

Breast Screening Clinic Opens at Manukau SuperClinic

The opening of a breast screening clinic at the Manukau SuperClinic means eligible women have improved access to breast screening services.

“By improving access to these services, more women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at an earlier stage – meaning they have a better chance of receiving treatment and ultimately surviving,” says Dr Sally Urry, BreastScreen Counties Manukau (BSCM) Medical Director.

The BSCM service has been running since September 2005. During this time a total of 3300 women have been screened, with some women receiving a diagnosis of early-stage cancer. BSCM has installed a new mammography machine to increase screening capacity and future plans include a mobile unit for the region.

Currently BSCM is focussing on recruiting Medical Radiation Technologists (MRTs) to enable the facility to work at full capacity. This would result in 1500 women being screened in an average month, effectively doubling the current numbers.



From left to right: Mr Garth Poole, Director South Auckland Breast Clinic, Hon Pete Hodgson, Minister of Health, Mr Dave Moss, Lead Surgeon BSCM, Dr Sally Urry, Medical Director BSCM, Dr Mary Christie, Lead Pathologist, BSCM and Stephen McKernan, CEO CMDHB.

“Traditionally, coverage rates in the greater Auckland and Northern regions have been less than the target,” says Sally Urry.

“BSCM will focus on groups who are traditionally under-screened, with the formation of a team who will work in the community alongside the numerous District Health Board networks.”

“Building a new facility has its challenges,” says Mhairi Porteous, BreastScreen Manager, Counties Manukau District Health Board.

“Screening programmes have a 'well woman' focus and therefore what works in a diagnostic clinic may not necessarily work for screening. Some equipment and space is shared with the diagnostic clinic and this has required a lot of collaboration with radiology services. The Medical Director and Programme Manager also met weekly with the Project EXCEL team, architect and builders - this no doubt helped minimise problems.

“It's not until you move into the facility and start using it that you can really determine how best to use the space you have. It's great we have a flexible team with everyone working towards a common goal,” says Mhairi Porteous.

Spiritual Centre Opens at Middlemore Hospital



Leading the way to the Spiritual Centre

Over 100 people attended the blessing and opening of the temporary Spiritual Centre at Middlemore Hospital.

It was a moving occasion with representatives from eight faiths: Bahai, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Ratana and Sikh in attendance.

Stephen Mckernan, CEO of the Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) opened the event, followed by guest speaker Ron Malpass, Chairman of the Local Chaplaincy Support Committee (LSP).

“Middlemore Hospital has been waiting for a Spiritual Centre for a long time,” said Ron Malpass.

“It’s important that everyone, regardless of faith has a place to go for time-out, prayer, quiet reflection and thanksgiving.”

Following a Karakia the Spiritual Centre was blessed by CMDHB Chaplains Sister Mary Keane, Mika Fa’amausili and Father Terry Montgomery.

In a moving gesture representatives from the eight faiths presented the Spiritual Centre with pictures of their symbols.

“The sharing of these symbols highlights the richness that each faith has to offer and how much we can learn from one another,” says CMDHB Reverend Irene Brodie.



Representatives from the Hindu faith present their symbol.

Special thanks was extended to Dr David Scott, a former doctor at Middlemore Hospital for his exceptional work over a number of years to get a Spiritual Centre provided within the hospital for people of all faiths.

The Spiritual Centre is located at the far end of the rainbow corridor, towards ward 8. The large space is available from 8 am – 8 pm. The smaller space is open 24/7. Sunday services commence at 9.30 am.



Kings College choir



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Keeping our Projects within Budget

Each issue of Project EXCEL NEWS will profile a project group member. In this issue we talk with Neil Taylor, Quantity Surveyor for Rider Hunt.

I have spent the past 24 years working in the construction industry, both in the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

I arrived in New Zealand from Scotland in 1999 and for the past six years have been working for a construction consultancy practice called Rider Hunt*

My close working relationship with Middlemore Hospital began in January 2000 with the refurbishment of Ward 21 in the Galbraith Building. This was followed by the Energy Centre, Kidz First and the Adult Medical Centre.

My role with Project EXCEL covers the areas of cost consulting, financial reporting and estimating. In other words I am responsible for monitoring the financial status of each project to ensure that costs are tracking as projected.

Challenges ...

Building new and refurbished departments while working in and around an operating Hospital can bring many challenges. My role is to make sure each project budget is not exceeded and that the client is aware of changes that will significantly impact on this.

Major achievement ...

The completion of the new Cardiac Catheter Laboratory and Neonatal Unit – both within budget.



Neil Taylor

***Rider Hunt provides cost management and consultancy services within construction worldwide.**

Rider Hunt has been working with the Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) since 1997.

Adult Medical Centre's new floors (4 & 5) are blessed

Floors 4 and 5 of the Adult Medical Centre have been blessed, prior to construction of the new wards.

Maori tradition sees the construction process as tapu or a sacred process. For this reason blessings take place before construction begins and after it has been completed. The first blessing is called Karakia Whakatapua and the closing blessing is called the Whare Karakia Whakawatea.

Once completed (approximately October 2006) the 4th floor will be home to two general surgical wards while orthopaedics is planned for the 5th floor.



Attending the blessing were CMDHB Chaplains, Kumatua and representatives from Hawkins and Project EXCEL.

Planning begins on tunnels and corridors

Pedestrian circulation through Middlemore Hospital is not ideal. Circulation patterns through the Acute Hub and Galbraith are unclear and internal ramps linking our old and new buildings can pose potential safety risks for both staff and patients, as well as making it difficult for disabled persons to move around the hospital with ease.

