

Together at last!



Staff gather for the blessing of the expanded BreastScreen Clinic

For the first time ever, all of the staff from BreastScreen Counties Manukau are located in one place thanks to the expansion of the Screening Clinic at the Manukau SuperClinic (MSC).

On Friday 5 March staff attended a moving blessing of their new rooms led by Kaumatua Whitiora Cooper and Kuia Rangī Pai. This provided an opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate new beginnings. A more formal opening will be held in April 2010.

“The BreastScreen team are very pleased with their new space and are looking forward to working together, which will save time, money and streamline administrative and clerical processes,” says Natasha Spinks, Team Secretary for BreastScreen.

The expansion includes rooms for the administration team and other support staff, a radiologist’s analogue and digital reading room, an expanded reception area and another mammography room, which will contain a new digital mammography machine.

The new digital machine will allow BreastScreen to

screen more women a month at MSC. Digital images can be quality checked on-screen as they are taken which means, women can leave straight away instead of having to wait for film processing.

Having a mammogram every two years improves a woman’s chances of surviving breast cancer. Mammography can detect 85% of unsuspected cancers in women over 50 years.

Women between 45 and 69 are eligible for the free national breast screening if they have not had a mammogram within the last year, are eligible for NZ public health services, are not currently breast feeding or pregnant and have no symptoms or diagnosis of breast cancer.

BreastScreen appointments are available at MSC and the mobile screening van which moves around the district. Please call 250 8000, 0800 270 200 or extension 4580 from CMDHB sites to book. The BreastScreen team would love to hear from you.

Franklin Memorial - a community Hospital



The view from the back of the Hospital

Franklin Memorial Hospital in Waiuku is located in country-like surroundings with rural views.

As the name suggests, the Hospital, which opened in 1923 was a war memorial bequested to the town. It was originally a general hospital before becoming an Obstetric Hospital in 1956.

Since then it has become a long stay unit covering 18 beds (12 long stay, 6 Assessment, Treatment and Rehabilitation (AT&R) and Palliative Care).

“There is a real sense of community at Franklin Hospital and local residents and organisations have continued to support us over the years,” says Lois Boyd, Charge Nurse.



“It’s that community spirit that is the backbone of the Hospital and we are very lucky to have people who freely give up their time to help out.”

This includes local bands who perform at the Hospital twice a week, neighbouring schools who put on concerts, local residents who bring in their pets (ranging from dogs to llamas) and a lovely lady who picks the fruit off the trees and makes jam for the patients and staff.

Franklin Memorial - a community Hospital (continued)

Lois says the surrounding farm land includes a few cows, a golf course and netball courts, so there is always something to see. "On a sunny day it's nice for the patients to sit in the day room and watch the activities," says Lois.

"It's really peaceful here and you feel quite removed from the hustle and bustle of the city. Some of our patients were born in Waiuku, so it's lovely that they can receive nursing care in the community they grew up in."

Over the past few years Franklin Hospital has undergone a mini makeover. This includes a new sun room, a refurbished kitchen, which provides inpatient meals and approximately 25 'meals on wheels' per day, a refurbished clinic room and installation of an emergency generator. In the next few months work will begin on revamping the current medication room.

Acquiring the right equipment for the right job

When Roy Malto left the Phillipines for New Zealand in 1997, he only intended to stay for a short time. Thirteen years later he is still here and has made New Zealand his home.

Roy says he was working as a House Surgeon in the Phillipines when an opportunity came to shift into Information Technology, supporting the Community Laboratory System in Auckland. Over the next 9 years he acquired experience in a variety of information systems, processes and project management skills across the 3 Auckland District Health Boards.

Roy's current role of Equipment Manager will initially assist in the identification of an FF&E (furniture, fittings and equipment) process to provide a more structured approach to purchasing.

"In this period of watching what we spend, acquiring the right equipment for the correct use within the provided budget is more critical than ever," says Roy. "Major decisions of what we can keep, replace or buy



Long term patient 'Jock' with Charge Nurse Lois Boyd

Franklin Memorial Hospital was opened by the Hon. C.J. Parr C.M.G. Minister for Hospitals on the 28th Day of April 1923



Roy Malto

have huge financial impact to the overall success of all the Facilities projects.

