

## "Little Lives, Big Journeys"

Thank you to all who have supported our "Little Lives, Big Journeys" appeal to raise funds for a Second Neonatal Transport Incubator.

This much needed piece of equipment will ensure all critically ill babies born in our region will receive specialist care immediately, no matter where they live. Last year over 400 of these miracle babies required urgent transportation to Wellington Children's Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and this number is expected to grow as demand for this care increases. Thanks to the community, Wellington Hospitals Foundation is proud to announce we have raised the \$212,000 needed to purchase a new specialist Neonatal Transport Incubator for our region. This new system will have; space for two babies so twins can be transported together, life support for babies as young as 23 weeks, a ventilator to assist breathing, incubator to keep baby warm,



oxygen, nitric oxide and full intensive care unit monitoring. Thanks to you, babies requiring urgent assistance throughout our region will be given the best possible chance of surviving. Thank you again for helping save our miracle babies.



*Sarah Cody and  
Natalie Wilkes –  
Hospital Flight Nurses.*

## Hospi's Corner ED Kids Waiting Room

The Foundation is proud to have funded a purpose-built waiting room (Hospi's Corner) for children in Wellington's Emergency Department. This dedicated waiting room for children within the existing Emergency Department (ED) provides a safer and quieter environment for children and their families. The new ED children's Hospi's Corner waiting room will allow greater physical separation of children from adult patients and improve the quality of the ED experience for children and families.



## Award for Hospital Volunteers

We were thrilled for our Volunteer Service to recently be recognised by the 2017 Ministry of Health Volunteer Awards as the overall winners. This is great recognition for all our volunteers at Wellington & Kenepuru Hospitals, Wellington Children's Hospital and Kapiti Health Centre, and is a huge achievement for the 450+ strong team of volunteers who give up their time each week to assist patients and visitors. Congratulations to all our volunteers.



*Minister of Health  
presents award*



FROM THE CHAIR

## A special thank you

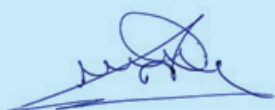
Dear Supporter,  
30 June, signals the end of our financial year of providing assistance to our hospitals here in Wellington Regional Hospital, Kenepuru Hospital, Wellington Regional Children's Hospital and Kapiti Health Centre. All of us at the Foundation are delighted to tell you of some of the things your donations and support have provided for hospital patients and the difference you have made.

The support we received to have been able to fund a second MRI Scanner was tremendous. This has made such a huge difference in patients wait times. Our regular supporters and members of the public support for this appeal was outstanding – thank you so much. There is more detail inside this newsletter. Also this year we have been able to place an order to fund a new Transport Incubator for neonatal babies from around our region. This Incubator means tiny wee premature babies, some up to 23 weeks, will get a better chance at life. We are also looking to fund a Gastroscope and a Colonvideoscope. Other generous donations have meant we have been able to fund a special children's area within Wellington Hospitals Emergency Department. These are significant items which will mean so much for patients. We also meet many smaller requests from the Hospital Clinicians which we are able to help with. But we couldn't do it without your support.

In this newsletter you can read about how your support has helped.

Thank you again for everything you do to support our work and to provide our hospital patients, young and old, with the best possible medical care.

With my kindest regards



Bill Day MNZM, JP  
Chair.

## Wellington Regional Hospital Second MRI Update

The second MRI Scanner funded by Wellington Hospitals Foundation was installed at Wellington Regional Hospital in December last year.

Since then, Wellington Hospital's Radiology team has received significant positive feedback from patients. Jacob Cameron, Clinical Support of Radiology says "The new scanner has provided a much more pleasant experience for patients; the addition of the colourful ceiling panels and windows to let in natural light have been very well received. The generous width and shorter tunnel is more comfortable for patients who found the previous scanner tight and claustrophobic. The entertainment system has been invaluable, particularly for children, providing comfort and distraction during the scan. Coupled with this, the new scanner's speed and the shorter scan times have allowed a number of children, who previously required a general anaesthetic, to undergo an MRI without anaesthetic. This is a much better outcome and means children are spending less time on waiting lists."

