

Opening of Edmund Hillary Block (Levels 1, 3 and 4)

The Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) was delighted to officially open Level 1 (Cardiac Investigation Unit), Level 3 (Medical) and Level 4 (Surgical) of the Edmund Hillary Block.

Guest speakers included Professor Gregor Coster, Chairman CMDHB and Wilbur Farmilo, Clinical Director Surgical and Ambulatory Care. Also in attendance was CEO Geraint Martin, Paul Cressey and Don Barker (DHB Board members) and Chief Medical Officer Don Mackie, who acted as MC.

Professor Gregor Coster congratulated everyone involved with the project and paid a special tribute to Sir Edmund Hillary, whom the building is named after.

“On the day when the country mourned the loss of Sir Edmund Hillary a small group gathered to bless the land where the Edmund Hillary Block would stand,” said Professor Coster.

“That was back in February 2008 and we now have a magnificent 6 storey building that everyone can be proud of. Many thanks to everyone involved with the project and congratulations to the staff who will be working in this wonderful facility.”

“Staff have watched the construction of this building with much anticipation,” says Wilbur Farmilo, Clinical Director, Surgical and Ambulatory Care. “The new wards are larger, with more single rooms (double the number in the AMC) with large windows (attracting natural light) and wonderful views.”



Cutting the ribbon for Level 4 (Left to Right) Professor Gregor Coster, Charge Nurse Managers Trista Andrew and Emma Hamilton and Alan Wilson, Acting COO and GM Surgical & Ambulatory Care



Cutting the ribbon for Level 3 (Left to Right) Professor Gregor Coster, Brad Healey, GM Medical, Acute Care, Clinical Support and Janene Lawrence Charge Nurse Manager.



Cutting the ribbon for Level 1 (Left to Right) Professor Gregor Coster, Shawn O'Leary, CIU Team Leader and Brad Healey

Opening of Edmund Hillary Block (Continued)

The links between the Edmund Hillary Block and the AMC will also result in quick and easy access between the two buildings. "That's good news for medical staff as they don't have to travel too far to see their patients," says Wilbur Farmilo.

The completion of stage 1 is a significant milestone, and there is still more to come as we begin the second phase of the project. This involves the fit-out of the Ground Floor, Levels 2 and 5.

These areas will be operational from mid 2010, after which we will be hold a 'Grand Opening' to celebrate the Project's completion.

Blessing Edmund Hillary

A large crowd turned out for the Blessing of Levels 1, 3 and 4 of the Edmund Hillary Block. This was a moving ceremony lead by Mana Whenua, Kaumatua and CMDHB Chaplains.

The Blessing clears the way for staff to begin working in the new wards and celebrates the hard work from everyone involved in the Project.

CMDHB Deputy Chairman Paul Cressey congratulated staff on their wonderful achievement.

"I've watched Middlemore grow and develop over the years and feel proud to be part of this special occasion," says Mr Cressey. "Many thanks to all of the staff who contributed to the success of this building. I'm sure it will be a great place to work."

Blessing Rituals

Touching the walls

In Maaoridom a carved meeting house known as a Wharenui or Whare-tuupuna represents a person of much prestige and mana. This also applies to a new building or facility. As you touch the walls imagine you are greeting a person in a spiritual manner and acknowledging all the qualities that person possesses.

Haka- powhiri

The invitation to participate in the Haka-powhiri is to establish our presence or mana into the new environment.

Sticking together

Sticking together while the karakia or blessings are carried out ensures togetherness, harmony and working collaboratively.

