

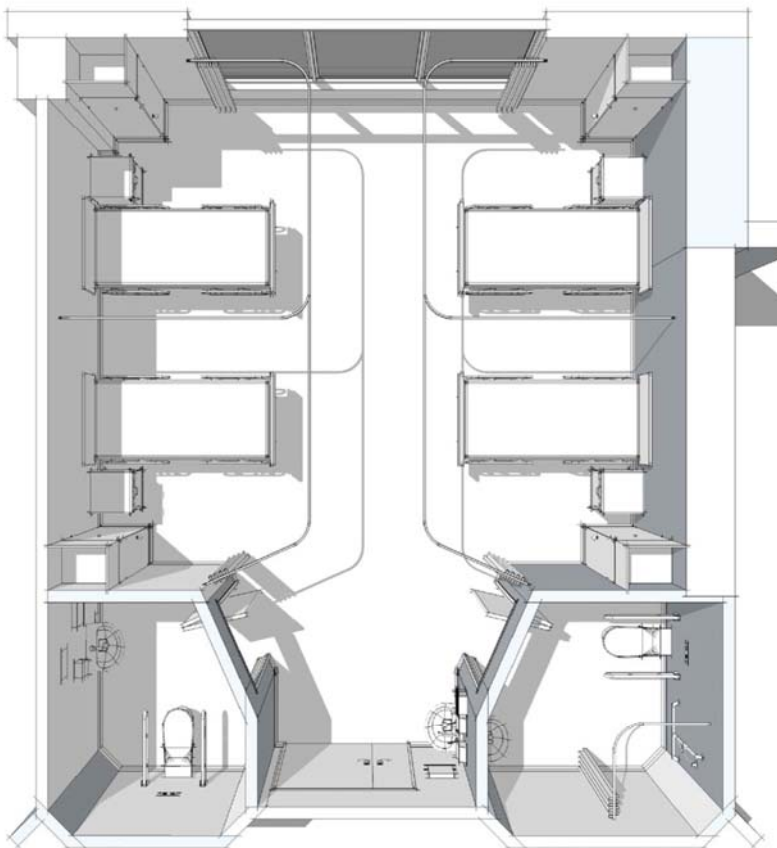


Welcome to the Project Maunga newsletter. The newsletter is published regularly and available on the Taranaki DHB website www.tdhb.org.nz and on the staff intranet.

Project Maunga, the Redevelopment of Taranaki Base Hospital

The first stage of the redevelopment is progressing well. The first stage includes six new operating theatres (an increase of two), ambulatory elective surgery and procedure services, and a new inpatient ward block. There will be 152 new beds, an overall increase of 26.

Four-bed Room for Inpatient Areas



BIRDSEYE VIEW

Around half of the beds in the inpatient wards will be in single rooms. Each ward will also have four four-bed rooms. Above shows the layout of a four-bed room.

User Group Update - Developed Design Stage Underway

The Preliminary Design stage has been completed and the developed design stage is now underway.

User group members have put in a lot of time and energy, and their contribution is appreciated. April will be another busy month for them.

Project Maunga Architect Health Planner Joe Mihajevic, of Silver Thomas Hanley, meets with the user groups every fortnight to discuss the developed design room layouts.

Beca Engineering will meet with the user groups to discuss the detailed engineering requirements including lighting, ventilation, medical gases and plumbing. Martin Billington, of Auckland, is leading this. Daryn Glasgow, of Beca Fire, will also meet with the user groups. Bruce Turner, from Aurecon, will meet with the user groups to discuss nurse call, security, and data and voice communication.

The architect for the redevelopment, Warren and Mahoney, works with Silver Thomas Hanley to design the inside of the building.

Configuration Updates

As a result of the user group process and overall service planning, refinements of scope have been made to what will be accommodated in the building.

- Allied Health and the ICATT have identified benefits of not having all their services in an acute inpatient environment. This will help them develop better alignment with community based services.
- The children's inpatient service will be located on level two of the new building. The Paediatric User Group had its first meeting with Architect Health Planner Joe Mihajevic on 23 March. It is currently working on the design and making positive progress.

Online Forums

All staff members are encouraged to use the online forums, accessed from the intranet, to contribute their ideas and suggestions towards Project Maunga. Alternatively, staff can email, ring or visit the Project Maunga team. Thanks for feedback on the carpet, recently laid near Medical Records. Keep the comments coming.

New Additions to Project Team



Project Maunga Administrator Kate George (left) and Acting User Group Coordinator Cathy Thomson.

Kate George is the new Project Administrator for Project Maunga. She has a background working with the New Plymouth District Council and has recently returned from her OE.

Cathy Thomson is Acting User Group Coordinator, covering for Robyn Kemp while she is on leave. Cathy was involved in the user groups when Hawera Hospital was built.

Kate and Cathy are based in the Project Maunga office, Monday to Friday. Project Director Ian Grant is on-site Tuesday to Thursday, but is always contactable on his mobile.

Poster Boards

Poster boards outlining work on Project Maunga have gone up around the hospital. They are situated outside the public lifts on each level, outside the cafeteria and at the corporate entrance. These will be updated so please check them out to see how the project is progressing.

Tender Process Approved

The Taranaki DHB Board has approved for the tender process to go ahead.

For more information about the tender process approval go to http://www.tdhb.org.nz/misc/projects/maunga/media_releases.shtml