



MEDIA RELEASE

NELSON HIKOI FOR OUR HEALTH

Tuesday November 4

Media are advised that the Nelson “Hikoi for our Health” is tomorrow (Wednesday November 5). The Nelson Hikoi commences at 9:00 am from Wigzell Park and ends at Nelson Hospital.

Mulholland understands that Nelson Hospital is short 48 FTE for senior medical officers. In Blenheim at Wairau Hospital, there are severe staff shortages in mental health and surgery.

States Mulholland “There are some very concerning issues at Nelson Hospital that have been highlighted in the media. However, I was stunned to learn that the gap in senior doctors’ amount to almost 50 positions. That’s not a concern – that’s a crisis. Further afield in Blenheim, patients are not getting the care they need when it comes to mental health and surgery. At a time when our suicide rates remain stubbornly high, the lack of staff has to be top of mind for our bureaucrats and politicians.

For more information, please contact Malcolm Mulholland on 022 097 5899.

The hikoi for our health is as follows:

Saturday November 1

Westport

10:00 am Patterson Park (Westport Trotting Club) to the Westport Click Tower via Te Rau Kawakawa (Buller Hospital) COMPLETED

Monday November 3

Invercargill

10:00 am Southland Charity Hospital to Southland Hospital COMPLETED

Dunedin

3:30 pm Dunedin Dental School to the Octagon COMPLETED

Tuesday November 4

Timaru

11:00 am Caledonian Park to Timaru Hospital

Christchurch

3:30 pm Christchurch Botanical Garden Carpark to Christchurch Hospital

Wednesday November 5

Nelson

9:00 am Wigzell Park to Nelson Hospital

Thursday November 6

Masterton

10:00 am Henley Lake Carpark to Wairarapa Hospital

Hastings

3:30 pm Frimley Park to Hawkes Bay Hospital

Friday November 7

Gisborne

10:00 am Mangapapa Reserve to Gisborne Hospital

Whakatane

3:30 pm Rex Morpeth Park to Whakatane Hospital

Saturday November 8

Rotorua

10:00 am Government Gardens to Rotorua Hospital

Monday November 10

Kaitaia

12:00 pm Jaycee Park to Kaitaia Hospital

Tuesday November 11

Kawakawa

9:00 am Greenacres Drive to Bay of Islands Hospital

Whangarei

12:30 pm Laurie Hall Park to Putahi Park

Thursday November 13

Auckland

12:30 pm Grafton Bridge to Auckland Hospital

Friday November 14

Hamilton

10:00 am Hamilton Lake Playground to Waikato Hospital

Saturday November 15

Hawera

King Edward Park to Hawera Hospital

Sunday November 16

Palmerston North

Pit Park to Midcentral Hospital

Tuesday November 18

Wellington

11:00 am Waitangi Park to Parliament

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