"My role is to identify and manage all the different aspects in assisting to make the best decisions in a logical and beneficial way from a clinical, technical and financial viewpoint.

"It is a huge responsibility and with everyone's help it will be a rewarding role."

The end of an era

The Towards 20/20 Project Team and Engineering and Facilities bid Natalie Pointon a fond farewell in her role as Migration Coordinator.

Natalie came to the organisation in early 2009 as an external resource and during her time here has planned and carried out approximately 40 clinical and non-clinical moves.

She will be departing our shores to go overseas and will be handing over the reins to Janet Kamau, who is looking forward to her new challenge. Janet previously worked in the RMO Unit at Middlemore Hospital.

As for Natalie we couldn't let her go without getting an insight into her time at CMDHB. Below is her story....

The biggest highlight for me has been working with the wonderful, supportive, dedicated team of people that make up the Towards 20/20 Project team and the Engineering and Facilities department. They have been like a family to me and we have had a lot of fun working together.

In fact I could write a book of all the funny, peculiar and wonderful situations my colleagues and I have experienced over the past year!

I also get a lot of satisfaction in seeing a building grow from bricks and mortar to a purpose built new facility and to see the dedicated staff continuing to provide the best quality care to the people who use the services of CMDHB. I am sure the new environment makes their job just that little bit better.

Like any job there can be some frustrating moments and there have been some tricky times



Janet Kamau and Natalie Pointon

when the goal post has shifted and miracles of sorts had to be pulled out of a hat! But, when you are working in a fast paced, ever changing environment and working with a multitude of personalities it comes with the territory and keeps you on your toes. Overcoming those challenges and obstacles is a satisfying feeling.

I liken my job to the image of a duck paddling in a pond. On the surface the duck appears cool, calm, collected and in control but below the surface the duck is paddling frantically. That's me some days!

I would like to thank all of the Managers, Team Leaders and Department Heads that I have had the pleasure of working with in planning their service migrations. It is never easy going in and unsettling their work environment, albeit temporarily.

The end of an era (continued)

Their hard work has made my job easier and I hope I've made their lives easier with my skills and experience. The hours of additional work while continuing with their normal job deserves an acknowledgement.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Chester Buller – Capital Works Manager for giving me this wonderful opportunity, for letting me develop the role and providing me with never ending support and encouragement.

Also to Leanne Breedveld – Fitout Coordinator and my partner in crime for her support, sanity checks and entertaining me with her vibrant sense of humour!

I love my job and I have really enjoyed working at CMDHB. In fact CMDHB and its people have gotten under my skin. I will look back fondly at my time here and who knows, once I have finished exploring far off shores, you may see my face around here again in the future.

“Natalie has done a wonderful job and shown great commitment and competence during her time at CMDHB,” says Chester Buller. “User satisfaction has been high and we now have a robust and comprehensive migration system we can use for the future. On behalf of the team we wish Natalie well on her future endeavours.”

New Assessment and Observation Unit (AOU) nears completion

The 15 bed Assessment and Observation Unit is nearing completion and is due to open 26 April 2010.

All that is left is the finishing touches i.e. painting the walls, laying the vinyl, fixing panels to the walls, finishing the work to the corridors and forming the new opening from Adult Short Stay to AOU.

As its name suggests AOU patients (predominately medical) will be assessed and observed and once treated discharged home or transferred to an inpatient ward.



From left to right: Annie Fogarty, Clinical Nurse Director EC, Nick Whitby, Mainzeal, Mary McManaway, Nurse Manager EC, Tami McKay, RCP, Leanne Breedveld, Fit-out Coordinator and Bruce Hancock, Facilities Planning.

The new unit will help free up beds in EC and enable patients to receive the right care in the right place. Patients requiring urgent treatment will continue to be seen in EC.

