

Steel Canopy Placed

Wairau Hospital's new façade continues to take shape with the installation of the canopy and main entrance walkway. The imposing steel canopy will provide an undercover drop off zone for patients and visitors.

The canopy is constructed of nine steel beams and weighs 1.622 tonnes. It is nine metres wide and five and a half metres tall.

Directly to the left of the canopy will be an undercover parking area for mobility scooters. The outdoor café courtyard is to the right.

The main entrance will open on Tuesday, 2 November 2010.



Community Preview for Stage 3

The Marlborough community is invited to view Wairau Hospital's new Paediatrics, Maternity, Oncology and Outpatients facilities on Tuesday, 2 November 2010, between 4.00 and 6.00pm.

The hospital's new main entrance will be opened for the preview, and remain in use from that point on. This will lead to the closure of the two temporary entrances; Entrance A between the Arthur Wicks building and the Marlborough Orthopaedic Clinic, and Entrance B, opposite the hospital chapel.

Maternity and Paediatrics will move into their new facilities on Friday, 5 November 2010, followed by Outpatients and Oncology one week later on Friday, 12 November 2010.

The preview is self-guided and can be completed at visitors' own pace. Last entry will be at 5.45pm.



Visitors walk the corridors during the Stage One preview in May 2009



Staff member Bev Daubney in the laundry

Washing Machine for AT&R

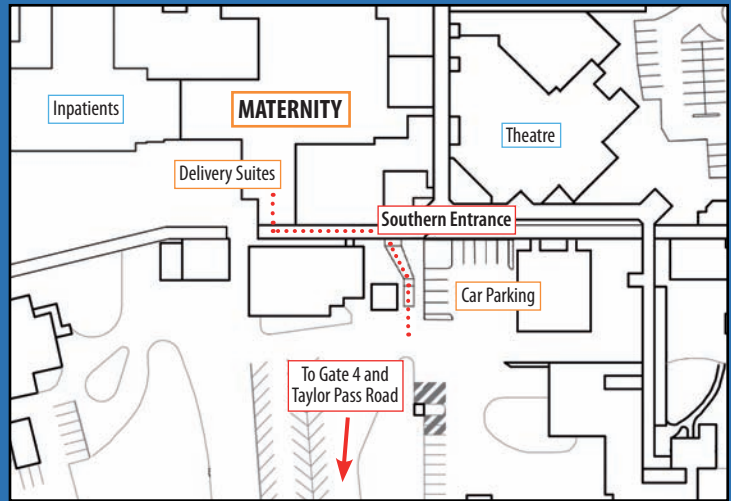
A \$500 grant from the Isabel Livingstone Trust has purchased a Fisher and Paykel washing machine for the Assessment, Treatment and Rehabilitation ward. The washing machine will allow rehabilitating patients to practice their daily routine in preparation for returning home.

"Not only are patients able to gain confidence with this day-to-day activity, but the actual task of pegging out washing is a very good physiotherapy exercise," says Sue Allen, Charge Nurse Manager for Inpatients.

The redevelopment project's Community Liaison Group applied to the Trust for the grant. They are delighted that their application was successful and are grateful to Blenheim Appliance Rentals for their assistance with sourcing a suitable machine.

When Baby's On The Way

From Friday, 5 November 2010, the entrance into Maternity for labouring mothers will change. The Southern Entrance will become a 24 hour access point into the delivery suites. Parents should enter the hospital campus through Gate 4, off Taylor Pass Road. Reserved car parking will be available adjacent to the Southern Entrance. An intercom and camera will be installed for direct contact with the staff base in Maternity after hours, where staff can press a door release button to allow entry.



Kid's Courtyard Concrete

The concrete has been poured for the children's play area attached to Wairau Hospital's new facilities for the Paediatrics department.

Once the concrete works are complete, colourful synthetic turf will be installed to provide a safe, durable and cushioning play surface. The innovative courtyard design features mounded and hollowed areas including 'play spheres' for climbing.



Art Collection Keeps Growing

The Community Liaison Group has been the grateful recipients of further donations of artwork for the hospital's new facilities. Shirley O'Conner, Jim Tannock and Clarrie Neame have all contributed their own artwork, while Tim Wadworth has donated two framed Robert Chilvers pieces.

Children from Renwick School are creating original artworks based on a 'My Family' theme on blank canvases generously donated by Warehouse Stationary. These will most likely be hung in the corridor leading to the new Maternity department.

The Community Liaison Group is delighted that Marlborough's professional artists have been so supportive of their art committee's efforts to source new artworks for Wairau. "It will be wonderful to see all of our local artists' pieces on display in the new facilities," says Karen Fisher, group chair.

Training on Track

Just one of the components included in the complex migration planning process is facilities training. All staff in relocating departments must take part in comprehensive training and orientation sessions to ensure that they are competent to work safely in the new facilities from the day they move in.

'Train the Trainer' sessions are run by the project's lead contractors to inform a small group of 'super-users', who in turn pass on their newly acquired knowledge to the rest of the team.

Orientation sessions are held just prior to the departments occupying their new facilities and are designed to ensure that the department's staff, including orderlies, maintenance and cleaning teams, are familiar with the new layout. Infection control information and security handbooks are also distributed during orientation.

"Other staff won't miss out though," says Susannah Findlay, migration coordinator. "There will be an opportunity to view the new facilities prior to the moving days and orientation information will be available on the NMDHB intranet to download."

Countdown to Stage Three Construction Completion: Five Weeks

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