

Media Release

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Middlemore Opens \$6.38m ICU Unit

On Thursday June 26 the Hon. Helen Clark will open Middlemore Hospital's new ICU unit. Each year the ICU sees approximately 800 critically ill patients, the new bed capacity will increase this number to between 900 and 1000. The unit cost \$6.38 million to build and has a total of 18 ICU bed spaces. This includes:

- 10 open bed spaces separated by privacy curtains.
- 4 bed spaces most suitable for paediatric patients, with additional 'parental floor space' compared to a standard bed area to support parents staying with their children for extended periods.
- 2 positive pressure rooms suitable for severe burn injury patients.
- 1 barrier isolation room suitable for severe burn injury patients, those requiring barrier isolation for infectious diseases and for those patients/families with specific privacy requirements.
- 1 negative pressure isolation room for patients with airborne infectious diseases that will protect both patients and staff from cross contamination.
- A separate shower trolley room that will be particularly helpful for patients who stay longer than usual in the ICU.

Due to the unstable and critical status of patients admitted to the ICU approximately 10% of patients each year die in the ICU. For this reason there is a strong commitment by the ICU team to communicate appropriately with families and provide a culturally competent service to reduce patient and family anxiety.

This has been a significant consideration in the planned development of the following spaces:

- A dedicated family interview/meeting room with tea/coffee facilities to welcome and orientate visitors to the ICU.
- Specific bed spaces and rooms that would be most suitable for large family visits in an end of life situation.

Clinical and non-clinical support and staff areas include teaching and research areas, individual and open offices, seminar room, staff room and toilet/shower facilities.

Change facilities will be provided outside the Unit and shared with the National Burn Centre. As such, change facilities are not included in the scope of the ICU facilities project.

Over \$1.5 million has been donated from a wide range of Sponsors. This has enabled ICU to purchase much needed equipment for the new Unit. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare is the principal sponsor.

Staff and patients move into the new Unit on Sunday 29 June 2008.

Media are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Jenni Luyk on 378 8433 or 027 631 2953. Programme also attached.

Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

Opening Ceremony - Programme

Thursday 26 June 2008
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Location: Kidz First Foyer

Programme Item	Speaker	Key Messages	Time
3.30 - 4.30pm			
Karakia	Kaumatua	Opening prayer and welcome.	2 minutes
MC	MC - Mark Sainsbury	Welcomes Chairman of Counties Manukau District Health Board, Professor Gregor Coster.	2 minutes
Speech 1	CMDHB Chairman	Welcomes guests and acknowledges key people involved with the project.	3 minutes
	Mark Sainsbury	Introduces Catherine Simpson (Clinical Head ICU)	1 minute
Speech 2	Catherine Simpson	Focus on the planning stages for the new unit and what the new facilities will mean for staff and patients.	3 minutes
		Catherine Introduces Diane McEntee (former ICU patient)	1 minute
Speech 3	Diane McEntee	Insight into her stay in ICU	3 minutes

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Opening Ceremony – Programme (continued)

Programme Item	Speaker	Key Messages	Time
	Mark Sainsbury	Introduces Kapa Haka Group 'Piripono'	1 minute
		Piripono (Kapa Haka) Group perform	4 minutes
	Mark Sainsbury	Introduces Gary Troup, Deputy Mayor Manukau City	1 minute
Speech 4	Gary Troup	Acknowledges the support from Mayor Len Brown and the Mayoral Office.	3 minutes
	Mark Sainsbury	Introduces the Prime Minister - RT Hon Helen Clark	1 minute
Speech 5	Prime Minister	Acknowledge that the new ICU is one of many CMDHB redevelopments supported by the Ministry of Health.	3-5 minutes
	Mark Sainsbury	Explains process for going up to ICU i.e. official party will leave first, ribbon cutting and then tour. NB: The official party will take the Kidz First stairs to the new ICU and will cut the ribbon inside the public waiting room. Mark Sainsbury will invite the PM, Diane McEntee and Mike Daniels - MD Fisher & Paykel Healthcare to cut the ribbon. After the ribbon-cutting the official party will be shown around the Unit by Catherine Simpson (Clinical Director ICU). Refreshments will be served in the Unit.	2 minutes

Total time for speeches:	3.30 pm - 4.05 pm.
Travel time to ICU:	4.05 pm - 4.10 pm.
Ribbon cutting, photos and explanation of house rules:	4.10 pm - 4.15 pm
Tour and refreshments:	4.15 pm - 4.30 pm