



Newsletter December 2023



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

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 opening in 2024.

A message from Mark Shepherd

It's been a year of massive progress on our new Tōtara Haumaru hospital facility. Construction work has come along in leaps and bounds and I am delighted to report we are on-budget and on-track for the first services to relocate to the new building in April 2024, as planned.

We head into Christmas with work well advanced on the interior fit-out of the building – it's really looking and feeling like a sleek, modern hospital designed to meet the needs of our clinical teams.

This is about much more than just a new building; it gives us extra capacity to provide more services to our community and supports modern models of care that give the very best patient outcomes.

I want to thank everyone involved with this project for their commitment and dedication to the task. It has been inspirational to witness the new hospital emerge from the ground, with our expert clinical staff consulted on every nuance to ensure we end up with a new facility that is fit-for-purpose and is great to work in.

I also want to recognise our near neighbours for your support and patience along the way – the construction process has, at times, created impacts that you have been willing to tolerate – dust, noise, vibration and parking availability.

Thankfully, we are through the worst of that now and we can look forward to all the upsides of the project that will be realised when the doors open.

To one and all, I wish you a happy Christmas-New Year and I thank you again for your support and goodwill throughout a very busy 2023.

Mark

Mark Shepherd – Regional Director, Hospital and Specialist Services – Northern Region

Christmas message from our Project Director

As we approach the Christmas holidays, efforts on the project are ramping up for the practical completion of construction in January 2024.

With that in mind, I would like to acknowledge everyone involved in the project, from Te Whatu Ora - Waitematā staff, operational project staff, the facilities management team and our valued contractors, for their efforts in bringing this project to fruition.

Projects of this size and scale are wholly dependent on the team of professionals working together to get them over the line. In saying this, we are well aware of the gargantuan effort that awaits the clinical commissioning team in taking us over the final hurdle to our initial opening in April 2024.

Finally, I would also like to acknowledge the Tōtara Haumaru Steering Group for its leadership and guidance through some very trying times; from COVID to the transition to Te Whatu Ora. Further, a final acknowledgement to the Waitematā District Health Board who had the foresight and vision to start this project some five to six years ago.

On behalf of the project team, I would like to wish our community and everyone who has contributed to this project a very happy Christmas and peaceful, restful and prosperous New Year.

Brad

Brad Marais – Tōtara Haumaru, Project Director

Hours of work

Typically, work occurs between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Saturday.

If an occasion arises where we need to work outside these hours, advance notification will be provided.

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From construction to commissioning

Practical completion of the Tōtara Haumaru building is rapidly approaching.

Ground Level and Levels 1 and 2 are complete, as well as the clean and dirty dock and clinical engineering workshop. Finishing touches are ongoing on Level 3, with final checks underway on all levels.

Power is switched on and the IT network is live across all levels of the building, while landscaping and other civil works are progressing well.

With the construction drawing to a close, considerable work is underway to clinically commission Tōtara Haumaru ready to open in April 2024. Clinicians, operational staff, construction and operational project managers have been working together to ensure the building is fit-for-purpose.

Procurement is a significant part of ensuring Tōtara Haumaru is ready to accept patients, with the hospital building's supply chain, linen and pharmacy requirements confirmed, as well as other equipment. Operational and clinical teams are planning for recruitment, orientation and training of staff for the new facility.

Construction site holiday work schedule 🌲

Friday, 22 December 2023	Site Open
Saturday, 23 – Tuesday, 26 December 2023	Site Closed
Wednesday, 27 – Friday, 29 December 2023	Site Open
Saturday, 30 December 2023 – Tuesday, 2 January 2024	Site Closed
Wednesday, 3 – Saturday, 6 January 2024	Site Open
Sunday, 7 January	Site Closed
Monday, 8 January	Site Open

2023 in review



January



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July



October



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