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Hasn't this year just flown? It is timely to take a moment to catch you up with news from the Trust and wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas season.

2009 was action packed too say the least. Here are a few highlights from the later part of the year...



The 2009 Ladies Lunch during August was hugely successful. We always look forward to organising the Annual Ladies Lunch. It is such fun and this year was no exception.

Tickets sold out within a week of going on sale. **Annabelle White was an exceptional speaker-** we were delighted to have her join us-and she just loved being with us. Matamata Unichem was our main sponsor and we really appreciated their support. Proceeds from this event

went towards the Outdoor exercise Equipment sited at Pohlen.



Speaking of which **The Outdoor Equipment** is nearly completed, and we envisage this to be ready for use in the early New Year. It will be available for any adult who wants a gentle exercise regime, or for people who are rehabilitating. The Hospital will be employing a co ordinator for a fixed term to promote the equipment and ensure that it is being used safely and efficiently. Keep an eye out for more info regarding this equipment. This project has taken well over a year to come together. We have had some wonderful support from New Zealand Community Trust, Community Lotteries, Pelorus Trust, private donations, donations from our community service groups. **Thank you everyone!**

Theatre Conversion Project

The builders are now on site for the project. Once completed in January 2010 it will provide us with a four bed short stay ward. This will greatly alleviate the hospital bed shortage we have had to deal with for the last two years.



We have had wonderful support for this project recently:

The Masonic Lodge here in Matamata have been instrumental in securing a philanthropic donation from the **Northern Masonic Trust**. Along side **Grey Power** they fund raised earlier in the year to great effect with their Super Garage Sale. It was very nice to have these three groups visit recently for a luncheon so their presentation could be made.

Matamata Veterinary Services provided a great

opportunity for a fundraising event during October . Although Tom Scott never made it at the appointed time we had a wonderful social evening with good company, great food, and a very funny movie in true Tom Scott style. Matamata Veterinary Services was our main sponsor and we really appreciated all their help. These proceeds supported the Theatre Conversion.



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Recently we were very fortunate to receive \$40,000.00 from **Trans Power Community Care** for the Theatre Conversion. We were quite overwhelmed actually! We very much look forward to having representatives from Transpower join us next year when we open the new ward.

Of course we have just had the **Annual Hospital Bed Races**, and this year Casey



Williams joined us. These bed races are such fun to be involved in as well as purely for the entertainment value. We very much appreciate **New World's** continued support of this annual event. We had nine teams participate this year. Thank you to those who entered. UMS were the clear winners.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you for your continued support of Pohlen Hospital- We appreciate it!

Last but not least thank you to our events Main Sponsors this year.....New World, Trac Bar, Matamata Vets and Unichem



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