

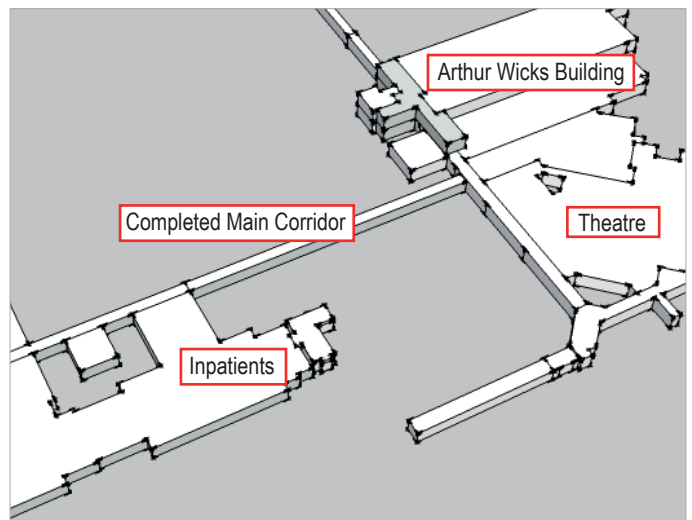
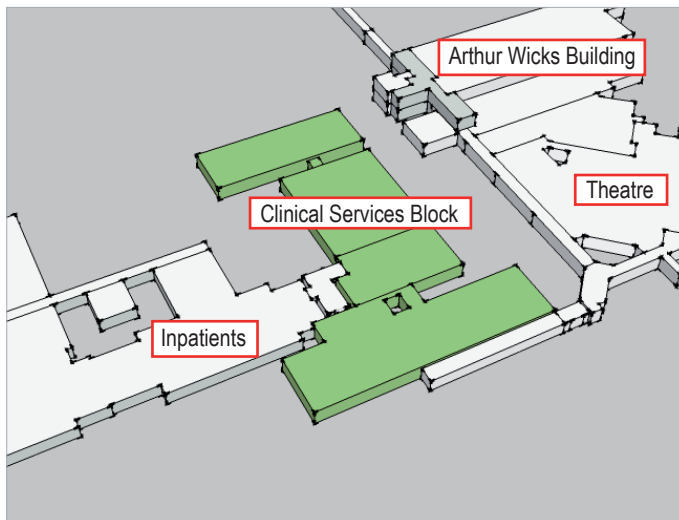
## Soak Pit Solution

Falling rocks thundered into the ground on 11 November 2009 as Hawkins Construction completed works to provide an efficient storm water disposal system on the eastern side of the hospital campus.

The construction of a covered underground chamber (a 'soak pit') filled with rocks and gravel will allow storm and waste water to collect in the chamber and slowly soak away into the ground. The rocks and gravel prevent the walls of the soak pit from collapsing.

The soak pit will prevent excess water from flooding the area directly in front of the new Emergency Department entrance.

Two additional soak pits were installed around the new Inpatients and Allied Health facilities during the construction of Stage One of the redevelopment.



## Farewells for Old Building

The completion of Stage Two of the redevelopment project will set in motion a number of significant changes for Wairau Hospital. In particular, in late January 2010 the northern end of the Clinical Services block will be the first part of the old hospital facilities to be demolished, making way for new buildings to be constructed.

All of the services currently housed in the northern end of the Clinical Services block, i.e. Laboratory, Medical Records, Library and the After Hours GPs Service, will move to new facilities in early February 2010. A decommissioning ceremony for the building is currently being planned.

A second decommissioning ceremony will take place in May 2010 prior to the demolition of the remainder of the Clinical Services block. Although the buildings will stand empty from mid-February 2010 when the Emergency Department relocates to the ground floor of the Arthur Wicks building, they will remain in use as a thoroughfare between the Inpatients unit and the remainder of the hospital. Demolition will occur once the main hospital corridor has been extended from the Stage One facilities through to the Arthur Wicks building.

Blessing ceremonies will be held for all of the newly completed Stage Two facilities prior to occupation.

