

Burn Centre Facility OPENS 16 June 2006

The building of the National Burn Centre is progressing well, with the formal opening of the facility planned for Friday 16 June 2006. It looks amazing and it's hard to believe that Ward 14 will soon be moving into a Burn Unit to be proud of, one that will be state-of-the art and 'first rate' according to visiting Canadian Burn Surgeon, Dr Duncan Nickerson.

The formal opening of the facility is to celebrate the hard work of all those who have, over the years tirelessly lobbied and supported the establishment of a National Burn Centre at Middlemore, and have kept that vision alive.



Wider Burns Team attending a Change Management Course

The idea of a Burn Unit was first mooted by Professor Liggins with the outline of a draft business case in 1979! It is a wonderful achievement.

However the completion of the facility is just the first step in establishing and delivering a sustainable national burn service.

Currently 19 *complex burn patients are treated annually at Counties Manukau District Health Board. It is expected, that when the national burn service is fully operational, the estimated increase will be an additional 16 patients. Of the estimated 35 patients in total, approximately a quarter are 'extremely' complex, meaning they have prolonged stays in the Intensive Care Unit, prolonged ventilatory requirements and multiple theatre sessions.

To minimise the impact this will have on other services within the hospital, additional resources have been invested in key service areas. Dedicated burn theatre lists (currently five sessions per week, with the option of increasing to ten sessions per week) will minimise the impact on acute theatres. A separate on-call theatre and burn team is being developed to minimise the impact on weekends.

Throughout the multi-disciplinary burn service there have been additional appointments to cope with the expected increase in demand. This includes two Burn Clinical Nurse Specialists who have been recruited from other internationally renowned centres. In addition the Burn Service is pursuing the establishment of a Burns Fellow rotation programme with a North American Unit.

Sadly, Burn Surgeon, Stephen Mills has resigned from Middlemore Hospital, and we wish to acknowledge his hard work and leadership in the development of the burn service here to date. This will leave only two members of the Department of Plastic Surgery who have a sub-specialty interest in burns.

Taking over the leadership role for Burns is Richard Wong She. From December 2006 the team will be joined by Dr Joel Fish, an eminent Burn Surgeon from Canada for an 8 month sabbatical. Active recruitment for Burn Surgeons is ongoing, to ensure the service will be sustainable in the long term.

In the interim, whilst the facility will be utilised, the ability to deliver a comprehensive national service will be limited by staffing resources. The Counties Manukau District Health Board has committed to providing care for regional patients. Patients from around New Zealand and Tahiti will be accepted on a case-by-case basis as resources allow.

* A complex burn: >30% body surface area with significant burns to hands, face and feet.

Services on the move - June 2006

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19 Ward 14 (Burns Ward) moves to the National Burn Centre Facility, 1st Floor, Acute Hub	20	21	22 Ward 5 (Respiratory) moves to Ward 7, 3rd Floor, Adult Medical Centre	23	24	25
26 Ward 2 (Haematology) moves to Ward 5, 2nd Floor, Adult Medical Centre	27	28	29	30 Ward 3 (Cardiology) moves to Ward 2, 1st Floor, Adult Medical Centre		

Please note the change in ward numbers, which will take effect once areas have moved to the new locations. For example Ward 5 becomes Ward 7, Ward 8 becomes Ward 6, Ward 2 becomes Ward 5, Ward 3 becomes Ward 2, Ward 14 becomes the National Burn Centre

To avoid confusion the Ward number (6) will no longer apply to the Gynaecology Care Unit. Staff are to refer to the Unit by NAME ONLY.

Successful move for Ward 8

It was all hands on deck on Thursday 8 June 2006 as 28 patients made the journey from Ward 8 to Ward 6, 3rd floor Adult Medical Centre.

The first move began at 7 am with the last patient arriving at approximately 9.15 am.

Comments from patients were favourable as they settled into the Ward.



