

The National Burn Centre celebrates its 1st Anniversary

It's been over a year since the opening of the National Burn Centre and staff marked the event with a week long celebration.

This included a team breakfast, back massages, silly sock day, bloopers, spot prizes, swap a shoe and to end the week a staff dinner.

"It's been so much fun," says Charge Nurse Vina Singh.



"The week was about recognising and valuing the work of our team and celebrating how far we have come since moving into the new facility.

Since opening in June 2006 the NBC has admitted 170 burn patients. Approximately 292 patients were seen in the Outpatient Department.

That's a huge achievement.

"The NBC has also been home to a number of different staff groups (nurses, medical staff and allied health), who for the first time have been sharing the same offices and work areas.

This has worked really well. It's great to see everyone working together and sharing their skills and knowledge.

"Patients also get to benefit with ready access to members of the team.

"It's amazing to think a year has gone and I would like to acknowledge the support and hard work of our staff. I would also like to thank the Towards 20.20 team for providing us with a modern and functional facility."

Work in progress - Emergency Care

Emergency Care's new medication room is up and running.

It's centralised location will improve access for staff in all areas of assessment.

"The medication room has been custom made to suit the needs of the department, says Nathan Linton. "It's design and layout is a vast improvement on the current area.

"Staff can now access the room from both ends of the nurses station. It's a lot more efficient.

The old medication room will be demolished to make way for a centralised staff base.

This will increase visibility of clinical areas, improving staff flow and improving the way staff work," says Emergency Care Nurse Manager, Mary McManaway.

The project team has done a great job says Mary. Apart from the occasional noise there has been minimal disruption to the running of the Department.

There is still work to do and the Project Team would like to thank all EC staff for their patience and cooperation.

Our trades-people are very mindful that building works must be carried out with minimal disruption to the running of the Department. This is where expert local knowledge is so important.

"We have a variety of trades-people working on this project ranging from Carpenters to Engineers. Each one has specialised knowledge of Emergency Care and knows what is required to get the job done properly and on time."

Construction will commence early June 2007 and will take approximately 6 weeks to complete.



Update – Women’s Health

Construction is well underway for the Assessment and Birthing Unit, Antenatal/Postnatal Wards, Transitional Care and the Gynaecology Care Unit.

All going well the Assessment and Birthing Unit is due to open early October 2007, followed closely by Antenatal/Postnatal Wards (mid October) and Gynaecology Care in November 2007.

Behind the scenes user groups are busy developing policies, procedures and guidelines for the new facilities along with new models of care.

In some instances service level agreements have needed to be established, which has led to greater communication between colleagues and departments.

Antenatal, Postnatal and Transitional Care will be located on Level 4, Galbraith Building.

This will result in improved access between wards/units for medical staff and a more efficient flow of women between operating theatres and the wards.

Transitional care will provide cots for neonates who require further clinical management at a lower level than is required in the Neonatal Unit. In some cases mothers may require assistance with mother crafting skills prior to taking a previously unwell or technologically-dependent neonate home. The ability to transition babies is considered an important part of the continuum of care.



Level 2 – ABU



Level 4 – Patient Bedroom - Antenatal



Level 2 – Reception - ABU



**Level 5
Insulation of
walls -
Gynaecology
Care Unit**

Meet the men responsible for the up-keep of 15+ Counties Manukau District Health Board sites

Mark, Brad, Andrew, Lindsey and Phil are responsible for the up-keep of the Manukau SuperClinic and 15 outlying sites, including Pukekohe, Waiuku, Papakura and Otara.

Mark, Brad and Andrew are registered electricians, Lindsey is a craftsman plumber and Phil is a trades assistant.

Overall the team are responsible for power, water, sewer, drainage, air conditioning, plumbing, medical gas, steam, hot water boilers, fire systems and emergency generation.



Lindsey , Andrew , Mark , Brad , Phil

The most challenging part of the job is looking after a vast number of sites, says electrician Mark Shirley.

“Because of the travel involved, there are times we may be stretched to provide services at a moments notice. In this instance we ask for your patience and co-operation,” says Mark.

The Engineering Help Desk receives approximately 10-20 jobs per day for the Manukau SuperClinic and outlying sites. Each job is given a priority ranking.

For example a power cut would get a high priority, while putting up a whiteboard may be further down the scale.

“We always try and give a time frame on when the work will be carried out, however this may change if other jobs take preference, or we get any unexpected ‘surprises’,” says Mark.

If you need work done log a job via the Engineering web site or call the Help Desk on extension 9770.

The team are responsible for the following sites:

Manukau SuperClinic, Pukekohe Hospital, Franklin Memorial Hospital Waiuku, Papakura Maternity Unit, Awhinatia Health, Spinal Unit, Tamaki Oranga, The Cottage, Botany Maternity, Botany Superclinic, Houses in Sheehan Avenue and Salis Place (Papakura), Aberfeldy Avenue Highland Park, Otara Dialysis, Buildings at Lambie Drive and Springs Road.

As we enter into a period of growth and redevelopment it's important to understand our historical beginnings. Each issue of TOWARDS 20/20 will take you on a journey through the past 59 years.

The Bunker

A couple of weeks ago I was approached by Paul Aldridge from Information Services (IS) about writing a story on his office – also known as the 'Bunker'.

Paul has been working in the 'Bunker' for the past 2 years and has always been curious about its history.

With the help of some long-serving staff I was able to gather some interesting information.

The story begins in 1960 when the room was built as part of the Nurses Home (now the Support Building).



It had a lot of uses over the years, which include a utility room, rubbish room, laundry (the Home Aids in those days used to do washing and ironing as part of their duties), bike shed and furniture store.

When the Nurses residence closed in 1999 the storage space was taken over by IS. The room was cleaned out, painted and shelving and air-conditioning installed.

From day one it was affectionately known as the 'bunker' as it reminded staff of an airplane hanger from the II World War.

Its first resident was IS Logistics Officer, Jennifer Kyme who had the entire space to herself for several months.

The bunker made my job a lot easier. I could store everything in one location and use the loading dock for loading and unloading equipment. Improvements were also made to the way we received and stored computer equipment. Further down the track we set up the area so that pcs could be built and repaired on the premises.

Not a lot has changed over the years except for the fact that up to 6 people can be working in the area at one time. It's still a hive of activity.

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Demolition works underway for the new Intensive Care Unit (ICU)



The old Coronary Care Unit is being demolished to make way for a new ICU.

Walls are being stripped, panels are being removed and services such as power and data are being isolated.

Demolition works are expected to take 2 weeks to complete (i.e 23 July 2007).

The new ICU will relocate to the first floor of the Acute Hub, opposite the National Burns Centre and Operating Theatres and will be closer to the ward blocks than the existing Unit.

