

Keeping the North Shore Hospital community informed about developments relating to Tōtara Haumaru, the new four-storey, state-of-the-art hospital facility due for completion by the end of 2023 and opening 2024.

Closing in on completion

Significant progress has been made on the construction of Tōtara Haumaru since the start of this year, with the exterior of the building nearing completion.

The last of the roof and upper cladding is now in place on the top of the building, with equipment currently being installed in the major operating plant on level 4. The building's precast panelled exterior is complete, with the final uniform palette now visible. Glazed panels are going in at the front of the building to shelter the entry area.

Work on the Skybridge linking Tōtara Haumaru via the rear of the building with the Elective Surgery Centre (ESC) is progressing well. On completion, this will create a link between the three main hospital buildings for improved staff and patient flow across the North Shore Hospital campus. Civil work and roading around the building has started, with the formation of the main entry roadway now clear to see.



Aerial photo taken shows the plastic wrapping now removed from the building's temporary vertical hoist at the front centre of the building. Keep an eye out for the installation of the glass entrance façade happening soon.

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Tōtara Haumaru was a flat demolition site in January 2022. This [timelapse video](#) shows just how much has been achieved since.



Construction of the Skybridge extension which, when finished, will link the main hospital tower block through to the Elective Surgery Centre and Tōtara Haumaru.

Hours of work

Typically, work occurs 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.

Project fact

There are currently around 420 subcontractors on-site daily. This is close to the maximum number as we transition from external to internal work where that number will start to reduce as we progress to completion.

Over the next few months there will be updates on the mix of services going into Tōtara Haumaru as we approach the completion of construction and hand-over for commissioning at the end of the year.

Tōtara Haumaru is on-track to open to the community in April 2024 and will be an enormous asset to the regional provision of health care.

A look inside...

The focus is now firmly on the building's interior, with vinyl being laid, ceilings underway and interior finishes, services and fittings in progress.

The building will include eight state-of-the-art operating theatres, 150 additional inpatient beds and four procedure suites for colonoscopy and gastroscopy procedures. Designed as a modern, supportive clinical environment, close attention has been paid to features that enhance patient and whānau experience.

A recent announcement about the inclusion of whānau rooms has been welcomed by Dame Rangimārie Naida Glavish, Chief Advisor Tikanga at Te Toka Tumai - Auckland and Waitematā, as a major step towards making the hospital experience less-stressful for patients and their families. You can read about it [here](#).



Vinyl flooring in theatres going down.



Medical service panels which will provide utilities to the patient beds.



Rendering of a whānau room.