

# SELINA SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL

## BUILDS SURGICAL CAPACITY

### New Facility Approved to Expand Local Surgical Services

Resource consent has been granted for building Selina Sutherland's new hospital facility at 49 Te Ore Ore Road (opposite the Masterton Hospital Emergency Department).

This is an exciting development for healthcare in the Wairarapa, as it will increase access to services by creating more beds, and expanding the current range of services able to be provided close to home.

This will benefit not only local insurance and self-funded patients, but also the large volume of ACC patients who are seen at Selina Sutherland Hospital annually. Every patient treated at Selina Sutherland Hospital frees up capacity in our busy public hospital.

The existing Selina Sutherland Hospital is on the Wairarapa Hospital Campus, on a long-term lease agreement. Our growing population means we need to expand services – both in public and private – to meet demand.

**Over the last 25 years, the number of people aged over 65 has doubled in the Wairarapa. This has resulted in an increased need for specialist care, operating theatre time, and beds for patients.**

Selina Sutherland Hospital has rented theatre time from the three operating theatres at the public hospital for the last 19 years, and now needs to expand their scope, create their own establishment, and free up space for the public hospital. It will provide a modern, up-to-date private hospital which will help attract more clinicians to the Wairarapa, many of whom like to work in both public and private services.

### Public-Private Collaboration Strengthens Local Healthcare

Two new gynaecologists – Anene Chukwujama and Tina Ngorora – have recently joined Selina Sutherland, while working at the public hospital as well.

Gastroenterologist and Endoscopist John Wyeth is holding clinics in the public hospital and at Selina Sutherland Hospital, and General Surgeon & Endoscopist Dr Sarah Rennie, who also works at Wairarapa Hospital, is primed to come on board. This collaboration between the public and private health sectors is key.

**For clinicians, the opportunity to work in both public and private is an attractive proposition, and with the added bonus of living in a beautiful region like the Wairarapa, interest is growing.**

### New Insurer and ACC Partnerships Support Growth

Selina Sutherland Hospital manager, Vicki Bulmer – has been proactive in securing new Insurer funding contracts with Southern Cross for endoscopies and gynaecological procedures. NIB contracts for Orthopaedic, gynaecological, ophthalmology and endoscopies have recently been agreed.

Partnering with other medical funders such as ACC is another example of the strength of the public/private symbiotic relationship, to the benefit of patients. Selina has recently agreed long term contracts with Health NZ's national procurement team, for the outsourcing of surgical work - to reduce the pressure on regional public waiting lists. Areas covered by this agreement include Orthopaedics and Gynaecology.

### MRI Scanner Coming Soon to the Region

Another very welcome addition to the new facility will be the radiology suite. This will bring a much needed MRI scanner to the region. Private and ACC funded patients needing an MRI currently have to travel to other centres such as the Hutt, Wellington or Palmerston North for this diagnostic procedure.

### Investing in the Future of Wairarapa Healthcare

Forward thinking has resulted in Selina Sutherland Hospital developing new ways to meet local needs in recent times. Financial support from clinicians and local investors will ensure that the project will succeed and prove beneficial to both private and public patients.

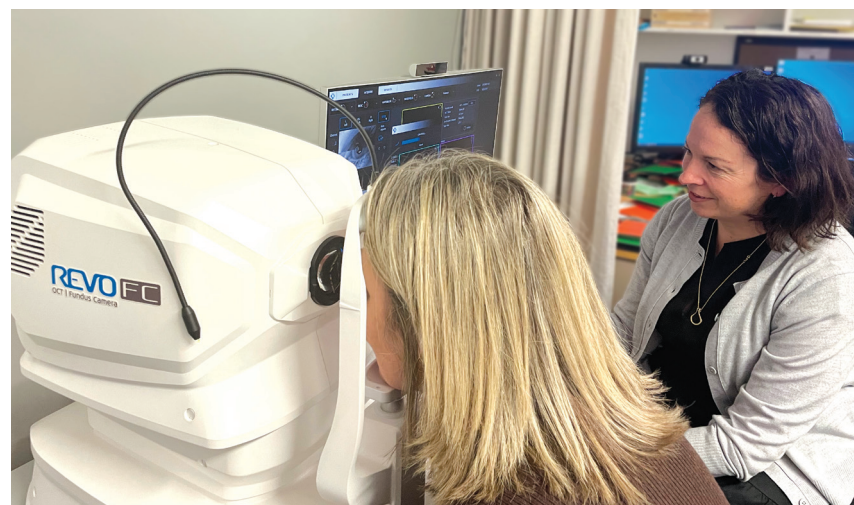
**Selina Sutherland Hospital has served the public well since 1996, and is planning to build on that with growing services and a reputation for quality care, close to home.**

### Attracting More Specialist Services to the Wairarapa

Since this project was announced, we have already begun to attract more services to the Wairarapa, in anticipation of the completion of the new hospital. We now have an enhanced Ophthalmology unit with the addition of Dr Keith Small, meaning the eye specialist team now includes 5 eye surgeons.

**Significant investment has been made in eye testing equipment, enabling a wider range of tests and procedures to be done locally.**

Selina Sutherland now offers diagnostic testing such as OCT Scanning & Biometry and have purchased a state-of-the-art YAG/SLT Laser which has not been offered before, and will aid in the treatment of patients with



Dr. Anne Marie Yardley using OCT technology to take detailed images of the eye – helping detect issues like glaucoma and macular degeneration.

conditions such as Glaucoma. This coupled with a wide range of minor procedures such as Eyelid surgery and the treatment

of conditions such as Macular Degeneration, means that those needing such specialist eye care will not need to travel further.

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