

IT'S ALL HAPPENING

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The helipad on the top of Christchurch Hospital Hagley is big enough to allow one helicopter to park, while another is able to land. This will significantly increase our capacity to receive trauma patients and to schedule routine patient retrievals. The larger pad will also accommodate larger long-range craft that are increasingly used by operators, allowing extended coverage across most of the South Island.



Countdown continues for Hagley's big migration

David Meates
CEO – Canterbury DHB

Specially appointed teams at Christchurch Hospital have started planning our big move of wards and services into the new Christchurch Hospital Hagley building at the end of the year. It will be one of the most complex hospital moves ever undertaken in New Zealand.

Formerly known as the Acute Services building while under construction, Christchurch Hospital Hagley will house the majority of Christchurch Hospital's acute facilities and clinical support areas.

The two six-level towers will comprise inpatient floors as well as inpatient units for paediatric, a bone marrow treatment unit and the Child Haematology Oncology Centre (CHOC). The Emergency Department, Radiology and Acute Medical Assessment Unit are on the Ground Floor with operating theatres and Intensive Care Unit on Level 1. Plant equipment such as air conditioning, oxygen and gases will be located on Level 2.

The building is built to Importance Level 4 standards (180% of the building code) and is base isolated.

The move will take place over a three-week period and involve the relocation of more than 3,000 staff and 250 to 300 patients, depending on patient levels on the day. At the same time, Christchurch Hospital, the South Island's only tertiary hospital, and Australasia's busiest Emergency Department, will still be business as usual.

As we head towards final completion of the building, there's the obvious construction still to be done – the link corridor joining Hagley to the existing Christchurch Hospital campus, the sealed drop off/mobility parking, the landscaping, plus lots more going on behind the scenes.

Significant and detailed planning is underway to ensure the migration goes smoothly. This includes the logistics of the move, clinical cleaning, orientation

and training, and new ways of working. There's organising all of the back-of-the-house operations such as laundry, linen, waste and delivery of supplies, pre-stocking, infection control, air quality testing, ensuring the services are paper-lite and 'dumping the junk'. It's important that everyone knows how things will work in the new building.

A few milestone events are planned, including a blessing of the building, and staff and public open days. More information about these events will be released closer to the time. ■



Christchurch Hospital Hagley

Trees make a comeback

Wood from several of the trees in Hagley Park that needed to be removed to make way for the new acute services building has found a home in the new facility. The recycled timbers will be used to create two feature walls, one on each side of a wall in the Quiet Room.

The trunks were cut into rough sawn strips at Halswell Mill and left to season for more than a year before being milled. It was discovered then that as well as elm, there was a mix of white, pink and English oak.



Before – trunks were stored at Hillmorton Hospital after being felled to clear the site for the new building

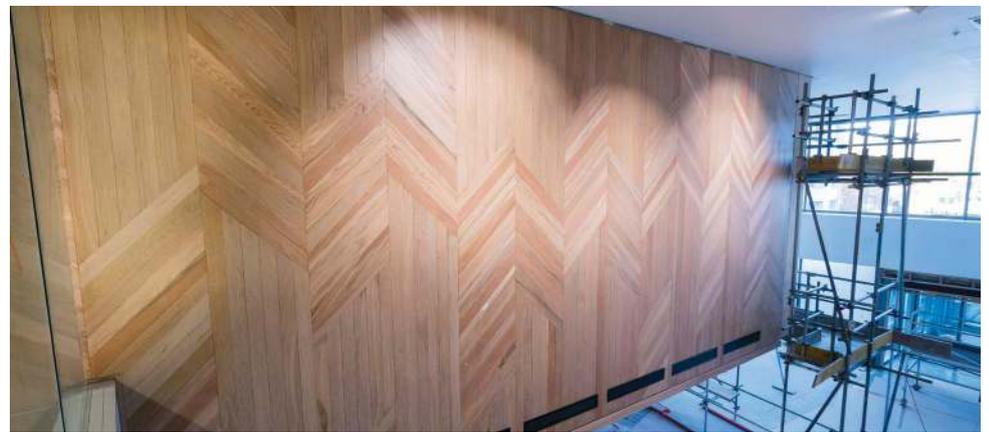
Steve Howell of Cairns Carpentry & Joinery Services (CCJS), which has the contract to do all the joinery in the new building and was tasked with creating the feature walls, says it was exciting to be able to work on this project.

“Knowing the trees had come off the site and that we were able to use them to put back into the building was quite unique. Then having three different types of oak came as a nice surprise.”

The architects created the chevron pattern from nearly 1,500 lineal metres of recycled timber.

“The walls have been tricky to do because you need to be precise,” says Steve.

