



# Shore project

Welcome to our first community newsletter, created to keep you up to date with our exciting redevelopment project at Harbour Hospice North Shore.

Throughout each phase of construction, we'll share progress, news and meet the people underneath the hardhats as we redevelop our Hospice to meet the rapidly growing needs of our community.



## How we're tracking

Progress report from Project Manager Buk Sue

If you've gone past our site over the last few weeks you would have seen lots underway. The building is now fully shrink wrapped and weather-proofed and the scaffolding is up.

The former concrete tile and metal roof has been removed and replacement with a metal longline roof is imminent. The concrete floor slab for our highly anticipated whānau area is down and the timber framework for the clinical area has gone up. Services installation has begun.

So much progress over the last month!

## Site blessing marks start of construction



One week before work began, our site was blessed. The moving down ceremony, led by Ngahiwi Walker through karakia and supported by the mauri (energy) of staff and the construction team, acknowledged those who have died in the building and gave protection to those who are working onsite.

The pare (carved panel) and the carved pou (post), were carefully removed but on close inspection the carved pou was discovered to be water damaged beyond repair and will be replaced.

The pou has stood onsite since 1983 as the Kaitiaki (guardian) for our hospice and will be returned once the new site is complete.



Top - Shea Tce under wraps

Above - Site blessing

Left - Terehia Walker, Kaiāwhina. Cultural support Harbour Hospice

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## New model of care proving successful

With the temporary closure of 7 Shea Terrace, we're delivering patient care in a different way. Specialist services and support is being provided for patients in their homes, wherever possible. This means that with additional support and education from our clinical teams, some families can still keep their loved one at home, even when their symptoms become more complex.

Clinical Services Manager Bev Platt explains, "We've effectively enhanced our community service so if we've got someone who can still be managed at home with additional support, we will keep them at home."

*"This is our new model of care in action – and it's working wonderfully."*

An extra three beds have been added at the Inpatient Unit at Hibiscus House and members of our North Shore Clinical team have joined the Hibiscus team to support the increase in patients. All other patient care is being delivered at home.

## Meet the team

Buk Sue - Project Manager, Rucon

How long have you worked in construction?  
40 years.

What's the strangest thing you've seen on a construction site?

We once found an anchor when we were doing an excavation at Fonterra. They cleaned it up and it's now in their head office foyer.

What's something you enjoy that might surprise us?  
I enjoy growing orchids.

What's one thing you've learned about Harbour Hospice since you started working on this project?  
I understand more about how Harbour Hospice operates, and the great people who work here.



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## Launch event

Late last month we celebrated the launch of our Shore Project at The B:HIVE in Smales Farm, Takapuna. The afternoon event allowed us to give thanks to everyone who helped us get to where we are today, and also mark the start of our public fundraising campaign.

A big thank you to **Smales Farm, Ripe Deli and Fantail & Turtle** for their generous support of the event.



## #shorehelpforhospice



A project like this is a huge undertaking and we're very grateful to all Trusts, individuals, businesses and community groups who have so generously supported us.



This month we'd like to make special mention of local business owners **Bill and Lindsay Speedy, of Oceanbridge Shipping Ltd,** who have made a significant pledge.

Harbour Hospice North Shore holds a special place in the couple's hearts because it's where two of their dear friends were cared for towards the end of their lives.

Lindsay had often stayed overnight at the Inpatient Unit to support her former neighbour Gwen Anderson during Gwen's final days. Bill has fond memories of knocking on Gwen's window whenever he was going past the hospice on runs. The couple was moved by the level of compassionate care they saw with Gwen then again when their dear friend Nola Joyce went into hospice care some years later.

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