

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 redevelopment is progressing well, and will include six new operating theatres (an increase of two), day stay services, a new bigger inpatient ward block and overall will provide significantly better quality environment for patients and staff, including a building of very high seismic standard. The redevelopment will provide a more user friendly, modern and comfortable hospital. It will mean the DHB can meet the health needs of Taranaki to 2015 and beyond.

Major Milestone: Contractor Announced

Fletcher Construction has been announced as the preferred main contractor for Project Maunga.

"It's really exciting to be able to announce another major milestone allowing us to progress according to our timeline," said Taranaki DHB Chief Executive Tony Foulkes. "We expect that site preparation work will begin very soon with construction officially starting in late August."

"I would really like to acknowledge and thank everyone for all the work that has gone on to reach this point. There has been a tremendous contribution by user groups and staff working together with the design team," said Tony.

"Having completed the building design, the hard work will continue over the next two years as we re-design our services to get the maximum benefit for our patients." He said it will be fantastic to see all the hard work begin to take shape. "I am sure the finished building will give the whole community something to be proud of."

"As the early works begin there will be some disruption and I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your understanding."

Fletcher Construction executive Richard Coupe is delighted to be working with the Taranaki DHB to deliver the new acute services block known as Project Maunga. "Fletcher is offering national expertise in the hospital sector, resources from the wider company and the local knowledge and networks gained over many years working in the region."



Chris Goldsbury – Fletcher Construction Project Manager

The Project Maunga team welcomes Chris Goldsbury into the position of Project Manager for Fletcher Construction. We look forward to working with him and the rest of the Fletcher team over the coming years.

The development will be located at the southern side of the existing Stanton Ward Block. The Stanton Building will be demolished once the new build is completed, with a new link connecting the new block to the rest of the site.

We expect the building work to take approximately two years with services planned to move to the new building in late 2013.

Project Manager Looking Forward to Moving to Taranaki

Resource Co-ordination Partnership (RCP) joined the Project Maunga Team in April 2010 as project managers for the design, procurement and construction phases of the new Acute Services Building.

RCP has extensive healthcare experience, including the Auckland Hospital Redevelopment, Counties Manukau District Health Board – Facilities Modernisation Project and Tauranga Hospital.

Kris Thomas is a key part of the RCP Project Management Team for Project Maunga, and will be the senior project manager based onsite during construction.

Kris has been involved in Project Maunga since early 2011, working in the RCP Christchurch office during the tender phase of the project. His role during the construction phase will be to assist the Project Director in administering the Main Construction Contract, working under the direction of Matt Allen, one of RCP's leading experts in delivering health sector projects.

With nearly ten years experience within the consulting, client and construction sectors and a background in engineering design and construction management, Kris is looking forward to the challenges this high profile project presents.

Kris will be relocating to New Plymouth with his partner Veronika and his two dogs Lily and Leo this month. They are excited at the prospect of relocating and intend to make the most of the Taranaki lifestyle.

In particular Kris is looking forward to the warmer winter surfing and Veronika looks forward to reuniting with her extended family living in New Plymouth and is also taking the opportunity to resume her equestrian interests.



Kris Thomas – RCP Project Manager

HIQ Representative Joins Project Team

Rusta van Wyk has joined the Project Maunga Team as the HIQ representative. She and her family recently moved down to Taranaki from Auckland where they lived since arriving from South Africa.

She has a Masters Degree in IT and has studied in a number of disciplines including Business Management, Financial Management and Project Management.

HIQ is committed to ensuring that the IT capability support and enhance the clinical processes during and after the move into the new Acute Services Building.



Rusta van Wyk – HIQ Representative

Her responsibility includes:

- Analysis of the current state “In Patient Services” to understand the existing clinical processes and patient pathways.
- Staging and Migration Planning of the IT Services into the new Acute Services Building.
- Developing of a future state of the “In Patient Services”.

Rusta will be working closely with Steve Berendsen to facilitate the IT enablement for the new Acute Services Building ensuring enhancement of service delivery to patients.

Art and Memorabilia

The project team have started to catalogue art currently hanging in Stanton Block. An Arts and Memorabilia working group is to be formed shortly. This group will have an overall vision of what is to go into the new build and what is to be done with existing art that does not fit into the décor on the new build. Policies on the hanging of art will also be developed by this group.

Signage and Way Finding

Developing new signage for the Acute Services Building is underway. Warren and Mahoney, Architects are currently looking at options. We are hoping to have something quite unique to show people in the coming months.

Basement Development

Project Maunga are going ahead with plans to partially develop the basement areas of the new build. From the basement clean and dirty linen and waste will be received and dispatched.

Waste management has recently carried out an audit of our current waste systems resulting in a recommendation to consider recycling.

