

Keeping the North Shore Hospital community informed about developments relating to Tōtara Haumaru, the new four-storey, state-of-the-art hospital facility, due for completion in 2023.

Project update

Work has progressed on-site and you may have noticed over the last couple of months that there has been a lot of demolition activity. The last of the old buildings on the site of Tōtara Haumaru have now removed. Preparation for excavation work has begun, with the planned removal of the old building foundations next to go. All works on-site are proceeding as planned.

‘Turning of the sod’ to kick-off the new build

The Minister of Health, the Hon Andrew Little, joined Waitematā DHB Board Chair Dr Judy McGregor and CEO Dr Dale Bramley on Thursday 25 March for an official ‘turning of the sod’ ceremony. This is a key milestone in the development of the project and marks the start of the next phase of works. We also unveiled an artist’s impression of the new building and blessed the original foundation stone and plaque from the demolished Pupuke building in order for them to be removed. The plaque will now be moved to the gardens outside our Whenua Pupuke auditorium on the edge of Lake Pupuke in recognition of the significant part the original hospital building played in the development of the North Shore region. Among our special guests was June Orrell (nee Perry), who was on duty as a 22-year-old nurse when the first baby was delivered at the newly opened North Shore Obstetrics Hospital in 1958.



Minister of Health Hon Andrew Little, Board Chair Dr Judy McGregor, CEO Dr Dale Bramley



Dr Bramley and Hon Andrew Little
with artist’s impression



Dr Bramley with June Orrell



Original building foundation
stone and plaque

The demolition has ended...



The Pupuke building was the final structure on the Tōtara Haumaru site to be removed in February.

Native timber has been preserved for carvings

The large Tōtara tree that was removed has been preserved for carving. The wood is under the guardianship of Kaumātua Raymond Hall and is currently undergoing the pre-carving preparation process. Some of the resulting carvings will be inside inside Tōtara Haumaru.





Time in motion

Check out this great [time-lapse video](#) that shows the last 90 days of the building demolition process....



Hours of work

Typically, work occurs between the hours of 7am and 6pm, Monday - Saturday. If an occasion arises where we need to work outside of these hours, advance notification will be provided.

ESC noise and vibration simulation exercise

Some of our Elective Surgery Centre (ESC) team recently took part in a noise and vibration simulation activity. As part of laying the Tōtara Haumaru foundations, piles will be inserted into the ground and a brace will need to be put in place to hold back the soil. There will be some vibration and noise when these braces go in. To see how this might affect theatres and staff at the ESC, team members experienced the noise and vibration levels first-hand in a simulation exercise. After experiencing the simulation, the team has more confidence that any effect on services will be manageable.

