

# Going home

## Hoki ana ki te kainga

### *Here are a few points to remember when it's time to go home:*

On discharge from the ward you will be given patient information forms and a summary of your hospital stay which has been completed by the doctor and nurse. A copy of this information will also be sent to your family doctor. Your nurse will inform you of all follow-up appointments and what services have been put in place for you.

Please advise the nurse if you do not intend returning to your usual address. Please check that we have your correct postal address so that correspondence such as appointment letters will reach you. If you require medical or ACC certificates, ask the ward clerk for these to be completed before you leave hospital.

Make arrangements with family or friends for your transport home. Please be sure you know how you will be looked after when you get home. If you are concerned about this, please talk to your nurse and/or ask to see the social worker. If you are to attend an outpatient clinic, check that you know where the clinic will be held and the time and date of the appointment.

Check that you have all your belongings, including drug prescriptions and medication, from your locker and wardrobe in the ward.

Within 72 hours of discharge you will likely receive a post discharge phonecall from the operations manager. This is to ensure your discharge plan went smoothly.

*We trust that your stay in Dargaville Hospital will be comfortable and wish you good health in the future.*