

Migration Planning Commences

The key stakeholders for Stage Three's new facilities have begun weekly migration planning meetings with the project team in the lead-up to occupying the facilities in November 2010. The group includes the heads of department and representatives from administration services, cleaning, procurement, property, infection control, health and safety and security.

The regular meetings ensure a smooth transition into the new facilities through careful planning and organisation. At each meeting a migration checklist is discussed, covering topics such as communications, installation of equipment, emergency procedures, linen and pharmacy supplies, training and orientation, audit requirements and signage.

The heads of department will develop a risk identification and management plan for their move, and departments that will be co-located will establish a 'tenancy agreement' to define the expectations, responsibilities and ground rules for the shared facility.

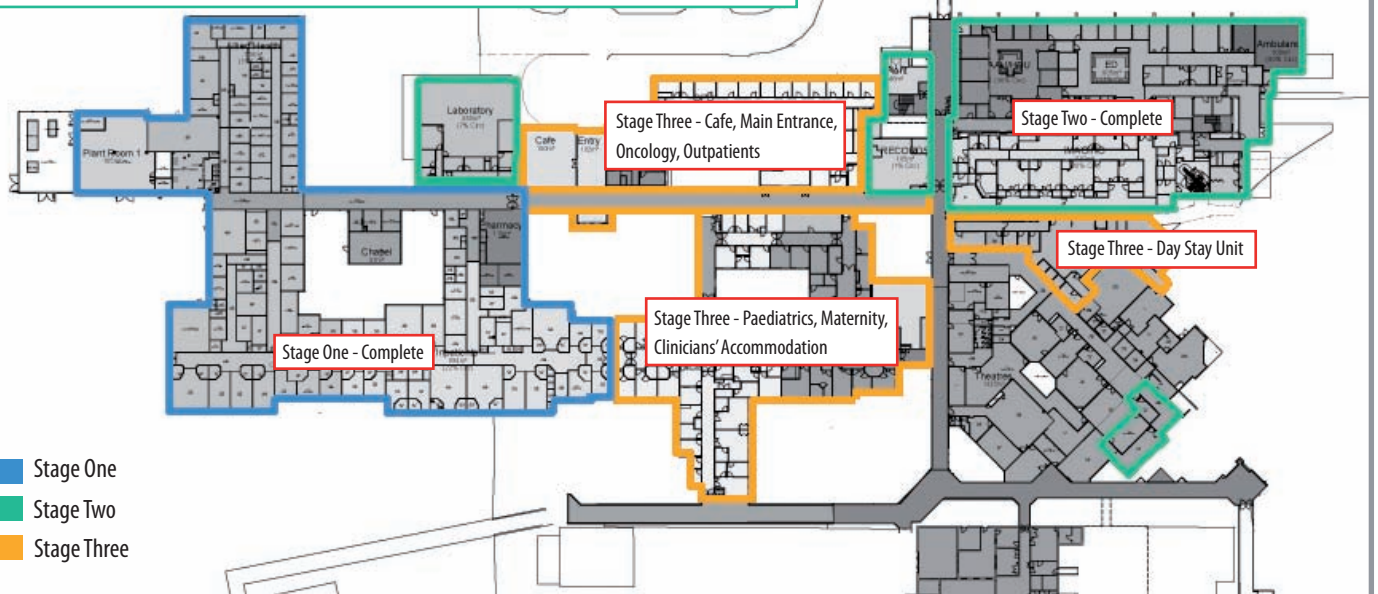


From left: Pippa Babb, Day Stay Unit; Sue Morris, Change Manager; Martin Ridgway, Project Director; Susan Thoms, Purchasing Supervisor; Ali Rendall, Liaison Manager; Sandy Russell, Hotel Services Manager; Sue Smart, Paediatrics; Sue McNabb, Maternity; David Hobern, Project Manager; Rachael Lane, Administration; Graham Cross, Maternity

What's being built in Stage Three?

Departments relocating in Stage Three are medical and surgical Outpatients, the Day Stay Unit, Oncology, Maternity and Paediatrics, along with the clinicians' meeting and sleep spaces. A new café and the main entrance will also open.

Stage Three of the redevelopment project is situated in the middle of the Wairau Hospital campus, and has involved extensive demolition works to remove existing buildings prior to construction commencing. This has inevitably led to increased noise, dust and vibrations. While Hawkins Construction has endeavoured to minimise disruption, the redevelopment team has been appreciative of the tolerance and patience shown by our staff and patients over the last six months. Construction will be completed in October 2010.





Helen Taylor, Julie Radich and Susan Thoms prepare for the arrival of Stage Three FF&E

Preparation for FF&E Delivery Underway

Wairau Hospital's purchasing and stores team are about to get very busy. With the expenditure for Stage Three's fixtures, fittings and equipment (FF&E) now approved, supervisor Susan Thoms has been given the green light to begin the ordering process for approximately 1000 items required in the new facilities.

Susan says it will take one month to complete all the orders, and items which have long lead times are given priority. "The longest lead time we have had so far on the project has been the elapsed time clock for the new theatre, which took seven weeks to arrive. However, we have been advised that the new lights for the Maternity delivery rooms may take up to 12 weeks."

The main central store can get extremely full as items begin to arrive, says Susan. The team manages the influx by planning ahead, coordinating delivery dates with suppliers and liaising with the Project Manager regarding secure storage available on site. Most of the orders are for standard office furniture or clinical equipment, however each stage of the redevelopment has had one or two items that are new to Wairau. "Specialised equipment is usually sourced through placing a listing on GETS (the government electronic tender system) or simply through a web search and querying the item with our existing suppliers."

"Team work and communication is essential to get us through this busy period," says Susan.

After the Design is Complete

Project architect Sara Antonievich is still a familiar sight around Wairau Hospital's construction zones, despite the design of the new facilities being completed in January 2010.

Sara says she will continue to have a fortnightly presence at Wairau for the remainder of the redevelopment. "I walk around the construction site, taking photos to record the progress since my last visit," says Sara. "The rest of my day is spent liaising with the project manager, structural engineer, and construction team, responding to queries and providing advice."

Sara also performs inspections of completed areas, where she reviews every aspect of the new facility and record any defects. This list is then sent to the main contractor to be actioned.



Schedules Reviewed

A subgroup has been formed to explore the pressure points and challenges experienced in Outpatients, Inpatients and Theatre. The subgroup aims to smooth the utilisation of the theatres and clinics prior to occupation of Stage Three new facilities in early November 2010. The group is looking for innovative and practical outcomes to optimise the benefits of the new facilities for staff and patients.

The group is comprised of clinician representatives from orthopaedics, anaesthetics, general surgery, general medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology, as well as the charge nurse managers and the district managers of each department.

Piece of History Hidden Again

In May 2009, construction worker Will Suhr removed a wall lining at Wairau Hospital and revealed a block of timber inscribed with the names of two previous sets of construction workers, dated 1943 and 1987 respectively.

Will added his name and the date, however it was not possible to replace the timber into the same location, as the building is due for demolition at the end of 2010. Instead, the redevelopment office decided to retain the timber for a period, before relocating it to a new secret home in a wall of the newly constructed Stage Three facilities.

Continuing the tradition started in 1987, a newspaper from the day the timber was discovered and a newspaper from the day it was hidden away again have been included in a mini 'time capsule'. Copies of the Ex-Site newsletter and maps showing the original location and the new location complete the package.

It is hoped that anyone discovering the timber in the future will also add their name and the date, and replace the block back into the wall.



Countdown to Stage Three Construction Completion: Three Months

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