

Opening of Haematology Day Ward and Clinics

The opening of the new Haematology Day Ward and Clinics on 10 May 2010 signified the end of an era in the old facility and an exciting new beginning on Level 1 of the Edmund Hillary Building.

Speakers at the official opening included Ron Dunham, Chief Operating Officer CMDHB, Professor Hilary Blacklock, Head of the Haematology Department, Angela Knox Charge Nurse Haematology as well as Isaac Aiavao and Cherie Araiti, long term Haematology patients.

“We’ve come a long way since we moved into temporary quarters in the 1980’s and we have been looking forward to the day when we would have our own purpose built facility,” says Professor Hilary Blacklock. “That day has come and I’d like to thank everyone who made it possible. It’s also fitting to acknowledge the building we leave behind - the last of the old clinical block built in 1947. This building will soon be demolished, taking with it a significant piece of Middlemore’s history.”

“We are excited to be moving into a facility specifically designed around the needs of our patients,” says Angela Knox, Haematology Charge Nurse.

“It’s been a real privilege to get to know these patients and we are so pleased to offer them a new, spacious, modern and welcoming facility.”



Cutting the ribbon from [L] to [R]: Angela Knox Charge Nurse Haematology Service, Pru Etcheverry Executive Director Leukaemia and Blood Foundation of NZ, Clinical Assoc Prof Hilary Blacklock Head of Department, Isaac Aiavao Patient, Professor Harry Rea Head of South Auckland Clinical School, Auckland Medical School, University of Auckland, Stuart Ryan General Manager, CCREP and Ron Dunham Chief Operating Officer, CMDHB. This ceremony signifies the patient at the centre of all activities, and the department’s commitment to patient support, teaching, research and good governance.

Isaac Aiavao, a long term Haematology patient is delighted with the new Unit. Isaac has been a Haematology patient since 2002, coming into the unit once every 3 weeks for blood transfusions.

“It’s not a pleasant experience having to sit for half a day while receiving treatment,” says Isaac. “The extra space and additional patient rooms will make a difference.”

“I’ve been a patient here for the past 22 years and have seen a lot of changes,” says Cherie Araiti.

“This is my home away from home and I’m so pleased to see the excitement on the nurses faces as their dreams of a new facility becomes a reality. The new Unit looks wonderful.”

On behalf of the Haematology Service many thanks to everyone, especially the patients who helped make the opening a very special occasion.

Thanks also to the Masonic Lodge for a new stereo, the Towards 20/20 team and Mainzeal Construction for providing this wonderful facility, Ted for the fabulous cake and Musician Tony Jajou for providing the lovely music.



Hilary Blacklock speaks to the guests



Angela Knox and patient Cherie Araithi



Isaac Aiavao, long term Haematology patient

Occupants of the Edmund Hillary Building

From mid June 2010 the remaining levels of the Edmund Hillary Building will be occupied. The below table outlines the services currently in the building and the services yet to move in (highlighted in green)

Level	Department/Service
5	Ward 35 – Plastics (Ward 21 moves in on the 1 st June) Ward 35 – Koropiko (Mental Health Services for Older People)
4	Surgical
3	Medical
2	Gastroenterology Day Ward and Clinics – OPENS 8 June Ward 32 – (Ward 6 AMC moves to Ward 32 on 9 June)
1	Cardiac Investigation Unit (CIU) Medical Short Stay Unit Haematology Day Ward and Clinics
G	Allied Health Inpatient Services Staff Café (OPENS 10 June) Discharge Lounge (opening date to be confirmed)
B	Clinical Equipment Pool

New beginnings for Ward 35 - Plastics



Cutting the ribbon from [L] to [R]: Kyra Johnson, Heather Lewis and Lyndsey Barclay

The opening of Ward 35 – Plastics was held on Monday 24 May 2010 and signified a new and exciting beginning for Ward 35 staff and patients.

Guest speakers included Ron Dunham, Chief Operations Officer, CMDHB, John Kenealy, Head of Department, Plastic's Unit, and Annie Tyson, Service Manager, Plastic's Unit.

"It's been a long journey to get to this point, with many people involved along the way," says John Headley. "The wait has been worth it and we look forward to working in this purpose built facility."

"The new ward exceeds expectations," says Annie Tyson. "It's bright, airy, clean, tidy and spacious."

"Thanks to Charge Nurse Heather Lewis and her staff for their patience over the past few years and coping with the 3 or 4 moves required to get to this point. It must feel good to have a permanent home."

