



**Unleashing  
Potential in  
GigCity:**

**WellSouth  
Kyle Forde**

WellSouth is responsible for working with General Practice to provide primary health care to the 300,000 people of Otago and Southland. This geographically spread area covers Kurow to Stewart Island. Chief Information Officer Kyle Forde is using the gig in helping deliver improved health services.

#### **WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO UPGRADE TO GIGABIT FIBRE?**

Our aim is to use the technology to provide telehealth leadership nationally and internationally with the use of technology for primary health with a focus on the rural landscape. Gigabit fibre helps make this possible.

#### **HOW HAS IMPROVED CONNECTIVITY CHANGED YOUR BUSINESS?**

I'm focusing on rolling out HealthCloud, a secure health network for the 85 practices served by WellSouth. HealthCloud allows access to IT services through aggregated services. This is part of a larger collaboration with PHO across the South Island. Access to gigabit fibre in Dunedin makes what was previously a dream, reality.

#### **WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE OPENING UP FOR YOUR BUSINESS?**

While reviewing video-conferencing platforms I hit upon the telemedicine system used in Alaska, 'Vidyo'. I saw the opportunities it could offer to level the playing field throughout Otago and Southland. Technology allows access to a connected world. For healthcare that means better outcomes for patients with doctors, clinicians, and medical practices easily able to see their history and access information on the best treatment options. None of this would be possible without fibre.

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