



Shore project

It's now been a year since work began at 7 Shea Terrace and, despite delays caused by Covid-19, we've achieved a major milestone in completing stage one of the project and re-opening our Inpatient Unit. Here's what else has been happening onsite.

First patients welcomed back

In January we marked a significant milestone with the re-opening of our Inpatient Unit (IPU) and have so far cared for 36 patients. The re-opening has been highly anticipated, with the design offering modern fit-for-purpose spaces and lighter, brighter patient rooms.

Five of the patient rooms feature ceiling hoists, which allow for improved maneuverability and greater independence for patients as well as reduced physical strain for staff.



Our new whānau space is well underway and due to open later this year. This special area will offer whānau/families their own dedicated, private space while their loved one is being cared for in the IPU.

The first floor of the building is complete, housing an open plan office space, meeting room and staff facilities - although, for now it also houses our temporary patient kitchen.



Blessing of Inpatient Unit

In preparation for its re-opening, the IPU and first floor were blessed. The blessing was performed in Orange (Covid-19 Protection Framework), by Harbour Hospice Kaumātua, John Marsden, and supported by Kaiāwhina, Barb O'Loughlin, and Spiritual Advisor, Jacqui Ryan.

The purpose of a blessing is to ensure that a building is welcoming and safe for all who enter it.

Using karakia (prayer), Matua John led a gathering of around 35 Harbour Hospice staff, trustees and construction team workers through the building to touch each surface they passed. This tikanga (principle) supported the blessing and ensured that everyone's wairua (spirit) and aroha (love) was infused into the Hospice building.

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What's next?

Work on the lower ground floor is in full stride, with plumbing for bathrooms completed, windows in and most of the gib lining up for what will become the clinical administration area.

This area will not only expand the hospice facilities by providing open-plan office space and meeting rooms, it will also serve as a base for community and multi-disciplinary teams, who care for patients in their homes.



- Community & IPU Open Plan Office
- Staff Facilities
- Meeting Rooms
- Linen Room
- Inpatient Store Room



Meet the team

Brandon Rokela
Quantity Surveyor and Rucon QA Manager

How long have you worked in construction?
8 years.

What attracted you to the industry?
My grandfather and father were both builders, so I didn't have much choice when it came to choosing a summer job. The more I worked in the industry, the more I enjoyed the teamwork and challenges associated with each project.

What do you love about it?
Being able to interact with so many different types of people day in and day out, all working towards a common goal. Despite the challenges, seeing the finished product makes it all worth it.

What's the strangest thing you've ever seen on a construction site?
A couple of carpenters spending their entire lunch break trying to catch a meter long iguana. The lead hand swore it tasted like chicken!

What's something you enjoy that might surprise us?
I enjoy collecting vinyl records.

What's one thing you've learned about Harbour Hospice since you started working on this project?
I never knew that Hospice did offsite care [visiting patients in their homes] as well as at their facilities. Truly a great organisation.



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Have you seen it?

Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for our new billboard on the corner of Shea Terrace and Taharoto Road. You can't miss it! We're very grateful to the Waitemata District Health Board for gifting us this space to use for the next few months.

With community support vital to see this project through to completion, we've added a QR code that can be scanned from the footpath, or your car (if you're a passenger) to give a donation. We'd love your help to spread the word and increase these much-needed donations.



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