

Ongoing commitment to staff safety and health

Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) together with the Auckland Regional Transport Network Limited (ARTNL) and the Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA) are pleased to announce the blessing and opening of the railway footbridge and Middlemore staff walkway.



The Kaumatua lead the way for the blessing of the over-bridge.

Both structures are part of an ongoing commitment to staff safety and health.

The bridge was officially opened by CMDHB Acting CEO, Ron Pearson and ARTNL General Manager Peter Burn.

“Middlemore Hospital is going through a lot of change at the moment, we are committed to providing our staff the safest and most up-to-date facilities,” says Ron Pearson.”

The railway over-bridge provides safe access to the hospital from the staff car park and is part of a larger upgrade of the railway platform.



New pedestrian walkway

The new walkway is the first stage of a walkway around the Middlemore site.

This stage runs from the northern boundary at Hospital Road through an open stand of mature trees along to the crèche, where it rejoins the internal road.

This compliments an area where staff are able to enjoy their lunch on outdoor tables and provides a pleasing respite from the rush of a working day.

The walkway was officially opened by Human Resources Manager, Sam Bartrum.

“We will be encouraging staff to stretch their legs at lunchtime and enjoy a break, some sunshine and exercise,” says Mr Bartrum. “Many thanks to the Engineering team for carrying out the work.”

Women's Health Services at Middlemore Hospital are on the MOVE



In October 2007 Women's Health Services will move into a brand new facility, designed to meet the needs of our growing population.

On Wednesday 10 October 2007, staff and patients from the Delivery Suite and Mother & Baby Assessment Unit will move into the new Assessment, Labour & Birthing Unit, Level 2, Galbraith Building, Middlemore Hospital.

On Monday 15 October 2007, staff and patients from Women's Health A, B and C Floors will move into a new Maternity Ward on Level 4, Galbraith Building.

Construction Photos - Women's Health (as at 6 September 2007)

Assessment, Labour and Birthing Unit - Level 2, Galbraith

As from 10 September 2007 there are **4 weeks** to go until the new Unit is up and running.



Delivery Room



Nurses Station



Reception



Assessment Room

Maternity Ward - Level 4, Galbraith

As from 10 September 2007 there are only **5 weeks** to go until the new Maternity Ward is up and running.



Patient Bedroom - single room



Patient Bedroom (2 beds)



Reception



Write-up area

Construction underway for new Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

Demolition of the old Coronary Care Unit (CCU) is complete and construction is underway for the new Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Rooms are currently being framed, and walls will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

The new 18 bed Unit will be located on the first floor of the acute hub, next to the National Burn Centre and close to the operating theatres.

On opening (approximately June 2008), the ICU aims to resource 12 beds.



June 2007 - Demolition of old CCU



June 2007 - Demolition of old CCU



July 2007 - Demolition is complete



September 2007 - Rooms for the new ICU are being framed

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 Library at Middlemore Hospital (This article was written by Library Manager, Jill Unsworth.

The Middlemore Hospital Library started out as small collections of books looked after by various departmental secretaries.

When the Galbraith block was built, Dr David Caughey (Rheumatology) found a spare room for these various collections to form a medical library. A subscription was bought to the Index Medicus and x-ray shelves were used to house the books.

There was also a nurses' library in the School of Nursing, which was looked after by a tutor sister. It was housed in a demonstration ward in the nurses' preliminary school in the main block.

Eventually the nurses' library was shifted over the railway line to the old household staff quarters which were refurbished for the School of Nursing. The move was accomplished after a slight delay, as the house manager of the time had forgotten to order the removal truck. The truck was not available until the afternoon so the librarians went off to the pub for lunch.

The medical library moved from the Galbraith block to where it is now. In the early 1960's these two libraries became branches of the Ernest and Marion Davis Library in Auckland Hospital and were administered by a central grant. In 1980 the Ernest and Marion Davis Library merged with the Philson Library at the School of Medicine, Auckland University.

The existing arrangements for the hospital libraries were carried over and Elaine Robinson, who was the librarian in charge of the Ernest and Marion Davis Library, became the hospitals' librarian covering all the hospital libraries in Auckland.

When the School of Nursing closed, the nurses' library stayed in the deserted building as there was nowhere else to put it. Some new space was created when the Orthopaedic Academic Unit was refurbished and there was room for the nurses' library to be moved in. Since then the library has served the whole hospital.



Terry Ring, Infection Control Officer performs a search of the literature on the library's first CD Rom machine.

The history of Middlemore Hospital continued ...

When the Crown Health Enterprises were created in 1993, Middlemore Hospital decided to run its own library.

After a transition period the hospital took over the budget from the Philson Library and the librarian was also employed directly by the hospital.

In 1996 the Kingseat Library was incorporated into the Middlemore facility bringing its specialist books and journals and their library assistant.

From a sole charge position for many years the staff has now grown to five, covering the hours 9-8pm Monday to Friday and 9-5pm on Saturday.

The library represents a major asset in upgrading patient care and the continuing education of our staff. It serves one of the largest District Health Boards in New Zealand.



Current Library staff. From left to right: Heather Steedman, Joanne Martin, Vicky Chetham, Maureen Sole, Jill Unsworth. Absent – Patricia Hayward, Mahendra Singh.

In recent years there has been a major shift to electronic delivery of library services. The library catalogue is online and running from the library homepage on SouthNet.

Issuing of books and journals is done electronically and there is a theft detection system in place. Medline, CINAHL and PsycINFO are also running from the library homepage on SouthNet along with various specialist databases such as UptoDate, Primal Pictures, MD Consult and Psychiatry Online.

There are also 140 online full text books and 4000 full text journals and these numbers are steadily growing as the demand for information grows. Many of these electronic services are available for 'at home' access, which is very popular with hospital staff. There are several 'public' computers available for hospital staff to use in the library's computer room.

Despite expanding into the remaining Orthopaedic Academic Unit offices the library has nearly outgrown its space.

The Librarians look forward to a new purpose built library in the future.



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Towards 20/20 Web Site

In the internet explorer address bar type: <http://www.cmdhb.org.nz>.
Click onto Towards 20/20.

The Towards 20/20 web site has been designed to inform staff about the modernisation and redevelopment projects occurring across the CMDHB sites.

You'll find background information and regular updates on the various projects, along with updated photographs of construction activities, floor plans, copies of Towards 20/20 NEWS and much more.

Mental Health Update

New kitchens have been installed at both The Cottage and Tamaki Oranga.

The old kitchen in the first floor canteen at The Cottage offered very little bench space and storage was inadequate to service the needs of more than sixty staff from the Cottage, Community Mental Health Centre and Faleola who use the facility.

Rationalisation of the storage area will also allow a small dining area to be included in the kitchen.

The second kitchen at Tamaki Oranga, a 20 bed inpatient unit in Bairds Road, is intended for use by clients as part of the rehabilitation and recovery process.



The new kitchen at Tamaki Oranga

Emergency Care Update

Building works are nearing completion for Emergency Care's staff base.

The staff base is 'open plan' increasing visibility of clinical areas and removing physical barriers which will improve the work area for staff.