



*Welcome to the fifth issue of the Whangarei Hospital Redevelopment Newsletter.*

## Whangarei Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1 – building taking shape

Staff and visitors to the hospital will have seen the new mental health inpatient unit beginning to take shape on the former Norton House site.

Since the last newsletter:

- The main retaining wall concrete capping beam has been poured along the top of the wall, covering the piles.
- Installation of ground anchors into the retaining wall piles continues. Once completed excavation to remove dirt in front of the retaining wall and set out for the shotcrete begins. Shotcrete is a special type of sprayed-on concrete. Using compressed air it is cast onto (or into) a frame or structure.

- The floor in the two storied section of the building has been poured.
- Structural steel has been installed for the central section of the building.
- Pre-nail framing has been erected in the elderly wing and Administration and front of house areas.
- Preparation ground works for the concrete slabs in Wards A and B continues.
- Weekly site meetings, health & safety meetings and toolbox talks have taken place.

Upcoming milestones:

- Completion of the main retaining wall
- Preparation works for the Child & Youth wing
- Roof installation (in stages)

The project is on programme for completion later in the year.

15 February 2011



27 January 2011

Concrete floor in the two storied section is poured



15 February 2011

Pre-nail framing is erected in the front of house and admin areas



26 January 2011

The capping beam on top of the retaining wall



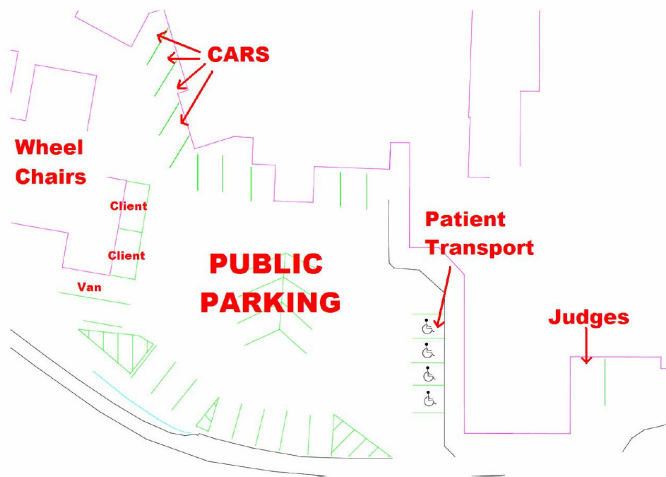


## Traffic Update

The Norton House car park is now closed to the public for parking. Construction activity is well underway and increased frequency of deliveries to the site means people are at greater risk. The security fencing has been relocated to allow pedestrian access to the staff car park only.

Additional public parking will be available at carpark 4, Hospital Road.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation.



## Change Management Planning Underway

There has been significant progress in relation to the model of care for mental health service. A key focus has been on enhancing the continuity of care for clients who experience an acute episode of care. Key progress is as follows:

- Community teams maintain responsibility for clients in the community and in the acute setting - inpatient and sub-acute. All teams have transitioned to this model in the last year. A modified system is in place for the Mid and Far North due to distance, with a medical officer based in the unit treating inpatients in consultation with the responsible psychiatrist in the District. The use of video conferencing to ensure district staff are involved in multi-disciplinary reviews has been enhanced.
- Both the inpatient and sub-acute units are now using the electronic clinical record which ensures both community and inpatient staff have access to the same information. A year ago the inpatient service used a paper record.
- Detailed client pathways have been developed for community and inpatient processes. These are a work in progress.
- The sub acute-unit in Kaikohe became operational in July 2010.
- There has been regional approval of the model of care of child and youth. Client pathways have been developed, with further refinement planned by July 2011.

## New Unit Carving's

Over the last few months, Maori carvers have been working on two totara trees which will become pou and will be erected in front of the entrance to the building.

The totara trees were felled from the Norton House area to make way for the construction activity. Once the pou have been completed the carvers will start working on the whakawai and pare. These will be attached to the Whanau room on the outside of the building.

We wait in anticipation to see the pou and the carvings when they are unveiled at the opening ceremony later this year.



Timber for the pou and carvings has been milled and is transported to the carvers workshop.

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