

Keeping the momentum going - by Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) CEO, Geraint Martin.

This has been a significant year for Towards 20/20.

Highlights include the opening of the Coronary Care and Step Down Unit, relocation of Women's Health Services, opening of Middlemore's MRI suite and the ongoing upgrade of our mental health facilities.

There is still more to come. The tunnels and corridors project comes to an end in March 2008, and staff, patients and visitors are already enjoying a flat and improved journey between some of our major buildings at Middlemore Hospital.

The new Intensive Care Unit will be finished in June 2008, construction of the new 6-storey ward block has begun and we are about to commence the refurbishment of theatres at Middlemore Hospital. A new theatre suite is planned for 5-7 years time.

There are also exciting developments ahead for the Manukau site, with plans to expand our outpatient facilities and services.

Needless to say there are challenging times ahead and everyone (user groups, Towards 20/20 team, designers and builders) are committed to deliver the best facilities they can, with meticulous planning to minimise disruption to the running of the Hospital.

Many services have been directly affected by construction noise and other building activity. As most of you can appreciate a construction project this size brings many challenges and I would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation.

There will be more disruption to come and I encourage you to stay focused on the end goal – new facilities and improved services that will lead us further into the 21st century.

Finally I wish you all the very best for an enjoyable, happy and safe Christmas break.



Geraint Martin, CEO, CMDHB

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Blessing New Ward Block

A small group of people gathered to say goodbye to Building 6, before it gets demolished in the next couple of weeks.

It is being torn down to make way for the new 6 storey Ward Block.

The Kaumatua and Chaplains lead the moving ceremony, paying respect to people (staff and patients) who had worked or stayed in Building 6 throughout its long history.

The group then moved to the AMC carpark, and stood in direct line with the footprint of the L-shaped Ward Block.

As the land will soon be disturbed, respect was given to mother nature through karakia (prayer and incantations).



Farewell to Building 6



The new Ward Block will extend out into the carpark.

Farewell to Historical Building

Building 6 (Ground and 1st Floor) was one of the original hospital buildings constructed in the late 1940's. Originally set up as medical and surgical wards, building 6 has had a lot of uses over the years.

For example during the 70's the Ground Floor was occupied by Ward 6 (Rheumatology), with Kathy Smith as Charge Nurse and Peter Gow as the Medical House Officer.



Building 6

During the 90's Ward 6 became Ward 3 (Children's Ward) with Denise Kivell as Charge Nurse. Its last occupant was the Gynaecology Care Unit. The Unit is now located on Level 5, Galbraith Building.

During the 70's the 1st Floor was occupied by Ward 7 (Medical Ward). For the last 3 years the 1st Floor has been occupied by the Clinical Training Education Centre (CTEC). You will now find CTEC on the 1st Floor, Building 7.

Changes to Adult Medical Centre (AMC) Carpark

Have you noticed the fencing around a section of the AMC carpark?

This forms a perimeter around the construction zone for the new Ward Block, resulting in a rezoning of visitor spaces and a reduction in staff carparks (approximately 77 spaces). Mobility parks are not affected.

Designated areas have been set aside for visitor parking, which is clearly identified by road markings and signage.

A pedestrian walkway provides a safe journey from the carpark to the main entrance.



Increased activity – Adult Medical Centre Main Entrance

Over the next few months you will see an increase in trucks and vans entering the site as they come and go from the new Ward Block construction site.

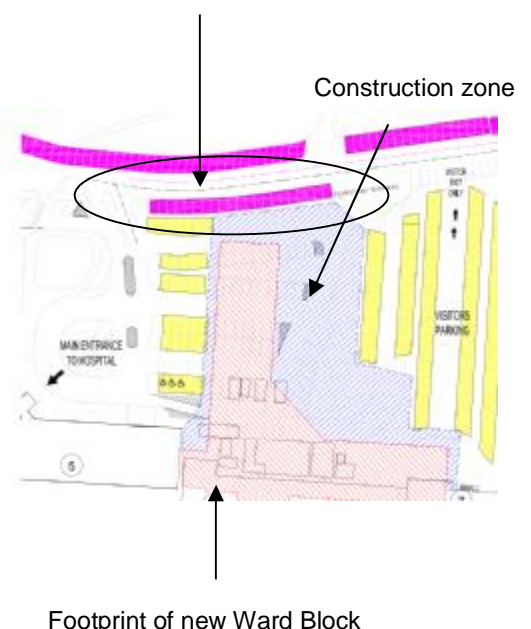
A traffic plan is in place, and movements will be kept to non-peak times.

