



**PROJECT MAUNGA**  
BASE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

# Newsletter

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Welcome to the Project Maunga newsletter. The newsletter is published regularly and available on the Taranaki DHB website [www.tdhb.org.nz](http://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 a 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.

## Project Maunga commencement of construction celebrated

The official beginning of construction of the redevelopment of Taranaki Base Hospital – Project Maunga was celebrated on Tuesday 30 August.

Hon. Tony Ryall was unfortunately unable to make the ceremony. MP Jonathon Young instead stepped in and performed the foundation trowelling.

The ceremony was well attended by present and past Taranaki DHB staff, six Members of Parliament, representatives from all three District Councils, education partners WITT, Taranaki iwi, PHOs and Community Health Providers, and community members who have been involved with the project.

Chief Executive Tony Foulkes said it marks a significant milestone in the development of Taranaki Base Hospital.

“This is not only significant to all the staff and patients who work and use this hospital, but for all of the people of Taranaki. We can all feel excited at the progress that has been made, and the improvements to a hospital that will serve our community for many years to come”.



**Above:** Karakia by Ramon Tito, Kaumatua.



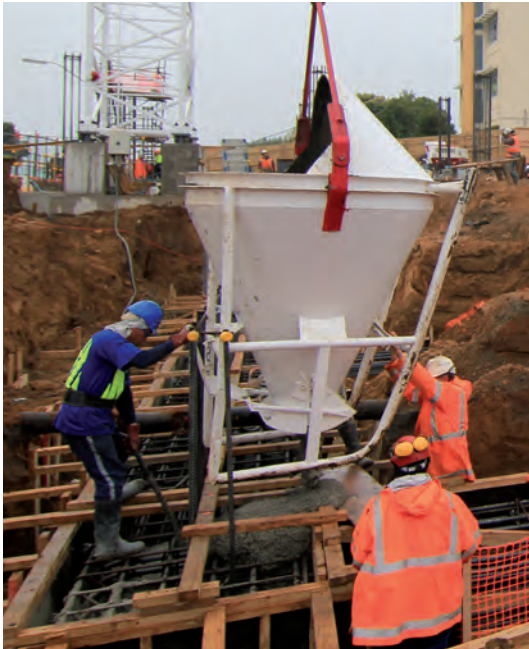
**Above:** MP Jonathon Young addresses the audience.



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**Above:** The concrete is poured in preparation for the ceremony.



CEO Tony Foulkes presents the trowel and explains the significance of the wooden box which was crafted by Taranaki DHB staff member Tom Lane using rimu wood from the former Barrett Street Hospital.



**Above:** MP Jonathon Young sets his hand print in the foundations of the new build.



**Left to Right:** MP Shane Ardern (obscured), New Plymouth Mayor Harry Duynhoven, MP Jonathon Young, Taranaki DHB Chair Mary Bourke, Ngaruahine Iwi Authority Chair John Hooker, Chief Executive Tony Foulkes, and Kaumatua Ramon Tito.

## Mauri Stone Dawn Ceremony

A dawn ceremony was held on Monday 15 August for the laying of the Mauri Stone by Ngati Te Whiti hapu on the Project Maunga Construction Site.

The Mauri signifies the life force that lies within the site on which the redevelopment will be built.

**Right:** Kaumatua Trenton Martin places the mauri stone in its protective case for burial.



## BMX club benefit from dirt

The New Plymouth BMX club are in the process of planning and funding a new BMX track at Marfell Park that will require upwards of 7000 cubic metres of clay.

Project Maunga's earthmoving contractors Inframax have kindly donated some of the clay from the construction site to the club to help with their project.

Club Secretary Andrew Georgeson was extremely thankful for the offering. "It has been a fantastic bonus for us, this has definitely given us a head start on the project!" said Andrew.



Andrew Georgeson (Club Secretary), with club members Blake Taylor, Cole Horgan, and Joshua Hearle, with some of the donated dirt.

## Project Maunga signed off

On Tuesday 30 August Taranaki DHB Chief Executive Tony Foulkes and Chair Mary Bourke signed the agreement documents that cements the formal contract with Fletcher Construction as main contractors for Project Maunga.

**Top:** CEO Tony Foulkes and Matt Allen from Resource Coordination Partnership (RCP).

**Right:** DHB Chair Mary Bourke and CEO Tony Foulkes sign the agreement.



## Preliminary work in carpark

The Base Hospital main carpark has been busy as preliminary work continues for Project Maunga.

This work has been focussed mainly on the diversion of sewer, storm water, water, power and phone lines.

This will be ongoing throughout September and affect some areas of parking.

We apologise for any disruptions it may cause to staff, patients and visitors to the hospital and thank everyone for their understanding and patience during this time.



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