On the move to Ward 6

"The rooms are great," said Mr Paparoa. "They are a lot larger than the ones we have just come from."

"I'm impressed our room has its own ensuite (toilet and shower)," says Mr Cameron. "We didn't have this in the old ward."

Patient, Diane Anderson said the new Ward was lovely.

"I was hoping to be discharged today, but the amazing view from my bedroom window is making me have second thoughts!"



Mr Cameron (left) and Mr Paparoa

Many thanks to everyone involved with the move.

Blessing – Wards 6 & 7 Adult Medical Centre (AMC):



Staff gather for the blessing of Wards 6 & 7

On Wednesday 7 June 2006, staff joined Kuamatua and Chaplains for the Blessing of Ward 6 (Gastro) and Ward 7 (Respiratory), 3rd Floor, Adult Medical Centre.

Both Wards are located on the 3rd floor, Adult Medical Centre.









Maori tradition sees the construction process as tapu or sacred. For this reason blessings take place before construction begins and after it has been completed.

A blessing can 'clear the way' for staff who will be working on the wards and can offer people a sense of comfort and healing.



The kuamatua bless the Ward Reception.

Comparing the new (Ward 6, Adult Medical Centre) with the old (Ward 8)

Ward 6 – Adult Medical Centre	Old Ward 8
 <p>A patient day room in Ward 6, featuring a dark blue carpet, a dark blue wall with a white decorative border, and a small wooden table with a plant.</p>	 <p>A patient day room in Old Ward 8, featuring a light-colored carpet, a white wall, and a large window with green curtains.</p>
Patient Day Room	Patient Day Room
 <p>A patient bedroom in Ward 6, featuring a light-colored wall, a window with blue curtains, and a wooden floor.</p>	 <p>A patient bedroom in Old Ward 8, featuring a white wall, a window with white curtains, and a bed with white linens.</p>
Patient Bedroom	Patient Bedroom
 <p>A main corridor in Ward 6, featuring a light-colored wall, a blue carpet, and a white door.</p>	 <p>A main corridor in Old Ward 8, featuring a light-colored wall, a wooden floor, and a white door.</p>
Main corridor	Main corridor
 <p>A treatment room in Ward 6, featuring a white wall, a window, and a white counter.</p>	 <p>A treatment room in Old Ward 8, featuring a white wall, a window, and a white counter.</p>
Treatment Room	Treatment Room

Comparing the new (Ward 6, Adult Medical Centre) with the old (Ward 8)

Ward 6 – Adult Medical Centre	Old Ward 8
 <p data-bbox="296 676 472 703">Nurses Station</p> 	
<p data-bbox="296 1039 414 1066">Reception</p>	<p data-bbox="762 1030 1107 1057">Reception and Nurses Station</p>
	
<p data-bbox="287 1424 564 1451">Close observation room</p>	<p data-bbox="762 1424 1046 1451">Not available in old ward</p>
	
<p data-bbox="296 1827 533 1854">Whanau/Quiet Room</p>	<p data-bbox="762 1827 1046 1854">Not available in old ward</p>

Mental Health Services relocate to 7 Springs Road, East Tamaki

The Mental Health service has completed the latest project in its facility development programme.

On Monday 29 May 2006, 55 staff from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and the Early Psychosis Intervention Team (EPIT) were relocated to a leasehold building at 7 Springs Road, East Tamaki. CAMHS staff have moved from Campbell Lodge on the Western Campus; EPIT has moved from 17 Lambie Drive. The new facility has been named "Whirinaki" (meaning to support).

Whirinaki offers an opportunity for both services to continue to grow in response to the needs of the community. It is ideally situated to accommodate their client-base in south Auckland and to cover future growth in the Flat Bush area.

Mental Health occupies the 2nd and 3rd floors of the building; the ground and 1st floor are leased by Manukau Water Limited.

The facility includes 12 interview rooms and accommodation for up to 80 staff as well as a meeting room / seminar area. The site is beautifully landscaped and includes a generous number of car parks.

