Newsletter September 2021





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 and opening 2024.

Project update

After putting work on-hold when we entered Alert Level 4 lockdown, activity re-started on the Tōtara Haumaru project at the beginning of September. Hopefully, you saw the update about this that we sent out to stakeholders. If you missed it, you can read it here. We were able to re-start as Tōtara Haumaru is part of the Government's major infrastructure roll-out programme and it 'responds to the nation's COVID-19 recovery', one of the criteria by which building projects can go ahead.

Progress report

- Bulk excavation digging is now complete and the detailed excavation phase has now started.
- The piling works are over two-thirds completed now, with the last 50 piles being done in the coming weeks.
- Over September/October, we are preparing the bases for the tower cranes, which will be installed in November.
- We have now started digging the 'deep pile caps'. These help create a larger area for the distribution of the building load onto the piles, making it more stable.
- In two weeks, the buildings' foundations will be formed and the reinforcing steel for the foundations will start to appear on site.

Keeping safe at Alert Level 3

In addition to standard construction personal protection equipment, we have put in place a number of health and safety protocols to ensure a safe working environment both on-site and in the surrounding area.



Masks worn at all times



Entry and exit sign-in



Daily temperature and health checks



Vaccinations offered to all on-site workers



Rigorous hand hygiene and sanitising



Contactless deliveries



Maximum of 40 staff onsite and "worker bubbles"



Breaks staggered



One-way entry/exit and fully hoarded off from the remainder of the North Shore Hospital campus

FACT: You will see there are always three piling rigs on-site but only two are ever drilling. The third is a spare in case one breaks down.



Hours of work

Typically, work occurs between the hours of 7am and 6pm, Monday-to-Saturday.

If an occasion arises where we need to work outside of these hours, advance notification will be provided.