Many thanks to Alan Wilson, Acting COO and GM Surgical and Ambulatory Care, Brad Healey, GM Medicine, Acute Care, Clinical Support, Don Mackie, Chief Medical Officer, Charge Nurse Managers Trista Andrew, Emma Hamilton and Janene Lawrence, CIU Team Leader Shawn O'Leary, Greg Simpson, GM Facilities, Chester Buller, Manager Capital Works, Gill Cossey, Director Service Improvement, Robyn Hughes, Service Improvement Manager, Natalie Pointon, Migration Coordinator, Umesh Daya, RCP, Fletchers Construction, Klein, Beca, Greet Consulting, Rider Levell Bucknall, Holmes Consulting,



Blessing of Level 4

Ward 33 up and running from the Edmund Hillary Block

All hands were on deck as the doors opened for the first time on Ward 33 of the Edmund Hillary Block.

It was a busy day with the first patient (Miss Cook) being admitted at 7.30 am. By the end of the day 21 medical patients were settling into the new ward.

First impressions were favourable as patients commented on the spaciousness of the ward and the bright colour scheme. Those patients admitted to single rooms were delighted to have their own ensuites.

Staff were also happy to be moving in. "We've been orientating and setting up the ward since 2nd June," says Janene Lawrence, Charge Nurse Manager. This meant we were up and running from the moment we opened our doors. Many thanks to all those people working behind the scenes – it's been a real team effort.

Janene has a total of 22 staff which includes a number of overseas nurses. This number will



From Left to Right: Irene Lal, Miss Cook, Sheryl Jones and Janene Lawrence (standing)

increase with staff starting in the next few months from different District Health Boards.

"The new ward has given us a fresh start," says Janene. It's also provided an opportunity to use the Whai Manaaki Process to deliver the best patient care, focusing on team work and communication."

Ward 33 is located on Level 3 of the Edmund Hillary Block. Access is via the Rainbow Corridor.



Setting up Ward 33 . "It was a real team effort"



Blessing of Buildings A, B and C at the Manukau SuperClinic

It was a cold start to the day as people gathered for the Blessing of Buildings A, B and C, at the back of the SuperClinic. This included Module 10 (Women's Health and Urology), Module 6 (Ophthalmology), Staff Cafeteria, Conference Rooms, Management Suite, Mail Room and the Referrals and Appointment Centre.

Staff were guided through the process by Kaumatua and Chaplains finishing up in the Atrium for final prayers. It was also an opportunity for staff to say a few words.

Kathie Smith, Facility Manager Inpatient and Outpatient Services spoke of the wonderful reputation the Manukau SuperClinic and Surgery Centre has within the Community.

"Much pride has been taken in the buildings by the general public, staff and the significant number of volunteers rostered each day," says Kathie.

"It has been very well looked after by everyone involved and is viewed with pride by our population.

"This latest development is yet another step in helping to meet the growing needs of the community.

"The end result will be more patients being treated, reduced waiting times, better patient flow for procedures and improved customer focus."

A collection of Maaori Artwork was also blessed by the Kaumatua. This artwork was chosen by Liz Dixon, Clinical Nurse Manager and will be put up in Module 10 (Women's Health and Urology).

"The artwork I selected represents the majority of our patients, who are predominately Maaori or Pacific Island," says Liz.

"It also reflects our module as a place of learning and knowledge and where staff can walk alongside the patient in their journey."



Whitiora (Kaumatua) welcomes staff to the Blessing.



Staff make their way to Module 10 on Level 1



A collection of Maaori artwork is blessed.

Did you know that the Manukau SuperClinic is eleven and a half years old and is still in its original state

Opening of Module 10 – Manukau SuperClinic

CMDHB was proud to officially open Module 10 (Women's Health and Urology).

Guest Speakers included Professor Gregor Coster, Chairman CMDHB, Nettie Knetsch, GM Women's Health/Kidz First and Jonathan Masters, Urology Consultant.

Also in attendance was CEO Geraint Martin, COO Ron Dunham as MC and special guests Helen Potaka and Diane Casey from the National Cervical Screening Programme.

"I'm delighted to be at the opening of this wonderful facility," says Nettie Knetsch, GM of Women's Health and Kidz First.

