

Media release

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WrDHB Dietician wins award for exceptional work

Last night at the Waterfront Room at Mac's Function Centre in Wellington, Max Goodall was recognised for his excellent work supporting the Wairarapa DHB (WrDHB) Allied Health Team with the transition to the regional Web PAS referral management system.

Jenny Milne, Social Work & Violence Intervention Programme Team Leader, WrDHB was also a finalist in the Inspirational Leadership award.

The Allied Health Awards provide an opportunity to highlight the great work and contribution of Allied Health, Scientific & Technical professionals across Wairarapa, Hutt Valley and Capital Coast DHBs.

It is a time to celebrate the contribution our Allied Health, Scientific & Technical staff make in supporting individuals and communities to achieve better health outcomes.

"(The awards) give us all an opportunity to reflect on and share the good practice that exists across all three of our organisations," said Catherine Epps, Executive Director Allied Scientific & Technical, Capital & Coast DHB, in her welcome speech to open the formalities.

"Allied health professions often receive high praise from our consumers, and yet we can do more to share all that is achieved by these practitioners each day, week, and month."

"It is a chance to build a collective understanding of the work of the allied health professions, which together make up the second largest health workforce after nursing in our District Health Boards."

Across the 3 DHBs the Allied Health, Scientific and Technical professions make up a total of just over 1000 FTE's, with around 725 at CCDHB, 274.9 at Hutt Valley DHB, and 45.8 here at Wairarapa DHB.

The Supporting the Growth of Others award recognises individuals who act as preceptors, supervisors, mentors or educators to make a real difference in the growth and development of others. **Winner:** Max Goodall, Dietitian and AH Health Informatics Lead, Wairarapa DHB

"Max has been essential in supporting the Wairarapa Allied Health Team with the transition to the regional Web PAS referral management system. This transition occurred in late January 2018 and was a huge change in practice for the allied health team and our allied health administrators, as this involved moving from the very old system to the fully electronic WebPAS system. A transition of this scale required a huge change and Max was instrumental in steering allied health through this and ensuring organisational timeframes were met while also acknowledging individuals needs in this transition. This transition involved active engagement by Max across a wide range of numerous activities.

Max's willingness to work alongside the allied health team and IT has been the glue that has brought this project together for us, and has resulted in staff being aware, engaged and willing with this work.

He has gone above and beyond to provide practical support to the allied health team and everyone is unanimous in their feeling that we would never have reached the current levels of engagement without Max's support. He has worked with everyone - admin, assistants, clinicians, team leaders, IT project team to achieve a level of understanding and collaboration around this work.

At a wider WrDHB level, allied health were seen as early adopters and were well engaged with using the new system - this was largely due to Max's input. His support of others has been unwavering and he is able to get alongside everyone irrespective of their level of computer literacy. His manner is gentle yet he also pushes people to work outside their comfort zones.

This is a great example of supporting the growth of others to achieve organisational requirements."

Award winners 2018:

Champion for Collaboration & Integration

Awarded to: 3DHB Dietetic & Nutrition Teams

Excellence in Clinical Practice

Awarded to: Liz Hunt, Charge Sonographer, HVDHB

Delivering the Vision

Awarded to: Chris Little, Pharmacist, CCDHB

Outstanding Contribution by a New Graduate

Awarded to: Natasha Lewthwaite, Physiotherapist, CCDHB

Outstanding Assistant

Awarded to: Jane Duncan, Allied Health Assistant, CCDHB

Inspirational Leadership

Awarded to: Alicia Graham, Te Haika Team Leader, MHAID

Supporting the Growth of Others

Awarded to: Max Goodall Allied Health Project & Informatics Support, WaiDHB

Team of the Year

Awarded to: MRI Team, HVDHB

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