Releasing Time to Care

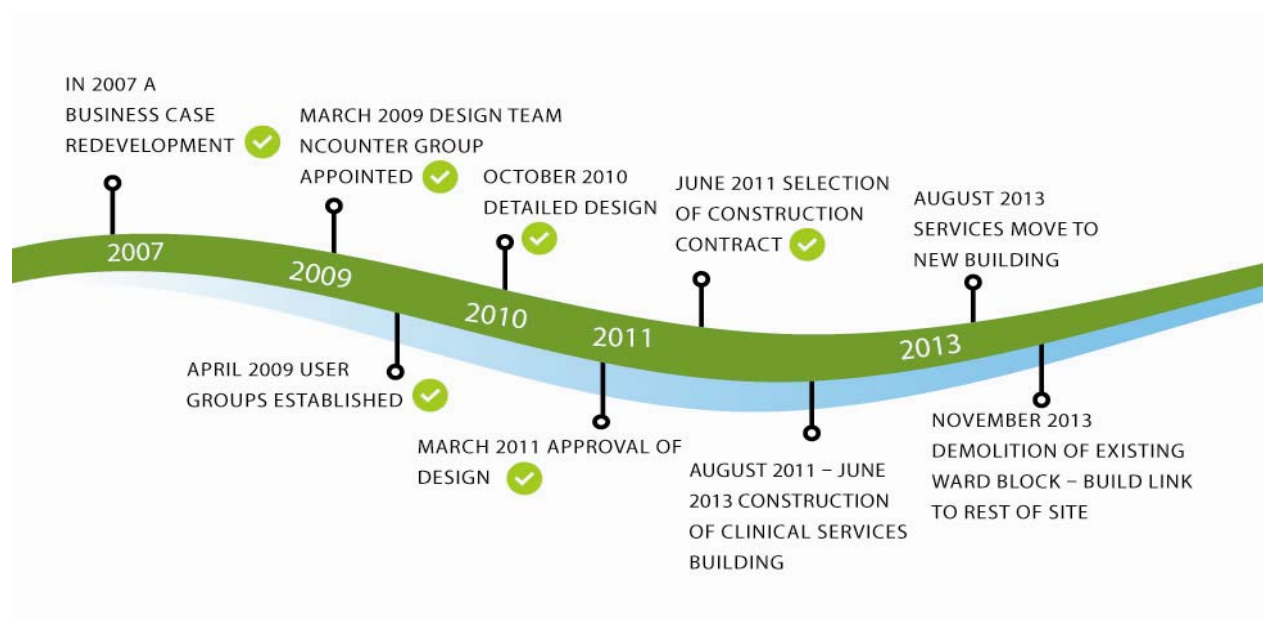
The DHB is adopting this process to ensure that Project Maunga is not just about a new building but also about a new way of doing things. The programme is based on the lean thinking concept and aims to free up time in our nurses' day so they can increase the amount of time they have for direct patient care and improve the safety, reliability and efficiency of the care delivered to the patient. Areas of focus include:

- Knowing how we are doing - developing ward based measures to help the team make informed decisions.
- Well organised ward - making the ward areas work for staff so that they don't have to work around the ward areas in an unorganised manner.
- Patient status at a glance - setting up patient information that improves communication, patient experience and patient flow.

With respect to achieving a well organised ward, there are many gains to be achieved from having a generic layout of storage areas in generic rooms across all wards (e.g. Clean Utility, Dirty Utility, Storeroom, Equipment Room, Work Rooms, and Interview Rooms). This is particularly so for redeployed, pool and casual staff working throughout the hospital.

The project principles are to maintain a generic set-up of these rooms which is consistent with the Productive Ward process.

Project Maunga Timeline





What's happening now...

Fletcher Construction is to begin initial site preparation for the construction of the new Acute Services Block on Monday, 27 June, with construction officially commencing at the end of August.

Initial work will involve erecting a perimeter fence around the construction zone and movement onto this site of buildings to form the Fletchers site office and facilities. The construction zone will be off limits.

There will be no through access from Tukapa to Lyn Street and vice versa. A barrier arm will be installed at the top of the rise beside the Dangerous Goods Store and only authorised and emergency staff will be able to proceed through the barrier. All construction vehicles will be entering and leaving hospital grounds via the Lorna St/Lyn St entrance.

As a consequence of the construction zone the staff parking behind Stainton Block will be relocated across the rear hospital road to the newer car park adjacent to the Clinical Skills Lab.

The PM car park will move to the front strip of the main public car park and will be sign posted and secured for this purpose. We ask that all day time staff leave the main car park and allocated patient/visitor parking for patients and their families.

The Project Maunga Team thank you in advance for your understanding and assistance during the construction phase and apologise for any inconvenience posed.

