

First Sod Turned for Wairau Hospital Redevelopment



The Wairau Hospital Redevelopment Project achieved a milestone this month as the 'First Sod' was turned as a symbol of the commencement of the construction phase of the redevelopment.

Opened with a Karakia by Joe Puketapu, the site was blessed by Kaumatua Graham Grennell and Reverend Kevin Gwynne.

Retired Board Member and Surgeon Mr John Inder and staff children officially 'turned the sod' which marked a symbol of the past and the future for the Wairau Hospital.

Acting District Health Board Chair Liz Richards spoke and thanked

key members who have been involved in the project for many years such as John Inder and Board Member Lynette Jones.

Special thanks were given to the Wairau Staff by Chief Executive John Peters, who acknowledged the effort and time given by staff during the redevelopment project.

Thank you to all staff who attended the ceremony. Staff and Visitors can clearly see the progress made by Hawkins Construction over the past few weeks on the site, and excitement builds as the footprint of the new buildings emerge from the construction site.

Changes To Hospital Entrances

As the construction site is prepared, some changes to how staff, patients and visitors access the hospital will occur.

Long term parking in front of Emergency and the Main Entrance will be replaced with drop off zones as the construction site and fencing encroaches close these departments.

Access to the Arthur Wicks building and Inpatient areas will be altered, and a plant room will be constructed in front of the inpatient entrance. Access into the Arthur Wicks building will be gained through the link corridor between Day Stay and the Arthur Wicks Building via the external covered walk way.

Further information will be issued to the community, staff and the media once the plan has been finalised.

Staff can contact the Project Team and Co-leaders for details on the decanting and staging plan for the overall hospital redevelopment.

Soggy Start for Hawkins Construction

Hawkins had a wet start in July to their initial enabling works contract in preparing the site for construction.

Following on from the Turning of the Sod ceremony, the Hawkins team quickly began excavating the site, installing access roads and erecting fencing around the construction site.

During the recent heavy rain, construction was halted and the newly excavated site mirrored more of a lake than the foundations for a new hospital. However, Martin Edwards, Project Manager for Hawkins considered that the project was still running on track and commented "that a real sense of the size and shape of the new build is becoming apparent"

The next couple of weeks will see the site develop the hard base from which the foundations will rise and around mid August the underslab drainage and concrete work will begin to track across the site towards the current Emergency Department.

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User Group Focus - Clerical Group

The Clerical User group continue to meet regularly and have been tasked with some complex decisions and changes moving towards the completion of the new hospital.

New generic draft job descriptions have been developed as the clerical staff, key stakeholders and customers work through a job analysis process over the next month. This analysis will provide clarity around the roles in the future hubs and skills required. From this process a desk file for the hub will be developed and training plans formulated to be implemented prior to the completion of each building stage.

The Change Team is working through a change process to support staff to move from where they are now, including the physical location, training and skills required to the new model of service deliver and way of working.



Ward Clerks involved in the Clerical "Redevelopment": Sandra Sexton, Carol Plant, Barb Richardson, Kirsty Ketsa, Sandra Bettridge, Ali Brogan

Stores and Mortuary Refurbishment Complete

The Project Team are pleased to announce the completion of the sterile / central stores and Mortuary.

Sterile Stores has been co-located with the central store (previously located with Theatre) and the areas have received a light refurbishment including a change to configuration of the store area.

Susan Thoms commented that "It has been a long couple of months with minimal working space, interruptions to our daily work flows and a lot of noisy contractors working around us.

Communication with the contractors was the key in planning daily work schedules to help minimise reduced services provided by Purchasing/Store's & Linen Services".

The refurbishment of these areas marks the completion of the enabling work, a pre cursor to the Wairau Hospital Redevelopment Project and the Project Team would like to thank all staff, particularly the staff in the central stores for their patience during the refurbishment.

The Mortuary will be officially opened in late August with a Dawn Blessing Ceremony.

Community Liaison Group

The Community Liaison Group met for the first time this month. This group has been established to help the Project Steering Group with advice and ideas about some of the public areas inside and around the new hospital.

The group of volunteers includes local business representatives, gardening and art experts and community-focused individuals.

The group is chaired by Tessa Anderson who says she is looking forward to co-ordinating the wide range of talents and expertise of the committee members.

"There is real enthusiasm for the project amongst the large committee. We can all see

the long term goal and we've all keen that the new Wairau Hospital should be a place the community values and supports. It is Marlborough's hospital and we hope it will be as welcoming and as user-friendly as it's possible for a hospital to be."

The group will give feedback to the steering group about the 'look and feel' of the new building as well as assist the Steering Group in managing donations and trust funds available to Wairau Hospital which may be used for the redevelopment project.

A close relationship with the Maori Reference Group will be maintained throughout the redevelopment project.

Wheel of Change

'Change Management' is a stream of work that is utilised across all aspects of the site redevelopment project. The Change Process looks at the redesign of the facilities to ensure they are appropriate for the way we will work and managing the changes that staff and patients will face during the redevelopment.

A 'Change Group' has been established in the early stages of the project to help coordinate all of these changes. Sue Morris is the Change Manager and has adopted the 'Change Wheel' to symbolise the three key areas of change occurring during this project and to assist in reporting the progress and monitor the changes in the facility and with staff and patients.

Sue Morris considered that "managing the Change processes was given high priority by the DHB early in the project, and the early framework for change activities has been built on as the project has developed. The combined skills of the Learning and Development, Professional Nursing and Midwifery Development Team, HR, Communications, District Managers and Co-Leaders is resulting in exciting and positive learning and development plans for all areas as we prepare for a new way of working together in a new facility".