For your safety please keep to the pedestrian walkway and be extra vigilant when crossing the road.

You will also notice an increase in noise, once construction gets underway.

Fletcher Construction will try and keep this to a minimum and apologise in advance for any inconvenience.

Pedestrian walkway (in between the fence line and carparks).



What happened to the trees in the Adult Medical Centre (AMC) Carpark?

One magnificent oak tree stands proudly in the AMC Carpark.

The other two trees were removed due to their poor condition and plans for extra carparks upon completion of the Project.

We recognise that these trees have been on site for many years and share your sadness on having to remove them.

As part of the new Ward Block Project we will be replanting some new trees in the future.



One oak tree remains

Construction update – New ward Block

By Christmas ...

- Fletcher Construction will be established on site.
- Demolition will commence for Building 6.
- Surveyors will mark out lines where the new building will go.
- A big hole will be dug out for the basement of the new Ward Block.



Middlemore Theatre Refurbishment

Surgical Services is delighted to announce that funding for the refurbishment of Middlemore's Theatre has been approved by the Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB).

Why refurbish theatres?

CMDHB Facilities Master Planning has identified a future location for a brand new theatre suite as part of a proposed Clinical Services Block [CSB] on the southern end of the Middlemore Hospital site.



Theatre

This work is in the stage of service consultation to develop a business case for CMDHB and regional committee endorsement, before seeking Ministry and Ministerial approval late in 2008.

Once the go ahead is granted the CSB, given its breadth of services, size and cost, could be complete in 5-7 years from now.

In the interim there is a need to refurbish our existing theatres - in particular staff areas, support areas and patient corridors.

What will this work involve?

Work will commence this month (December 2007) with completion planned for June 2008. A high level summary of works to be completed is outlined below:

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| Main circulation areas: | ➤ Floor vinyl, ceiling grids, wall protection and wall paint. |
| Staff areas: | ➤ Tearoom will be painted, new window curtains, plumbed water cooler installed and 2 new 3-seater couches.
➤ Staff change areas will be completely renovated with new shower lining, replacement of tap ware, floor vinyl, wall paint, new lockers and change benches.
➤ New chairs, wall paint and computer bench for the library. |
| DOSA | ➤ New chairs for the waiting room. |
| Recovery | ➤ Ceiling mounted privacy curtains and wall paint.
➤ New shelving for medicines/consumable storage. |
| Operating rooms | ➤ A number of theatre doors will be replaced and others fixed.
➤ New floor vinyl and wall paint in theatre 4 & 5 scrub bays.
➤ Ceiling mounted pendants in designated theatres. |
| Other areas | ➤ Nurses station bench, shelving, floor vinyl and wall paint.
➤ The existing 'inwards goods/loan equipment area' will be replaced with a new bench and purpose built shelving aimed to improve containers/box storage and to reduce congestion.
➤ New intercom system. |

What's the plan for the Women's Health building?

The women's health building is now looking pretty empty following the relocation of the Delivery Suite, MABAU and Maternity Wards (antenatal and postnatal).

The Overflow Ward has already moved into the vacated Maternity Ward on A Floor (Level 1) with other areas on the move in 2008.

Below is a 'Heads Up':

Ground Floor:

In January 2008 the Cardiac Investigation Unit will be temporarily moving into the old Delivery Suite, Ground Floor.

Part of the Department of Gynaecology and Women's Health Records (old MABAU) will be converted into a space for the Bone Tumor Registry.

Level 1 - A Floor.

The Overflow Ward is currently on Level 1 (A floor).

Level 2- B Floor.

Level 2 will be converted into offices for the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (this will include registrars currently housed in Radiology).

Level 3 - C Floor

Level 3 will be converted into offices and work areas for CCRep, currently located in the support building.