"Congratulations to everyone on such a wonderful achievement," says Ron Dunham. "Staff can now enjoy a facility that will grow with the service and meet future demands."

Patients will also benefit from the new Ward with more single bedrooms, ensuites in all the rooms and impressive views of the golf course.

"The view is fantastic and I'm looking forward to waking up each morning and seeing the sun come up," says Keith a long term plastic's patient.

"I've already chosen my room for the next operation."

Many thanks to the Builders (Mainzeal), RCP, Facilities and Projects, Engineering and Towards 20/20.

ON THE MOVE at Middlemore Hospital

Department	Moving from	Moving to	Date
RMO Room	Building 45 - end of the Rainbow Corridor	A Floor (temporarily)	17 June
Waste Compactor	Front of Building 15	Front of Building 7	1 July
RMO Room	A Floor	Portacom outside Building 30	7 July
Clinical Coding	Building 16	Ward 22A	8 July
Mail Room	Building 15	Building 7	19 July
Spiritual Centre	Rainbow Corridor	Building 7	3 August
Ward 4 AMC	Level 2, AMC	Ward 6 AMC	4 August
Allied Health Outpatients	Building 13 (off the Rainbow Corridor)	Ward 25 – AT&R	12 August
Cleaners and Orderlies	Portacom between Buildings 13 & 14 (Orderlies) Rainbow Corridor (Cleaners)	Front of Building 7 (Northern side of the AMC carpark)	20 August
Tinman Engineering	Building 19	Area between Tiaho Mai and Building 18	25 August

Update new Adult Medical Centre (AMC) Lifts and Links

The new link between the AMC and Edmund Hillary Buildings on Level 1 is OPEN. This link will predominantly be used to transport patients between the two buildings resulting in better separation of patient and public spaces, improved privacy and quicker access to departments. The link on the Ground floor (opening date to be confirmed) will be used by the general public.

You may have noticed the hoardings on each level of the AMC. What you can't see is the construction crew turning the old patient lifts into new public lifts. Once these new public lifts are operational the old public lifts will be taken out of action and removed.



Level 1 link



Behind the hoarding work is taking place on the old patient lifts

In its place, will be new whanau/meeting rooms and public toilets on each floor.

Many thanks to everyone working within the AMC. The project team appreciates your patience and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Tami McKay (RCP) on mobile: 021813269.

New name for Mental Health Services for Older People (MHSOP)

The Mental Health Services for Older People (MHSOP) has a new name – **Koropiko**.

Koro meaning elderly and **Piko** meaning to bend or bow.

It's a name that recognises the characteristics of our elderly who are knowledgeable, humble, kind, respectful and loving.

“We are delighted with the name Koropiko and would like to thank Te Puna Waiora Taumata Kaumatua group Maaori Mental Health CMDHB for their help,” says Tanya Maloney, General Manager Mental Health Services.

The meaning of Koropiko.

Koropiko (verb) to bow, kneel, bend, stoop.

Koro (noun) elderly man, grandfather, grandad, grandpa - term of address to an older man.

Piko 1. (verb) to bend, stoop. *Kātahi au ka piko ki te titiro i taku waewae ka kite au e heke ana te toto (HP wh23).* Then I bent down to look at my leg and saw the blood flowing.

2. (stative) bent, curved.

3. (noun) bend, corner, comma.

Saying farewell to our old facilities and buildings – Middlemore Hospital

Preparation for the new Clinical Services Building (CSB) has resulted in the relocation of some services and departments and the refurbishment or demolition of some of our existing facilities and buildings.

While we look forward to new beginnings it's important to acknowledge our past and pay respect to the buildings that have served us well over the years.

This includes Building 18 (the old Mortuary) and Ward 22 (old ward for MHSOP), which were blessed prior to building works taking place.

The purpose of the blessing is to lay old spirits to rest and acknowledge the staff and patients who spent time in these areas.

Many thanks to the Kaumatua and Chaplains for guiding staff through the process.



Staff gather to bless Building 18 (old Mortuary)



Staff gather to bless old Ward 22

A bit of history - Ward 22 (MHSOP) by Bernie Bass, Team Administrator

On the 1st of July 1992, 10 older adult mental health patients, Charge Nurse Andy Smith and a team of Nurses, travelled by bus from Kingseat to their new premises in Ward 22.

At the time funds were limited so staff furnished the ward with second hand furniture and 'made do' with what they had to create a homely place.

Staff and patients also set about sewing cushions, baking and making preserves to sell at the Hospital stalls. The money went towards purchasing items for the patients.

The Ward was renowned for yummy morning teas and delicious baking – the smells enticed many people down the hallways of AT&R for a bite to eat and a chat.

