

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 in 2023.

## Project update

The first of the old and disused brick buildings has been successfully demolished and the remaining structures will follow over the coming months. Where possible, treasures from in and around these buildings are being carefully salvaged and stored off-site. This includes plate glass windows, fire hoses, signs and plaques.

Work installing the multiservice infrastructure trench continues. Contractors are now working behind the Elective Surgery Centre building, moving along Link Drive and North Shore Hospital Road towards the main hospital block. Temporary road closures and diversions will be in place so we are advising all visitors to allow extra travel time.

## Shrink wrap coming down

The white shrink wrap was installed to create an all-weather site while the disused buildings were being prepared for demolition. As this phase of the work is nearing completion, sections of the shrink wrap and the supporting scaffolding are starting to come down.

## Hours of work

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



Recent image of the Tōtara Haumaru site showing sections of shrink wrap coming down.

## Timber to be preserved for carvings

In order to completely clear the site so that construction can begin, arborists have approval to remove some selected pieces of timber that will be preserved for wood carvings, some of which will be placed inside Tōtara Haumaru.



Picture taken at a user group workshop.

## User group workshops

To build a state-of-the-art hospital requires input from people who know first-hand what makes a hospital run smoothly. As part of the design process, we have nine user groups, made up of experienced staff from across the DHB to cover areas including front of house, security, endoscopy, theatre and wards. The user groups meet regularly and workshop every aspect of the design with the Change Lead Team.

## Meet the team

Aurel Dumitrascu is the project manager in charge of infrastructure and demolition.

Aurel works with contractors and the project team to ensure they are able to carry out the required work safely and without delay.



## The power of social media

We were overwhelmed with the response to a recent Facebook post on the Waitematā DHB page where we invited people to share their memories of the original maternity ward that first opened in 1958. The post included the image below of a young nurse with some of the ward's first mothers.

Lee Morris saw the post and recognised the nurse in the photo as her mother, June Orrell (nee Perry). It was lovely to hear that June worked as a nurse until her retirement and still lives on the North Shore, where she recently celebrated her 84th birthday (pictured).



**Lee Morris** The nurse in these photos is my Mum **June Orrell** (nee Perry) ... she was there when the 1st baby was born at the new North Shore Hospital in 1958. Sister June would have been 20 years old. She is now 84 & still loving life ❤️



June Orrell (nee Perry) at her 84th birthday.



Nurse June Perry pictured with new mothers at North Shore Hospital, 1958.

Screenshot of Facebook comment from June's daughter.