Jacob also emphasises the clinical impact the new MRI Scanner has had by providing access to high quality imaging options previously not available at Wellington Hospital. These include 3D

imaging of the whole heart to identify small coronary vessels, and the ability to image blood vessels of the entire legs without the use of dyes.

We are proud to have supported this project which has already had a positive impact on so many patients in our region, and will continue to do so for many years.

Thanks again to the community for raising the \$1 million needed. Wellington Regional Hospital now has two brand new MRI scanners and patient waiting times are on track to be reduced.



## New Baby Pod for Wellington Hospital Flight Team

Wellington Hospitals Foundation has raised over \$13,000 to purchase a baby pod for Wellington Regional Hospital's Air Ambulance Flight Team. The baby pod will benefit hundreds of infants in our region. It will be used to safely transport sick full term babies and infants from as far away as Napier and Blenheim/ Nelson, by air ambulance, helicopter and road ambulance to Wellington Regional Children's Hospital. You can see the baby pod and flight team in action in Wellington Hospital's Air Ambulance Simulator by visiting [www.facebook.com/wellingtonhospitalsfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/wellingtonhospitalsfoundation)



Karyn Hathaway and Peter Rowntree.

# Living with Pain – No more

The Foundation is currently raising \$160,000 to purchase two paediatric endoscopes for Wellington Hospital's Paediatric theatres.

This specialist equipment is used for children undergoing gastrointestinal diagnosis. Currently Wellington Regional Hospital's existing endoscopes are shared with both child health and adult services. Funding two additional endoscopes specifically for paediatric (Child Health) services will ensure children have timely access to this equipment and will not be kept waiting.

An endoscope looks like a long

flexible black bendy rod, which allows entry to the stomach through the mouth, down the throat and into the stomach. The endoscope has a camera on the end allowing surgeons to see inside patients and provide a diagnosis through visual confirmations and biopsy. This procedure is relatively un-obstructive for young patients, as it has a quick recovery time and usually only requires a day stay to recover from the anaesthetic.



*Professor Mark Stringer demonstrates endoscopic biopsy.*

## CASE STUDY

7 year old Lila had been suffering from strong stomach pain on an on-going basis for over a year. Although stomach migraines were initially assumed the cause, a later blood test indicated Coeliac Disease as a possible diagnosis. As a result Lila was put on the waitlist for an endoscopic biopsy to confirm the diagnosis. 5 weeks later in theatre surgeon Prof. Mark Stringer was immediately able to confirm the diagnosis of Coeliac Disease for Lila. This was done through visual confirmation with the endoscopic camera as well as a biopsy taken by the endoscope to 100% confirm the disease. The procedure was over within 30mins and Lila was wide awake and eating lunch an hour later and went home that afternoon. Now that a diagnosis of Coeliac Disease has been confirmed Lila will be able to live a pain free life with a change of diet to avoid gluten. It was very important for Lila to have an endoscopic procedure as if Coeliac Disease is left untreated symptoms can be much more severe. Thanks to an endoscope Lila and her family can be confident in the doctor's diagnosis and can continue life pain free.



## Meet Professor Mark Stringer

Professor Mark Stringer is one of Wellington Regional Children's Hospitals specialist paediatric surgeons. Professor Stringer is a great supporter of Wellington Hospitals Foundation and we are proud to assist with funding for specialist equipment that will allow him and other paediatric surgeons to perform crucial surgeries to benefit children in our region. Mark Stringer performed the endoscopic procedure for Lila and often does 6-8 of these weekly on young patients. The demand is increasing and providing Paediatric theatres with their own set of endoscopes will greatly benefit many young patients by providing quick access to these procedures.



## New Trustee – Simon Woolf

We welcome Simon Woolf to our Board of Trustees for the Foundation. Simon Woolf is a second term Wellington City Councillor and is the council's ambassador for Wellington City. Simon is also an award winning photographer with a worldwide reputation for his craft. He is proud to be a Wellington Hospital "Hospi Hero". Simon joins Trustees Bill Day, Debbie Chin, Brian Bray, Deborah Battell, and John Tait.



