

New era for Wairarapa Private Hospital Care

The Board of Selina Sutherland Hospital has signed the dotted line on a new partnership agreement, marking a new era for healthcare in the Wairarapa. The hospital remain on its current site on the Wairarapa Hospital campus and will continue to be known as Selina Sutherland Hospital in the interim.

“The health needs of our community are increasing with our population size,” says SSH Trust Chair Dr Rob Dimock. “The Board needed to find a way to grow services to meet those needs. By forming a partnership with local clinicians and Matua Health, we have opened the door to developments that will keep pace with growing health demands.”

Over the last year, the number of surgical procedures carried out at Selina Sutherland Hospital has increased by 27%, clinic visits by 41% and bed occupancy by 12%.

“We are delighted to be a strategic partner with public health services, bringing in a new team, national expertise, and local and regional clinicians to build on the solid foundation of Selina Sutherland Hospital,” says Dr Colin Hutchison. Dr Hutchison is Managing Director of Matua Health, who opened Kaweka Private Hospital in Hawkes Bay in 2022.

Senior healthcare executive Ben Harman, Project Director for the development of the business, had pivotal roles in the development of the ophthalmology centre in Dunedin and has led national healthcare companies. “Wairarapa is a wonderful place to live and work and I am tapping in to all my networks to bring new clinicians on board to help meet the demand in both private and public settings,” he says. “We are looking forward to what 2024 will bring.”

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