chancellor

Buffet Breakfast

Numbers are limited so to book your place RSVP to 6230 7800 by Friday 30th September 2005.

Recruitment

Recruitment continues to move ahead and the target of 28 nursing staff for the first phase of operation of the Wilfred Lopes Centre for Forensic Mental Health is looking very achievable.

Many current staff have expressed interest in transferring to the Wilfred Lopes Centre and response to recruitment for registered nurses (level 1 & 2) and enrolled nursing positions has been very positive. Interviews are being conducted and more are planned over the next few weeks.

Wilfred Lopes Centre senior nursing positions have also been advertised – Manager Wilfred Lopes Centre, Clinical Nurse Educator and Clinical Nurse Specialist x 2 positions. Interest in these positions

Photo Below

*Administration Section of the Centre
Conference room on the left, main entrance and
offices along the right hand side of the building*

has been very promising. Interviews for Clinical Nurse Specialist positions have been conducted and appointments are expected to be made in the next few weeks while interviews for Manager Wilfred Lopes Centre will occur over the next fortnight. Applications for the Clinical Nurse Educator closed Friday 19th August and interviews for this position will also be held in the next fortnight.

All efforts are being made to generate interest in nursing positions at the Wilfred Lopes Centre. A more intensive national and international recruitment campaign has commenced and the database of potential applicants through our recruitment agency continues to expand. The Project Team has been attending Nursing Expos in Melbourne, Hobart and Brisbane to promote employment at the Wilfred Lopes Centre.

Commissioning

Planning for the commissioning of the building is underway. The Project Team and the Managing Contractors have agreed on a process which involves the ongoing inspection of the built environment, installation and testing of plant and equipment up to the 7th November 2005. After this time there will be a 28 + 5 day period during which all the systems, equipment etc will be extensively tested by the Managing Contractors. Practical completion date and hand over to us will occur at the end of this 33 day period.

The last 5 days of the 33 day period will be used by the Project Team and senior staff of the Wilfred Lopes Centre to “desk top test” the operational plans, policies and procedures for flaws, errors and omissions. Scenario testing in the following two weeks involving outside agencies will further test the policies and procedures and ensure all the detailed planning which has occurred will meet the operational needs of the facility.





Above
Vehicle lock where vehicles will enter with clients for processing



Left
Staff courtyard going up

RECRUITING NOW

Wilfred Lopes Centre for Forensic Mental Health

***Positions for registered and enrolled nurses
Take your psychiatric nursing career to the next level
Join us now and play a part in this new service development***

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