

# Northern Newsflash

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## Rotary District 9910 signs up for ongoing support

Rotary District 9910 District Governor Georges Giavonelli has ratified the ongoing support of the Rotary region with the annual signing of a joint Memorandum of Understanding between the Foundation & Rotary. This is the 8th year in succession Rotary has pledged its support to the North Shore Hospital and health projects within the Waitemata District. Working in partnership combined clubs have continuously fundraised with a multitude of charity events ranging from Mardi Gras galas, Gatsby afternoons, Golf days, Charity auctions amongst other events to provide significant support to major projects in the hospital.

As major sponsors they have contributed to the Cardiac Investigation Unit, Special Care Baby Unit, and Emergency Department and are currently involved in the campaign "Home Care 4 Kids" raising money to provide medical loan equipment children recovering in their own homes after significant illness or injury

The Rotary GSE vocational exchange has also provided opportunity for 2 staff members to undertake 6 week vocational experiences in their disciplines in India, Solomon Islands/Queensland.

The Rotary theme for this year is "The future of Rotary is in your hands" is certainly clearly demonstrable in the action of the Rotary District 9910 taking care of the health of their community.

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presents a news column

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## Keeping winter chill at bay

### *Northcote Rotary*

The Rotary Club of Northcote coordinates multiple groups of knitters within their suburb, providing them with wool and motivation to create blankets, toys and other knitted items for donation to a wide range of services in need.

This winter the Special Care Baby Unit at North Shore Hospital are the grateful recipients of a donation of 100 knitted blankets just the perfect size for use as top cover blankets for incubators. Along with the blankets came a mass of knitted teddies that have been distributed through the social work team as gifts for children under their supervision

Handwork such as this is always appreciated and treasured by those receiving it.

*The Mayfair Village Knitting Group and the Snells Beach RSA knitters* have been very busy pulling together a wide range of comfort blankets ranging in size from newborn to the elderly. These brightly coloured and beautifully made blankets have been distributed throughout the hospital in time to keep the very happy beneficiaries toasty warm as the cold snap of winter hits.

## New look for the staff

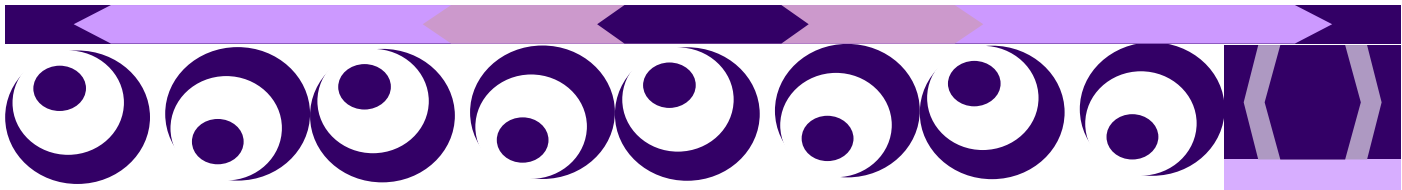
More than 2,000 Waitemata DHB clinical staff has received new uniforms which have standardised the clinical image for the health professionals

The new uniforms, colours and style were determined through responses to staff surveys.

The new look features trousers, scrub shirt, tunic and loose jacket which come in differing colours to differentiate and represent individual departments and positions.



New look Nursing uniforms



## Seasonal Spruce Up

Three times a year City Impact holds community impact days where help is offered right across the community by a 500 strong volunteer workforce.

June saw them return to the hospital to once again spruce up all the healing gardens throughout the hospital and launch a massive “super clean” of all the trolleys, wheelchairs, beds, stretchers and mobility aids in the Emergency Care Centre.

At the same time they delivered hand made edible treats to all the departments to thank the staff for their continuing contribution of care to the community.



## Earthworks herald a start

The earthworks at the entrance to the hospital indicate the start of work preparing for the long awaited “Lakeview” extension to the hospital. The Lakeview development is designed to create a [50-bed Assessment and Diagnostic Unit](#), a separate, re-designed Emergency Care Centre, a new first floor area, and an expansion of Radiology with another Computed Tomography (CT) room.

This will allow the separation of Emergency Department and Assessment & Diagnostic Unit function enabling streamlined emergency care processes. It will also provide additional space for development on the first floor and provide a physical platform on which to add future inpatient beds and/or other services.

The development has been designed to help resolve two key issues currently faced by Waitemata DHB:

- Overcrowding of the North Shore Emergency Care Centre
- Lack of inpatient bed capacity

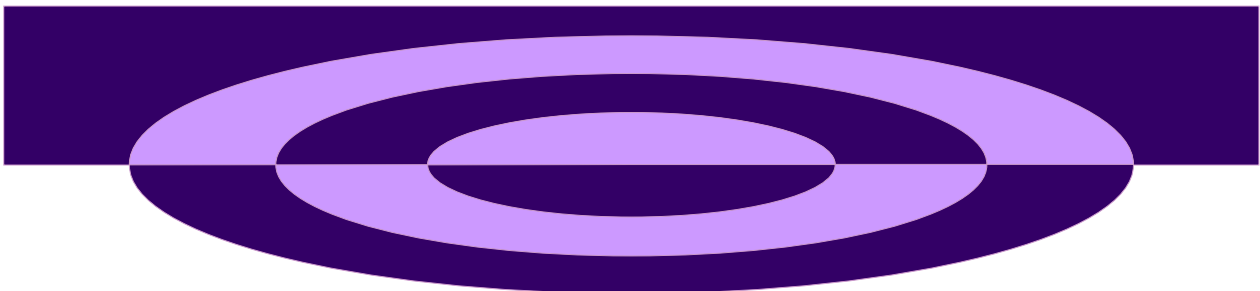
The project completion is currently planned for approximately early 2011.

## International Visitors

Senior medical staff from Wuxi Maternity & Child Health Hospital/ Jiangsu province Eastern China visited the Waitemata Child & Family service touring facilities at both North Shore & Waitakere Hospitals. Midwifery, obstetric and gynaecology specialists accompanied the delegation.

The group also visited the Wilson Centre for children and were very impressed by the kinds of support available to young people with neurological/ and or orthopaedic issues.

They also were invited to a presentation from Asian Health Support Services and reviewed how successfully and effectively this unit has enabled the DHB to work improving the health & well being of the Asian Community.



## New Art installation

The City Impact Church, Community Impact Team along with the design assistance from Signtech, sign engineers, have created a stunning new art installation for the recently refurbished ward on the ninth floor. Collections of groups of bright photographic images of local scenes, flora & fauna individually made in "deco podge" by their community are attached in groups throughout Ward 9 Orthopaedic service.

The collection fills the whole area giving continuity in presentation and bringing much pleasure to patients, visitors and staff alike.

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