

Shore project

Welcome to the second edition of this regular update designed to keep you informed of the progress underway at 7 Shea Terrace. Thanks to the enormous generosity of Trusts, individuals, businesses, and community groups we've now reached a fundraising total of more than \$8 million!

Inpatient Unit taking shape

In our last update we shared details on phase one of construction, which started in late March. Since then, we've made great progress. We have, however, met some obstacles and unexpected issues along the way, which isn't unusual for a building of this age. These issues, which are out of our control, mean that the first stage of construction will be completed in early September.

Despite this, significant progress has continued to be made in other areas of the project. The roof and guttering on the Inpatient Unit have been completed and its first nine bedrooms are fully wired for electricity. A number of windows have been fitted around the entire site, and fireproofing is well underway. A big thank you to the **New Zealand Community Trust** and **The Lion Foundation** for supporting the roofing and windows; and to **Pub Charity** for supporting the electrical works.



Kawakawa bushes link three sites

During Matariki we transplanted two kawakawa bushes from Shea Terrace to our Hibiscus Coast site. The leaves from the kawakawa, known for its healing properties, will be used to make soothing teas and perform cultural rituals for the spiritual health and wellbeing of our patients, whānau and staff.

We are also transplanting kawakawa to our Warkworth/Wellsford hospice so that all three communities are linked by the whenua (earth) that surrounds their roots.

"Matariki is a time for new growth and beginnings, sharing kai, planting and harvesting crops, remembering our loved ones, looking forward to new goals and caring for ourselves and our environment,"

Harbour Hospice Kaiāwhina, Terehia Walker.

Above - Ben Rogers, Harbour Hospice Maintenance Officer



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Training Room benefits community

Our completed hospice will feature a training room which will be used to deliver training and education programmes for staff, volunteers and the wider healthcare community, including medical and paramedic students. It's thanks to the generosity of The Ralph & Eve Seelye Charitable Trust, which has gifted \$750,000 towards its completion, that this is possible.

The late Ralph and Eve Seelye, after whom the training room will be named, were highly regarded in the academic and medical professions - Ralph as a university lecturer and Eve as a leading anaesthetist. After Ralph's death in 2002 Eve set up the Trust.

The couple didn't have children and had determined that their legacy should be around education and helping those in need, explains Trust Chair James Hill. "Education was particularly important to Ralph and Eve," he says, "and in the case of the North Shore redevelopment we have a building project with a strong educational element."



Artist's impression

Meet the team

Nichole Li - Quantity Surveyor, Rucon

How long have you worked in construction?
10 years

What attracted you to the industry?
The idea of being able to create good living and working spaces for people.

What's the strangest thing you've ever seen on a construction site?
The 7th lunar month is known as Ghost Month in Singapore. When I worked there, almost every construction site would pick a day in this month to celebrate the "Hungry Ghost Festival". To explain, Ghost Month marks the time of year when the gates of the afterlife are thrown open and ghosts are free to roam the earth in search of food, entertainment and mischief. It's believed that ghosts won't curse those who make offerings to them, so "Hungry Ghost Festivals" are held that involve fire and ritual offerings - maybe not ideal for a construction site!

What's something you enjoy that might surprise us?
Organising and packing luggage.

What's one thing you've learned about Harbour Hospice since you started working on this project?
I understand more about the service Hospice provides to the community. I hadn't come across a community service like hospice before I came to New Zealand.



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