



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), ambulatory elective surgery and procedure services, paediatrics and a new inpatient ward block.

Construction of Mock Bedroom Underway

Staff will soon be invited to check out a mock single inpatient bedroom built for Project Maunga, the redevelopment of the acute services wing at Taranaki Base Hospital.

This is a unique opportunity for people to give their opinion on layout, fittings and furnishings of the single, inpatient rooms and ensuites to be included in the redevelopment.



“We want to ensure that what we’ve designed is the best we can possibly do within the allocated budget,” Project Director Ian Grant says. “Feedback from staff is important.”

Taranaki DHB staff members, in particular clinicians, are being encouraged to inspect the room once it’s complete. “These are the people who will be working in the rooms, so it’s vital we get their input,” Mr Grant says.

The mock single bedroom is a prototype of what is planned for the inpatient areas of the redevelopment and includes an en-suite, accessories and furniture. There will be larger, four-bed rooms in the redevelopment as well.

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.



Interior Design Swatches

The interior design swatches have arrived and have been approved by the Project Steering Group.

There are eight swatches with fabrics and flooring samples for different areas of the new building. The swatches are being kept at the Project Office.

Staff members are welcome to call into the office to have a look at the swatches. You can find images of the them on the intranet or TDHB website, under Project Maunga/Maps and Diagrams.



Project Team Addition

Steve Berendsen has joined the Project Team on behalf of Hospital and Specialist Services to lead the process to operationalise the new facility development. The responsibility includes:

- Working with operational staff, the Project Team and senior management to ensure coordination between hospital operations, anticipated modifications to models of care and service deliver, and design of the new facility.
- Ensuring current organisational policies and procedures remain relevant for the new facility and updated if required
- Acting as a link between current capital expenditure requests and those required for the new facility.
- Planning for the migration of services into the new building to ensure all departments are fully operational and staff moving are fully briefed, orientated and ready for the move.



Steve will devote .5 of his time to the role. "Clearly this is a big challenge but with the previous experience I have had in facility development at Base Hospital as well as my extensive operational knowledge of the hospital, I am confident I can play a significant part in ensuring that our new facility will be fit for purpose and that our staff are ready to move in when it is completed in July 2012," he says.



User group sign off

The user groups have signed off the developed design phase.

The user groups consist of Operating Theatre/Day Stay Unit/Sterile Supplies (Judyth Donaldson and Glen Farrent), Older People's Health and Rehabilitation Service (Wendy Langlands and Lorraine Taylor), Paediatric (Leonie Mercer and John Doran), Surgical, Orthopaedic & Medical (Steve Berendsen, Jenny Mackrell and Janet Gibson). The groups have all worked extremely hard to achieve sign off – particularly the Paediatric Group which first met in March.

New Role for Cathy

Cathy Thomson has been appointed as Equipment Coordinator for Project Maunga.

She will co-ordinate the purchase of furnishings for the new build. The furnishings are either items purchased by the TDHB/Project team and fitted by the builder, or items such as chairs, tables, desks which are purchased and installed by TDHB/Project team. Cathy will also assess current equipment to see what can be moved to the new building and what needs replacing.

Cathy was previously Acting User Group Coordinator, covering for Robyn Kemp while she was on leave. Robyn is now back as User Group Coordinator.



Interior Designer's Presentation Well Received

Billy Reizner is the interior design architect for Silver Thomas Hanley.

Billy has studied the brief and presented the interior design to a selection of user groups in May and the Project Steering Group in June. The selection Billy has chosen met with positive approval that he was on the right track.

The presentation is available on the TDHB website and staff intranet.