The staff were also known for going that extra mile for their patients and there were many van outings to the botanical gardens or a trip to the beach for ice cream.

Over the past few months we have reminisced and laughed. Some memories include the wonderful Christmas dinners that were prepared by the staff and the nimble staff nurse who climbed up on the roof to assist a patient down before the fire service arrived.

We also have fond memories of Bella – a little kitten the ward adopted in 2002. Bella was a much loved part of the ward and kept away the stray cats. On one occasion a kitten became stuck inside the wall and the carpenters were called in to free it.

At this time we also remember some of the staff who have since passed away, Margaret Riley, Trevor Chambers and Lucy Chambers-Asman.

It is with excitement that we now settle into our new location - Koropiko Ward 35.



Ward 22 Charge Nurse Lesley Kerr cuts the farewell cake

How wonderful it is to have so much space and single bedrooms with ensuites. Ward 35 is bright and welcoming with the most stunning views.

We are sure that staff will enjoy their new surroundings and continue to uphold their high standard of care.

Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

On 12 May staff and patients made the move to Koropiko – Ward 35. Many thanks to everyone – it was a great team effort.



Staff enjoy a yummy lunch and celebrate a new beginning in Koropiko – Ward 35

Preparation works for the new Clinical Services Building

Ward 22A

Ward 22A is being refurbished to accommodate Clinical Coding. What were once patient bedrooms are now open plan office spaces. Over the next few days walls will be painted and the floor prepared for the laying of vinyl.

COMPLETION: July 2010



Ward 22A – open plan spaces

Ward 22

Ward 22 is being refurbished to accommodate Allied Health support services. At the moment demolition is underway, after which framing will be erected. **COMPLETION: Mid 2010**



Upgrade of the ring road

The ring road at the back of AT&R is being widened and the pavement replaced to enable two-way access for vehicles. If you travel down the back of the Middlemore Site you'll notice the road way has been dug up and the back of the site is temporarily out of bounds. Many thanks to the staff working at the crèche and in Buildings 30 and 31 for their patience and cooperation. **COMPLETION: Mid 2010**



Reception/Waiting room for Allied Health Outpatients

Ward 25 is being refurbished to accommodate Allied Health Outpatients (Physio, OT, SLT, Pulmonary Rehab and Dietitians). At the moment 1st fix services such as power and data are being installed, walls are being painted and the floor prepared for carpet and vinyl. **COMPLETION: Mid 2010**



Clearing the way for the replacement of Building 19

The area between Tiaho Mai and the old Mortuary (Building 18) is being prepared for the replacement of Building 19

COMPLETION: Mid 2010

Improvements to Adult Monitoring Area – Emergency Care

The development of the Adult Monitored Area in Emergency Care (EC) is underway and involves turning two assessment spaces into two monitored spaces.

This will reduce the assessment bays to 25 and increase the monitored bays to ten.

“The demand on our Adult Monitoring Area has increased so the extra bays will be a welcome addition,” says Mary McManaway, Nurse Manager, EC.

“It will also help to improve patient flow through this area.”



Troy from D & G Construction works on the Adult Monitoring Area

Improved outpatient facilities for children and their families

Staff turned out to celebrate the upgrade of Module 4 at the Manukau SuperClinic (Ambulatory and Community Care and Kidz First Outpatient Care). The building works include additional clinic rooms, an upgraded reception area and a new shared work area for the multi-disciplinary team.

“It’s been 18 months in the making and everyone should be proud of what has been achieved,” says Nettie Knetsch, GM Kidz First and Women’s Health. “The additional clinics will help deal with the increased demand for services and the improved outpatient areas will provide a comfortable environment for children and their caregivers attending appointments.”

“Thanks to all the staff who got behind the refurbishment,” says Carol Harris, Service Co-ordinator, Kidz First Outpatient Care.

“It’s been a real team effort.”



Paediatric Waiting Room



Clinic Room



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Towards 20/20 Web Site

Access from 'Projects' website on SouthNet or under 'P' in the Services Directory.

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.

Crane lift a success

Many thanks to everyone involved with the crane lift during the weekend (22-23 May 2010).

This enabled steel to be lifted over the Rainbow Corridor to the courtyard for the new link corridor between the Edmund Hillary Building and Building 7.

A smaller crane erected steel within the courtyard.



Steel gets lifted into the courtyard

If you have any suggestions or story ideas for the Towards 20/20 newsletter or if you would like to hear about a particular Project please get in touch with Janet Haley (contact details above)