The additional space will result in increased clinics, with improved access for women in the community. It will also enable us to expand some of our services in the future.

"Many thanks to Adrienne Laing, Team Leader Module 10 and the Construction/Project Teams for all of their hard work."

The Urology service at the SuperClinic includes specialists consultations, investigations e.g. prostate biopsies and day stay surgery for minor urological procedures.

"In the past Urology patients had to travel to Auckland Hospital to be seen," says Jonathan Masters, Urology Consultant.

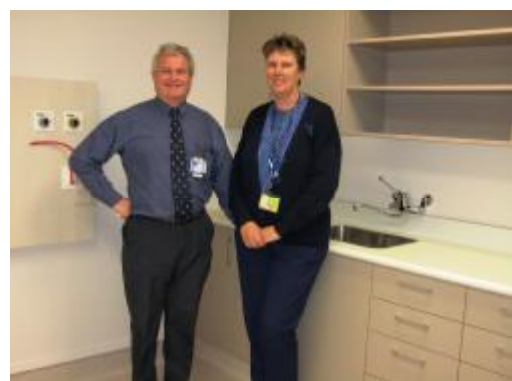
"Urologists from Auckland Hospital now travel to the SuperClinic and provide an average of 11 sessions per week, including clinic and theatre sessions. We are delighted we can continue this service and look forward to working in the new Module."



From Left to Right: Geraint Martin, CEO, Professor Gregor Coster, Chairman CMDHB, Liz Dixon, Clinical Nurse Manager and Alan Wilson, Acting COO and GM Surgical & Ambulatory Care



Left to right: Helen Potaka, Performance Manager National Cervical Screening Programme, Robyn Castles, Lead Colposcopy Nurse, Susan Hunter, Lead Colposcopy Nurse, Adrienne Laing, Gynaecology Service Coordinator and Dianne Casey, Programme Manager, National Cervical Screening Programme



Urology Consultant Jonathan Masters and Liz Dixon

Did you know that ..

On average 730 patients are referred to Women's Health Services per month

The Urology Service treats approximately 1600 patients per year.

On the Move at the Manukau SuperClinic

On Monday 8 June 2009 the Manukau SuperClinic was a hive of activity as the following Services/Departments moved into their new facilities.

Module 10 – Ground Floor

“The increase in clinic rooms means increased access to services.”



Left to Right: Robyn Castles and Mary Barnett (Women's Health)

Staff Cafeteria – Ground Floor

“The new staff cafeteria is larger than the old one with access to an outdoor landscaped area.”



Left to right: Mata Iuli, Janet Franks, Ela Anderson, Lynn Murray, Noeleen Maynard and Jan Shaw.

Mail Room - Atrium

“It's nice to be working in a new and larger facility.”



Volunteers Joan Fraser and Jim Currie

Referrals & Appointment Centre Level 1

“The additional space means the whole team can work together.”



Left side: Arnesh Chandra, Teena Choat, Diana Meii (at the back), Right side: Caroline Harris and Simon Camp

Management Suite – Level 1

“The large open area makes this a nice place to work.”



Kathy Wright, Clinical Nurse Director Surgery, Ambulatory Care & Women's Health

NEWS FLASH!

Ophthalmology Module 6 is now up and running from the Ground Floor, Building A.

NB: Ophthalmology was previously known as Module 7.



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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.

On the move to the Edmund Hillary Block in June/July 2009

The first Medical Ward i.e. Ward 33 is up and running from the Edmund Hillary Block. There is more to come with the relocation of:

- Cardiac Investigation Unit (CIU) to Level 1 Edmund Hillary: 17 June 2009
- A Floor Surgery to Ward 34, North Wing, Level 4 Edmund Hillary: 24 June 2009
- Ward 5 to Ward 33, North Wing, Level 4, Edmund Hillary: 10 July 2009
- Ward 34, East Wing opens: 20 July 2009.



Level 1: CIU



Level 4: Surgical