## Street Appeal – we need your help!

Wellington Children's Hospital's Annual Street Appeal will be held on Friday 29th September 2017. We are currently calling for volunteers to help us collect for 2 hours within the Wellington, Kapiti Coast and Hutt Valley Regions. If you are available on this day please sign up through our website ([whf.org.nz](http://whf.org.nz)) or email Sara at [sara.ellis@ccdhb.org.nz](mailto:sara.ellis@ccdhb.org.nz)





## 2016 Countdown Kids Hospital Appeal

Countdown Kids Hospital Appeal in 2016 was another great success. Funds raised enabled the purchase of a Giraffe Incubator plus a Cotside Endoscopic Evaluation System for NICU. The Endoscopic Evaluation System tests for neonatal airway & swallowing disorders and will greatly benefit our smallest patients in Wellington Regional Children's Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



## The Warehouse – Wellington Region

The Warehouse's Christmas Campaign for Wellington Regional Children's Hospital was also another success! Funds raised from this campaign have funded a Teen lounge located in Wellington Children's Hospital to provide a dedicated area for young teenage patients to hang out.



## South Wellington Seido Karate gives Children a fighting chance with \$10,500 donation



A big thank you to South Wellington Seido Karate who held a Charity Quiz Night in April and raised \$10,500 for Wellington Regional Children's Hospital's Cardiology service.

## Jumbo Tennis Tournament raises \$8620 – Thank you Rotary!



Thank you to Wellington Rotary who organised a 'Jumbo Tennis' tournament as a fundraiser for Wellington Children's Hospital and other local charities. The tournament raised \$8620. It was a fantastic event with over 200 players entering the tournament from a range of Wellington organisations. Wellington Hospitals Foundation had four teams representing them at the tournament, two of which were made up of members from Wellington Children's Hospital (WCH). Congratulations to Charlotte Stanczuk (Charge Nurse Manager WCH) and Dr Michelle Law pictured here, who were the highest achieving female team! Thanks again Wellington Rotary for your on-going support!



Charge Nurse Manager  
Charlotte Stanczuk and  
Dr Michelle Law

## How you can help



### Become a 'Well Wisher' (Regular Giver)

for an area in your hospital that means something special to you. With Regular Giving all your donations are earmarked to be spent on that particular area. With these funds our Specialists, Doctors and Nurses can buy specialist medical equipment or the little extras that will make patients and their family more comfortable during treatment.



Contact Samantha Munro our Donor Relations Manager (04) 806 0572 or email: [samantha.munro@whf.org.nz](mailto:samantha.munro@whf.org.nz) for more information

**Leave a bequest** – Leaving a gift in your Will means that you can make an important contribution in the future without affecting your current circumstances. Any amount, great or small, makes a difference to patients and the work of the Health Professionals at our Hospitals.

Contact: Trish Lee, Bequest Manager (04) 806 2324 or email: [trish.lee@whf.org.nz](mailto:trish.lee@whf.org.nz) for more information or a confidential chat.



### Donate

#### Make a one-off donation

Go to our website [whf.org.nz/donate](http://whf.org.nz/donate)

#### Hold a fundraising event

Visit our website for ideas or contact our office: [admin@whf.org.nz](mailto:admin@whf.org.nz)

### Thank you to our Charity Partners:

- Countdown Kids Hospital Appeal ■ The Warehouse – Wellington region ■ Suzuki ■ Wellington Lions
- Weta Workshop ■ Dominion Post ■ Pub Charity ■ Lion Foundation ■ Infinity Foundation
- First Soverien Trust Ltd ■ Four Winds Foundation ■ Pelorus Trust ■ Trust House Foundation
- Buddle Finlay Child Health Foundation ■ Promed Technologies ■ and all our supporters

P (04) 806 2332 E [admin@whf.org.nz](mailto:admin@whf.org.nz) W [whf.org.nz](http://whf.org.nz) M Private Bag 7902, Wellington 6242  
[www.facebook.com/wellingtonhospitalsfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/wellingtonhospitalsfoundation)





# WOW!



## A New \$50m Children's Hospital for Wellington. Announced on 10 July 2017

How wonderful to know that sick children in the greater Wellington region are now to have a brand new stand-alone Children's Hospital, providing the best of medical care thanks to Wellington Property Developer, Mr Mark Dunajtschik.

