



NEW HOSPITAL UPDATE

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Waitematā DHB is undertaking major capital works at our North Shore Hospital campus to meet projected population growth in the northern region. The cornerstone of this programme is a new four-storey hospital building which will provide up to eight extra operating theatres, up to 150 beds and four new endoscopy suites. We will also be upgrading our water, gas and power infrastructure to ensure these services are resilient enough to support the hospital for the next 30 years. The work will be undertaken in stages and the new building is due for completion in 2023.

Name chosen for new hospital building – Tōtara Haumarū

The new four-storey hospital block planned for our North Shore campus will be called Tōtara Haumarū, which means Shade of the Tree. The name was chosen in recognition of the protective canopy of the Tōtara tree beside the old Taharoto building. Unfortunately, this Tōtara tree needs to be removed to make way for the new hospital building. We have asked Ngāti Whātua to receive wood from the tree to use for carvings, some of which will be placed in Tōtara Haumarū.

The new hospital will be a world-class facility that puts patient care at its heart.



Concept Design Image

Deconstruction of Pupuke and Taharoto buildings



Image of the 'shrink-wrapped' Pupuke & Taharoto Buildings taken from the North Shore Hospital Tower.

Major earthworks are scheduled to take place on the Tōtara Haumaru site after August - once the disused Taharoto and Pupuke buildings have been demolished and the site is clear. Substantial portions of both buildings are still shrouded in a protective plastic designed to stop any dust spreading to the surrounding areas during the deconstruction process. But progress underneath the plastic is well advanced and contractors have stripped out a significant number of internal walls, utilities and cladding materials. The old sheds previously used by grounds men have already been removed.

Scaffolding in some areas will be taken down in coming weeks as the current phase of deconstruction nears completion.

Associated work

Modifications to the existing Elective Surgery Centre (ESC) building will begin over the next few months to accommodate the construction of Tōtara Haumaru.

What can I expect to see now?

- increased activity across the campus from contractors conducting investigative works and installation of new water, gas and electricity connections for the DHB.
- the continued operation of a heavy vehicle crossing on Shea Terrace, opposite Mary Poynton Crescent, to give contractors easy access. **Please remain alert when walking or driving through this area. Signage and cordons are in place as an additional safety measure. The vehicle crossing is also manned.**
- investigative drilling and digging involving the footpath from Shakespeare Road to North Shore Hospital for a new water main installation.



Heavy Vehicle Crossing on Shea Terrace

Hours of work

Typically, works will occur between the hours of 7am and 6pm, Monday to Saturday. If an occasion arises where we need to work outside of these hours, advance notification will be provided.

Keeping you informed

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