## Time Out for Busy Staff

A dedicated quiet zone for Wairau Hospital's busy staff will be available once Stage Two new facilities are completed.

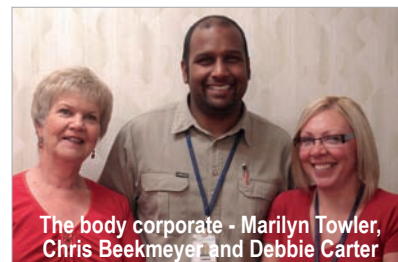
Located on the refurbished top floor of the Arthur Wicks building, this space, tagged the 'time out' room, has been designed to meet a variety of requests from staff, from a sleep space for those needing a short rest before driving home from a night shift; to a quiet zone to take a break from a challenging situation; to a private space to relax and unwind when under pressure or experiencing stress.

The time out room will contain a bed as well as a lazy boy style chair. This chair will be supplied by one of the hospital's trusts that provide funds for the purchase of items for staff comfort. The chair will deliver a ten minute massage for relaxation and ease of discomfort.

As the time out room will undoubtedly be very popular, a booking system will be implemented.

## New Tenants Set Rules for Shared Spaces

When the Business Centre on the top floor of the Arthur Wicks building is occupied in February 2010, a large group of staff from a variety of services including Property, Infection Control, Surgical Secretaries, Clinical Coders, Learning and Development and Human Resources will be co-located.



The body corporate - Marilyn Towler, Chris Beekmeyer and Debbie Carter

To ensure a smooth transition into the new shared spaces, representatives from each service have formed a Tenancy Agreement. This document clearly states the responsibilities and expectations of each tenant occupying space in the new facilities.

Three members of the tenancy working group have been nominated to become the body corporate for the co-located services, and manage the day to day running of shared resources such as the house keeping of the kitchen and ordering of stationary and other consumables.

Tenancy agreements will also be formed by the Radiology and Emergency departments who share a seminar room, and Radiology and Day Stay, who will share a waiting room and utility room once the Day Stay Unit is completed in Stage Three of the project.

## Stage Two Interior Colours Selected

The philosophy behind the interior colours for Stage Two of the Wairau Hospital Redevelopment Project is to create a harmony with the surrounding landscape. Inspiration has been taken from browns, blues and greens of the mountains, rivers, and vineyards of Marlborough.

The highlight colours are hues that complement the quality of light entering each department. Warm, mellow colours have been chosen for spaces that have little natural light. The locations of feature walls throughout all of the Stage Two departments have been chosen to enhance the internal forms and spatial proportions of each facility, as well as demarcate important areas for both staff and patients. The feature colours are;

- Resene 'Bison Hide', a light beige, warming and comfortable
- Resene 'Eighth Oilskin', a dusky taupe, resilient and grounding
- Resene 'Calypso', a mellow and warm blue, restful and healing
- Resene 'Aspiring', a comfortable and sure pale green

At right: Lindsey Bates, District Manager for Emergency/Critical Care Unit, refers to a Stage Two colour board on a recent site visit with ED/Critical Care staff (pictured: Sue Drummond and Victoria Miller).



## Curtains Complete Chapel

The installation of full length drapes has completed the décor of the Wairau Hospital Chapel. The look and feel of the interior of the Chapel was designed by the project's Community Liaison Group member Jenny Robertson, with support from the Internal Spaces sub-committee.

The décor was designed to create a warm and inviting space for both patients and visitors of all faiths. A back order on fabric led to a delay in the installation of the drapes, however visitors to the Chapel agree that they were worth the wait.

## Co-Leaders Simulate 'Lean Thinking'

On 24 November 2009, Wairau Hospital's User Group Co-Leaders took part in a 'Lean Thinking Simulation' developed by the UK's National Health Service Institute for Innovation and Improvement. This fun, highly participative learning exercise is based on the 'lean thinking' philosophy, which seeks to improve the patient experience by eliminating anything which does not add value to the patient.

The simulation activity was followed by a 'taste of Christmas' celebration recognising all that has been achieved in 2009.

**Countdown to Stage Two Construction Completion: Three Months**