← Nurses station looking onto the bed bays

A blast from the past – can you recognise any staff members at the opening of EC in 1991 (the following information was taken from Middlemore Memories – the first 50 years)



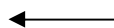
Sir Edmund Hillary opening the refurbished Emergency Department in 1991. An old overcrowded department has been converted into a modern efficient unit, capable of meeting the day to day needs of the community as well as a major disaster. Behind the ribbon from left are Anne Simpson (Medical Superintendent), Marilyn Laidlaw, Alison Pirret, Eva Frisby, Lady Hillary, Peter Rodwell (Medical Director) and Peter Bradley, Chief Ambulance Officer.



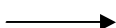
In the new Emergency Department behind the admitting front desk are Marilyn Lyon, admitting clerk, Eva Frisby, a charge nurse in the Emergency Department and Marjorie Anderson, the manager of the Admitting Office. This is the front door of the hospital for many patients.



One of four resuscitation rooms in the new admitting department.



Sir Edmund Hillary, leaving the hospital not as a patient but as a visitor. He seems happy though a little dazed with his treatment by the bevy of admiring nurses who staff the Emergency Department. They are from left Dorothy McKeen, chief nurse, Marilyn Laidlaw, Joyce Jones, Emilina Hansell, Bev Souter, Eva Frisby, Julie Gardiner, Rashmi Patel, Sharyn Waterman, Debbie Hailstone, Gayle O'Connor.



Update New Links



This is the first look inside the Ground floor link between the AMC and Edmund Hillary Buildings. Completion of the link on the Ground and 1st Floor will be May 2010.



Various types of cladding have been used for the outside of the link

New Staff Café to OPEN June 2010



Construction is progressing

The new staff only cafeteria on the Ground Floor of the Edmund Hillary Block will be modern, welcoming and relaxing.

Design features include a timber look vinyl flooring, large north facing windows that will maximise natural light, acoustic ceilings to reduce noise, a variety of tables to accommodate large and small groups of staff and an outdoor courtyard.

There will be options that cater for everyone,” says Marianne Scott, Service Improvement Manager. “For example there will be a separate snack bar and vending machines for people wanting a bite on the run, free hot drinks vending machines, cold water fountain, a selection of hot and cold foods prepared by our very own kitchen, microwaves for those who wish to heat up their lunch and a staffed coffee bar for all those coffee lovers.



Graphic of the new staff cafe

The first moves to the Edmund Hillary Building (stage 2) kick off in April 2010.

Moving in May will be:

- **BioMed Bed Store**
Moves to basement: 21 April 2010
- **Medical Short Stay**
Moves to Level 1: 5 May 2010
- **MHSOP (Ward 22)**
Moves to Level 5: 12 May 2010
- **Haematology Day Ward and Clinics**
Moves to Level 1: 17 May 2010
- **Allied Health Inpatients** (Physio, OT, Social work, Speech Language Therapists, Dietitians, Clerical staff, HealthCare Assistants)
Moves to Ground Floor: 27 May 2010



Allied Health Gym – Ground Floor

Moving in June will be:

- **Plastics Ward**
Moves to Level 5: 2nd June 2010
- **Gastro Department**
Moves to Level 2: 8/9 June 2010
- **Ward 6**
Moves to Level 2: 10 June 2010



Haematology Day Ward – Level 1



Gastroenterology – Recovery: Level 2



Nurses Station – MHSOP: Level 5



4-bedded room Plastics Ward: Level 5

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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.

COMING UP – Clinical Services Building (CSB)

Enabling works or in layman's terms clearing the site for the start of the new Clinical Services Building will start at the end of April 2010.

This will involve making alterations to the roadway at the back of AT&R, temporary closure or rezoning of some carparks, relocation of services and departments, demolition of the Rainbow Corridor and construction of links (temporary and permanent) between buildings.



A lot of planning has been going on behind the scenes for the CSB

This is a significant milestone as it signifies the beginning of an exciting and challenging project – one that when complete will add to the state of the art facilities on the Middlemore site.

We will be bringing you further information about the various stages in the coming weeks. There will also be a series of presentations for all staff.

Watch this space for further details