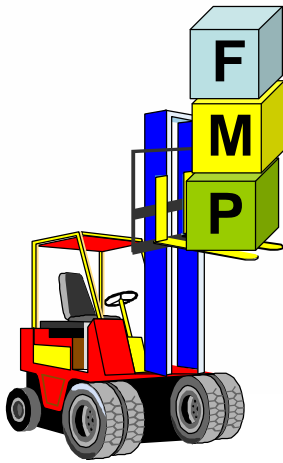


Counties Column

Facilities Modernisation Project



"Delivering Improved Health Facilities and Services for Counties Manukau"

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Welcome to the 2nd edition of Counties Column, keeping you up to date with the ongoing planning, modernisation and improvement of our health facilities and services.

To refresh your memory - FMP was set up to support the growing needs of our community over the next 15-20 years.

A number of urgent initiatives were identified - categorized as Phase 1 Projects, as well as ongoing strategies for the immediate future - grouped under Phases 2-3.

Phase 1 Projects are underway:

2nd Floor Fit-out: Manukau Surgery Centre

The 2nd floor fit-out at the Manukau Surgery Centre is near completion (April 2005). The 38 bedded ward will accommodate General Surgery, ORL and Women's health.

The new ward is taking shape with walls being painted, vinyl being laid and fixtures and wiring being installed.

The design closely resembles the surgical ward on the 1st floor of the Surgery Centre, with an emphasis on efficient patient/staff flows and effective use of clinical spaces.



Wiring being installed - 2nd Floor Manukau Surgery Centre



Vinyl being laid to a patient bedroom - 2nd Floor Manukau Surgery Centre

Phase 1 Projects:

- Relocation of further elective surgery to Level 2 of the Manukau Surgery Centre
- Neonates relocate to a full floor in Galbraith
- Establishment of the National Burn Centre
- Development of a Catheter Laboratory
- Adult Medical Centre (AMC) extension and Level 3 fit-out

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

Two milestones have been met in preparation for the relocation of neonates to a full floor in Galbraith:

1. Following Ministry of Health and Board approval, demolition commenced, late February 2005 on Level 3, Galbraith. ✓
2. The concept design plan for the new area has been signed off by the user group. ✓

NICU's new area will be 4 x bigger than its current space, resulting in an increased ability to cope with future increases in volume and offering an improved range of care.

What's really exciting is that the extra space and design encourages parents to be fully involved with their baby's care.

While NICU's current area can take up to 22 cots, the new area has the capacity for 36 cots.

National Burn Centre

The concept design plan for the National Burn Centre (NBC) has been signed off by the User Group. ✓

The NBC will be directly above Emergency Care - on the first floor of the Acute Hub. Construction is set to start late **April 2005**.

The Centre is designed to encompass all phases of burn treatment which integrates acute, rehabilitation, reconstructive and outpatient follow-up into one purpose designed facility.

The design focuses on effective use of clinical spaces and improved physical flow of patients, staff and visitors into and around the Centre.

The increase in space also gives the Centre increased flexibility to accommodate future demands.



Exterior Graphic of the Acute Hub.

New Catheter Laboratory:

The development of the new Catheter Laboratory is progressing well.

The design of the area continues to be worked on architecturally with construction due to commence **May 2005**.

Currently the User Group are reviewing proposals for the supply of new equipment.

Adult Medical Centre Extension

Construction is due to start **April 2005** for the Adult Medical Centre (AMC) Extension.

Strategies are being developed to minimise any disruption building works may have on services and departments. Ongoing meetings will be held with areas directly affected.

Update: Radiology Refurbishment & Rebuilding 7 Phase Project

Phases 1-3 COMPLETE ✓

Phases 4/5 are in progress. Both phases involve the installation of the interventional suite and general X-ray rooms. Phillips will soon have their engineers on site to commission the new X-ray equipment.

Many thanks for the ongoing co-operation and support of the Radiology staff, those in adjacent areas and support services.

Other Works:

Infrastructure works such as the upgrading of gas, power, water, reticulation, heating and air conditioning continue.

COMING SOON!

Keep your eyes out for the FMP Notice-board positioned in the main corridor by the Aviary Café.

In a couple of weeks we'll be posting updates and providing information about the various projects.

"The FMP Team would like to thank everyone for their ongoing hard work and support"

All of our current and ongoing projects have extensive clinical input and involvement at all levels and stages.

Supporting these projects now and in the future are our Board, clinical, management, engineering, external advisors, regional input (Waitemata DHB and Auckland DHB) as well as our internal project Managers and project Sponsors.

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