Resolution of these circulation routes is vital to our overall site planning and a project group consisting of architects, engineers, data specialists and project managers are looking at the various issues and options available.

An important factor in the planning process will be our capacity to meet future growth. For example future facilities will need to be plugged into a circulation system which links all parts of the Hospital and our service tunnels will need to be upgraded to meet future demand.



Some of our ramps will disappear.

Nearly every engineering or electrical service you can think of can be found in our service tunnels. For example domestic hot and cold water supplies, chilled and hot water for heating and cooling, medical gas, sewer, electrical, fire services, data backbones, and security cabling.

What's clear is that any upgrade will require a staged approach with meticulous planning to minimise disruption to the running of the Hospital.

Currently an extensive site survey is being carried out which will identify every cable, pipe and electrical system found within the tunnels. A communication plan is also being developed which will keep you informed every step of the way.

Staff from Mental Health and Intermediary Care settle into new administration area



MHSOP Team Office

Clinical services being provided within Building 31 AT & R (Assessment, Treatment and Rehabilitation Unit) had reached saturation point with regard to space. These services include Health Services for Older People, Neuro-rehabilitation, MHSOP (Mental Health Services for Older People) and NASC (Needs Assessment and Service Co-ordination).



Main foyer - 1st floor

In response to the growing demand for these services a decision was made to refurbish parts of the Ground floor and all of the 1st floor of Building 31.



Meeting Room

The first floor was completed late February 2006 and approximately 65 staff have made the move to their new accommodation.

Services located on the 1st floor include:

- Mental Health Management (Mental Health Management relocated from 'The Cottage' in Otahuhu).
- Senior staff from AT & R and MHSOP,
- MHSOP Community Team and Psychiatric District Nurses.
- NASC (Intermediary Care).



Over 15000 files are stored in the file room!



Standard Office

"As well as releasing clinical space on the ground floor, it's wonderful to have all these services together," says Doug Blackstock, Mental Health Project Co-ordinator.

"People are settling in well with many commenting on the improved function of the teams within well-designed spaces."



Main corridor

Period of growth for Mental Health Services

Mental health services are currently going through a period of growth.

This growth has had a significant impact on current facilities many of which were overcrowded and unable to meet the needs of an expanding service.

A number of projects to develop new facilities in the community for both Adult and Child & Youth services are underway or have been completed.

Projects already completed include:

- Fit-out of a new leasehold facility (“Te Rawhiti”) at Aberfeldy Ave, Highland Park for the East Community Mental Health team (completed April 2005).
- Fit-out of a new two-storey leasehold facility at Building 6, 17 Lambie Drive. This project involved the relocation of Manukau’s Community Mental Health Team, Intensive Community Team, Early Psychosis Intervention Team and Dual Disability Team (93 staff) from Awhinatia (Papakura) and Hartford House (Papatoetoe). The facility includes 18 interview / clinic rooms and was completed in July 2005.



Fit-out Building 6, 17 Lambie Drive

- Refurbishment of The Cottage in Otahuhu. This Project involved the creation of additional office space (4 offices) on the ground floor and the relocation of Faleola (Pacific Mental Health team) from Hartford House. The project was completed in August 2005.

Current projects include:

- The relocation of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service from Campbell Lodge (includes the refurbishment of part of Campbell Lodge as clinical space).
- Renovations at Tamaki Oranga in Bairds Road.
- Refurbishment of Nga Whetumarama (marae at Tiaho Mai).
- Minor Refurbishment of Awhinatia, Papakura.

Managing change - by Kate Middlemiss, Burn Centre Establishment Manager

The building of the National Burn Centre (NBC) is progressing well with the formal opening planned for 16 June 2006. Recruitment of additional Burn Surgeons looks promising with two recent contract offers being made. The wider burns team are busy developing policies, procedures and guidelines for the new facility along with new models of care. In some instances service level agreements have needed to be established, which has led to greater communication between colleagues and departments.



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Discussions have taken place with previous managers who have been involved with moving staff into new premises and facilities. The following were highlighted as issues:

- § Sharing of facilities between teams who have previously not been stationed together.
- § People being frustrated with changes in process – whether communicated or otherwise.
- § Getting used to a physically new facility.
- § Employees helping with the facilitation of change rather than obstructing it.
- § Dealing with day to day hiccups and unpredicted happenings while still carrying a patient load.
- § How to enhance communication when things are not how they should be.
- § Even though it's a positive and exciting time, it will be stressful, and being able to acknowledge that.
- § Ground rules and expectations of change.
- § Awareness needed amongst team members that all people will handle change differently.

By placing emphasis on and addressing change management issues now, we hope to smooth the transition for staff from a Regional Burn Centre to the National Burn Centre and its new facility.



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NOTICES:

Work planned on Adult Medical Centre (AMC) Lifts:

The following lifts are OPERATIONAL until further notice:

- 1 x patient lift
- 1 x public lift
- Renal lift

This will allow work to be carried out in the remaining lift shafts, which once completed will enable the lifts to reach the new upper levels of AMC.

Please call Matt Allen on 021 866-929 if you have any queries.

Project Updates:

New Assessment and Birthing Unit

The architectural concept plan has been signed off.

The design team is currently liaising with the users on key issues, which include acoustics and room layouts.

Fit-out Adult Medical Centre (AMC)

3rd floor construction continues and equipment is being ordered for the new wards.

Fit-outs for floors 4 and 5 are continuing with off-site planning activities. We are currently awaiting Government approval to proceed.

Radiology Update:

Construction continues for:

- CT bed wait, nurses station and reporting room.
- Radiologist offices and administration space.

Work is due to be completed April/May 2006.