“The good thing is that the amount of time we’ve had to age the wood has made it very stable, and it’s been a pleasure to work with.” ■



After – wood from the trees has been used as the panelling on both sides of one wall of the Quiet Space on Level 1

By the numbers

Christchurch Hospital Hagley will have:

157 ceiling hoists installed over approximately half of the bed spaces



User groups and contractors trial a hoist in a patient room

87 medical pendants in theatres, Intensive Care, Radiology and the Emergency Department



Medical pendants are ceiling mounted units for medical gasses and equipment

12 Operating Theatres



Includes theatres for specialities such as neurosurgery, orthopaedics and paediatric surgery



Specialist Mental Health Facilities underway

Specialist Mental Health Services staff and patients received a welcome boost earlier this year, when Prime Minister Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern announced funding for two new facilities on the Hillmorton site.

The Prime Minister gave the go-ahead for \$79 million of funding for two multipurpose buildings – an Integrated Family Services

Centre including purpose-designed facilities to meet the needs of the Mothers and Babies service, Eating Disorders and Child and Adolescent inpatients and outpatients, and a separate High and Complex Needs Unit for people needing longer term rehabilitation. Several of these services have been based at The Princess Margaret Hospital.

These two buildings will be the first steps in a full remodelling of the Hillmorton campus – a process which will, over the coming years, transform our mental health services. With 1 in 5 Cantabrians accessing mental health support, this funding and the new facilities that it will allow us to provide is fantastic news for the wellbeing and mental health of Cantabrians. ■



An artist's impression of the concept design for the Integrated Family Services Centre



Minister of Health David Clark looks on while Prime Minister Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern and Specialist Mental Health Services consumer advisor Linda Smith celebrate the announcement by cutting a commemorative cake.

Rangiora Health Hub set to expand

Rangiora residents will be enjoying their extended new facility later this year, when the new wing of the Health Hub opens.

The Hub has been expanded with the addition of a portion of the old Hagley Outpatients building that was relocated from Christchurch Hospital to Rangiora.

The section destined for Rangiora was cut into five pieces that were transported early one Saturday morning over the Waimakariri Bridge to their new home at the Health Hub. The sections were joined together and then lowered as a complete building onto the foundations, which include 196 piles. The Canterbury DHB Site Redevelopment Unit has been overseeing the alterations required to make the buildings fit for purpose.

Site Redevelopment Unit Project Manager Brendon Groufsky says nothing from the Outpatients building, which was a temporary facility erected post-earthquake, was wasted. "The building was designed to be deconstructed and reused. Nothing went to the landfill; everything is being reused."

The new use for the buildings includes Public Health Nurses, Social Workers, Rural Adult Community Services, Adult Community Therapy Services, Community Mental Health, Child and Family Rural Service from Hillmorton and other minor services. ■



The old Hagley Outpatients building will be welcomed in North Canterbury later this year as an addition to the Rangiora Health Hub. The new buildings will be home to multiple services.



Akaroa Health – Te Hauora o Rākaihautū



An artist's impression of the new Akaroa Health – Te Hauora o Rākaihautū facility

Health facilities a step closer for Banks Peninsula families.

The countdown is on for the opening of the new Akaroa Health – Te Hauora o Rākaihautū facility. The facility will be blessed before the final fit out continues with the installation of remaining furniture and fittings followed by a series of cleans starting with the builders clean and ending with a clinical clean. More details about the blessing and the public open day, which will give everyone the opportunity to look around the new facility before they move in, will be released closer to the time.

The interior of Akaroa Health – Te Hauora o Rākaihautū has been inspired by the local bush and birdlife, including the many tui in the area. The curtains are also a nod to the flowers that grow so profusely in the area,

many of them heirloom root stock of roses that arrived with the first French settlers. The designers have opted for a colour palette that won't be washed out by the bright Akaroa light. The aim for all the bedrooms – four flexi-beds, eight Aged Care beds and the palliative care room – is to keep the rooms as homely as possible. Some of the rooms have an apricot-hued feature wall for extra warmth. ■



A mood board of all the different textures, tones and patterns of the interior design for the new Akaroa Health – Te Hauora o Rākaihautū

Heading to hospital? Plan your trip!

Car parking is available at the Christchurch City Council car park building at 33 Lichfield Street, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For parking rates, visit www.ccc.govt.nz/carpark

Free shuttles run between Level 2 of the Lichfield Street car park building and Christchurch Hospital. They either stop at Christchurch Outpatients or the main entrance to the hospital before returning to the Lichfield Street car park building.

The shuttle runs every 15 minutes between 7.15am and 8.30pm, 7 days a week. ■

