



Labyrinth e-Letter

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Newsletter of the Frederic and Margaret Wallis Labyrinth Committee

Thank you for your ongoing support and interest in the Labyrinth at Hutt Hospital. We aim to inform you of upcoming Labyrinth events, and keep you up-to-date on other news.

EVENTS

NEXT: Sunday 1 May 2011 from 2 – 4pm

Journeying with the Labyrinth to celebrate World Labyrinth week: a link to the past while walking into the future

To honour World Labyrinth Day in May, Martin de Jong and Sr Marcellin Wilson RSM will explore origins and use of the labyrinth in history and more recent times. There will be a particular focus on the labyrinth used as a tool for prayer, meditation and reflection – the labyrinth as a metaphor for our journey through life or relationship with God.

We will have opportunities to walk the labyrinth both outdoors and indoors – using a portable labyrinth made of parachute silk that was first used to ‘lay the groundwork’ at Frederic Wallis House, where the Labyrinth now at Hutt Hospital was first installed. Videos and displays on the Labyrinth story will also be available.

NEWS

On Saturday 26 February members of the labyrinth committee met with members of the various Hutt Valley Historic Societies, and were joined by others from the wider community who have an interest in local history. This event was held in response to a request from Wainuiomata Historical Society and was a great success. The committee discussed the building of the Frederic and Margaret Wallis Labyrinth, an Australasian first, the relocation and renaming of the labyrinth almost ten years later, a world first, and the role it plays in the life of Hutt Hospital, another Australasian first.

LOOKING AHEAD

18 September Historical dramatisation of labyrinth focused pilgrimage in the Middle Ages.

This event will be presented as part of the Wellington Region Historical Promotion Council’s History Month in September 2011. Dressed in costume our pilgrim will discuss his journey to the labyrinth with those present, why he is travelling and whom he encounters en route. He will continue his journey into the experience of labyrinth walking 800 years ago, giving us a very real taste of how the labyrinth pattern that lies in Hutt Hospital precinct was used at that time. Audience participation will be welcomed.

10 December Carols Around the Labyrinth

We will continue with the very successful format of the past couple of years, singing Christmas carols both traditional and from New Zealand, in twilight to the glow of light sticks, lead by David Dell singers and accompanied by an ensemble from Hutt City Brass.