We are very pleased with our new facility, says Whirinaki Service Manager, Leonie Picard.

"It is great to recognise the great work our clinicians are doing by providing them with a work place that is well resourced, modern, light and spacious, says Leonie".

"Our clients are also commenting on how nice the facility is."

EPIT Team Leader, Aaron O'Connell says the move marks a new beginning for his team.

"The co-location with child and adolescence staff has built some positive relationships and we are looking forward to work closely with our new colleagues on site," says Aaron.

"We also think EPIT has one of the best panoramic views in the District Health Board – and invite others to come and visit!"

The refurbishment of the building was undertaken by Projects Facilities and Engineering and was completed in an extraordinarily short time - less than ten weeks from the signing of the lease to the relocation of staff.

The tight time frame placed huge pressure on all those involved, particularly the IS and telecommunications teams. Led by Dianne Gunn, Ceredwyn Jones and Spencer Travis, the team managed to complete an extensive upgrade of the IT infrastructure and have the building fully operational on the afternoon of the relocation. This was an exceptional feat!

The project was co-ordinated by Doug Blackstock on behalf of the Mental Health Service.



Group shot taken at the official opening



Reception



Clinic Room



Observation Room

Historical beginnings - Galbraith Building

As we enter into a period of growth and redevelopment it's important to understand our historical beginnings. Each issue of Project Excel will take you on a journey through the past 59 years.

Galbraith Building

Following close on the completion of the obstetric block in 1960 was a 300-bed services acute block, later to be named the Galbraith Block after Mr Ray Galbraith - the then Board Secretary.

The Galbraith block was six floors above ground and one floor below and provided expanded service areas for departments, now totally cramped and overcrowded in the original main hospital building.

Areas were allocated as follows:

Basements - three mechanical plant rooms, oxygen and nitrous oxide storage banks for theatre, wards and departments, storage space for medical and radiology records, CSSD bulk storage, orderlies equipment rooms and staff change rooms.

Ground Floor - Accident and Emergency, Radiology, Medical Records Admitting Department, Surgical Medical ENT and Audiology Outpatients, Telephone Exchange and Patient Enquiry, Medical Superintendent's Office Suite, Canteen Shop and Dining Room, Conference Room and Change Rooms for night and afternoon staff.

First Floor - 6 modern Theatres, Recovery Room and Plaster Room, Central Sterile Supply Department, Ward 11, a 15-bed ENT Ward and Ward 12, a 6-bed Intensive Care Unit.

2nd, 3rd 4th and 5th Floors - Each contained two 34-bed wards for orthopaedic and surgical patients. Wards were on each side of a central lift and stairwell sector which rose another two floors, which contained the water tower, air conditioning and lift plant equipment.

At the basement, ground and floors one, two and three the Galbraith block was connected through to the obstetric block at one end and by Accident and Emergency and rear of Theatre to the Main Building. This enabled staff, patients, supplies and service to be moved throughout the hospital under cover.

The block was fully accommodated by the end of the decade and staff and patients were becoming accustomed to the first air-conditioned hospital in New Zealand.

The Galbraith block represented the latest in modern layout and amenities. Patient rooms were arranged round the periphery, close to the central service rooms. This resulted in reduced walking times for nurses and reduced waiting times for patients.

The Galbraith block did have its fair share of growing pains. Many staff regularly lost their way, ending up in the fire-escape. The noise of the trains remains a continuing intrusion. Patients and staff often heard the sounds of sheep and cattle as trains paused or passed on the way to Westfield. Once when a train was derailed some pigs escaped running everywhere oinking through the hospital grounds!



The completed Galbraith and Obstetric blocks from the Golf Course. These two buildings doubled the bed numbers of the Hospital.



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National Burn Centre Facility!

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The PROJECT EXCEL 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 PROJECT EXCEL NEWS and much more.

We would love to hear your feedback regarding the newsletter and ideas for future articles.

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