Construction update - ICU

1. Wall framing is 70% complete. Some of the walls are already being lined with plasterboard.
2. Ceiling and wall services are 60% complete.
3. Support steel has been installed for the medical services pendants
4. Once the walls are lined doors will be installed and preparation work will start on the ceiling.
5. The new plantroom has been set up on Level 2.
6. Work on Emergency Care's ceiling space continues - around 80% complete.



Paediatric rooms are being framed.



Wall framing is 70% complete.

MILESTONES 2007



December

- New Northern Corridors on the Ground and Level 1 completely OPEN.
- Go ahead given for theatre refurbishment.
- Work commences on new Ward Block.
- Upgrade complete for Tamaki Oranga (a 20-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit in Otara).



November

- MRI up and running at Middlemore Hospital.



Project Manager Graeme Purdie outside the new MRI



October

- Opening of new Assessment, Labour and Birthing Unit, Maternity Ward and Gynaecology Care Unit.
- Farewell to old Delivery Suite.



Midwife Betty McGregor and Lion Foundation Chairman Mike Smith cut the ribbon for the Assessment Labour and Birthing Unit.



September

- Opening of new railway footbridge and pedestrian walkway.



Pedestrian walkway



August

- Northern corridors partially up and running.
- Upgrade complete for Emergency Care (relocation of medication room and refurbishment of staff base).
- Building works underway for new Intensive Care Unit.



Temporary corridor

M I L E S T O N E S 2007

July



- National Burn Centre celebrates its 1st Anniversary in the new facility.
- Temporary corridors between AMC and Rainbow corridor and Rainbow Corridor and Kidz First up and running.
- Demolition works underway for new Intensive Care Unit, Level 1, Acute Hub.
- Refurbishment complete for Awhinatia Community Health Centre in Papakura.



Demolition works underway for new ICU

June



- Refurbishment continues for Tamaki Oranga.



Tamaki Oranga – an outdoor area was constructed to encourage use of the grounds by patients.

May



- Staff from the Gastroenterology Dept celebrate the opening on its new Portacom. The new facility includes administration offices and 2 clinic rooms, and caters for Hepatitis C, Gastro and Haematology patients.



The Gastroenterology team outside the new Portacom

February



- Opening of new Coronary Care and Step Down Unit.



Charge Nurse Jill Gilmore, Cardiology Consultant Andrew Kerr and Medical Operations Manager, Leanne Elder.



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Towards 20/20 Web Site

In the internet explorer address bar type: <http://www.cmdhb.org.nz>
Click onto Towards 20/20.

The Towards 20/20 web site has been designed to inform staff about the modernisation and redevelopment projects occurring across the CMDHB sites.

You'll find background information and regular updates on the various projects, along with updated photographs of construction activities, floor plans, copies of Towards 20/20 NEWS and much more



A Christmas ode to Hospital Planning

A group of doctors were asked to comment on the plans for the new hospital buildings and clinics:

The **Dermatologists** said there should be no rash moves.

The **Gastroenterologists** said they had to get a gut feeling for them, but the **Neurologists** thought the managers had a lot of nerve to present them and there should have been more brainstorming and the **Obstetricians** stated the managers were labouring under a misconception.

The **Ophthalmologists** considered the plans were one-eyed and short-sighted while the **Pathologists** said over their dead bodies.

The **Haematologists** said it should be a cellular design, and the **Biochemists** said the design needed to be done with accuracy and precision.

The **Microbiologists** said things should not be allowed to slide.

The **Paediatricians** said everybody should grow up and stop being childish whilst the **Psychiatrists** thought the plans were madness and just castles in the clouds.

The **General Surgeons** thought they should lead but then said they washed their hands of it, but the **Plastic Surgeons** said this put a whole new face on the matter and they would get the fat out of the budget.

The **Radiologists** said they could see right through it and the **Physicians** said it was a bitter pill to swallow.

The **Podiatrists** thought it was a step in the right direction as long as the managers did not put their foot in it.

However the **Urologists** thought they would not hold water but then the **Anaesthetists** thought the whole thing would be a gas, and the **Cardiologists** did not have the heart to say no.

In the end it was decided the only safe thing to do was to have a review.