On 10 July 2017, under the arches of the old Wellington Hospital, the Prime Minister, Bill English, announced that Mr Dunajtschik is to build and donate a new Children's Hospital to Wellington. The cost being \$50 million.

Like many people in the community we were all in awe of such an unheard of donation. The response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. What an amazing gift to sick children.

Bill Day, Chair of Wellington Hospitals Foundation, had known Mr Dunajtschik for many years, having first met him when a commercial sponsorship for the Life Flight Trust's rescue helicopter service in 1981 was announced. Mark was the original financial backer of rescue helicopter pioneer, the late Peter Button when Peter and Mark began the service in 1975.

When Mark was approached by Bill in September 2016 regarding support towards a new Wellington Children's Hospital, little did we know that Mark's generosity would extend to building and gifting a whole hospital. An amazing gift.

Since September many confidential meetings were held and on 10 July 2017 the announcement was made.

What does this mean for sick children? Capital and Coast District Health Board have plans in place regarding the "best model of health care" for our children in the region which includes the services within the new Children's Hospital. These will be announced in the near future.

### Timetable

The new hospital is planned to be built on the site where the old and now defunct Riddiford Nurses Home stands. This will be demolished to make way for the newly designed Children's Hospital.

Mr Dunajtschik is looking to begin the new hospital build early in 2018 and it is anticipated to take 18 months until completion if everything goes well such as planning consents and the weather. We look forward to keeping everyone informed of progress as it happens.

### New Equipment

The hospital wants to have the most modern fit-out and the latest state-of-the-art equipment PLUS the best child friendly environment that the world has to offer. Wellington Hospitals Foundation has begun a fundraising campaign to raise \$5m to ensure this becomes a reality. We have begun the early stages of fundraising and with your support Wellington's New Children's Hospital will have excellent child and family spaces created with wellness, safety and sociality in mind. If you are able to join us in this wonderful venture to support sick children then please take the opportunity to make a donation at [www.whf.org.nz](http://www.whf.org.nz).

*This is such exciting news – thank you Mark.  
You are a true Wellingtonian.*



CCDHB Chair Andrew Blair and Mark Dunajtschik sign the agreement for the new Wellington Children's Hospital.



# Wellington Children's Hospital

## New Zealand's First purpose built Children's Hospital

### History of Wellington Children's Hospital



#### March 1910

It was observed that one of the most pressing needs for Wellington was to establish a Children's Hospital. In late 1910 the Hospital Board requested that the Mayor call a public meeting to consider fundraising for a Children's Hospital.

As a result a major campaign for a Children's Hospital was led by Mrs T M Wilford (Wellington's Mayoress). A combination of generous public donations, plus a contribution from the government, funded what became the first Children's Hospital in New Zealand. The campaign was overwhelmingly successful and surplus funds of £800 were used to buy a series of large nursery rhyme tiles from Royal Doulton in England which were installed in the children's hospital.



#### 13 March 1912

New Zealand's first children's hospital was officially opened and named "King Edward VII Memorial Hospital for Children".



#### 1988

In 1988 a new Children's Hospital was opened which we know as the existing one today. The new facility contained two wards, an outpatient facility and offices. Once this hospital was opened the King Edward Memorial Hospital was demolished. Fortunately the Royal Doulton tiles were removed prior, with 8 installed for use in the new Children's Hospital and 8 placed in storage.

#### December 2008

Hospi is born! Hospi becomes the mascot of Wellington Children's Hospital – He is brave and courageous like all of Wellington Children's Hospitals patients.

Hospi soft toys are given to all patients who stay in Wellington Children's Hospital.



#### 2009

The remaining 8 Royal Doulton tiles in storage were installed in the new Wellington Regional Hospital.



#### November 2010

Hospi is further developed with wonderful designs created by WETA Workshop and feature in all children's areas of our Hospitals.



*Sir Richard Taylor – Weta Workshop*

#### 13 March 2012 – 100 Years

Wellington Children's Hospital turns 100. Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae and Lady Janine Mateparae open the refurbished Children's Hospital as part of the Centenary celebrations.



#### June 2012

Hospi begins to visit Wellington Children's Hospital weekly.



#### 10 July 2017

Mr Mark Dunajtschik announces that he will pay for, build, and gift a new Children's Hospital to the Wellington Region.