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The Seed

A Gift to the Hospital - A Symbol Of Hope

Sculpted by John Ferguson of Rodney and Liviu Mocan of Romania, the seed was officially unveiled by Prime Minister, Helen Clark, Minister for Arts and Culture on the 10th of August 2007.

The artists, believe North Shore Hospital is an environment where their sculpture would be both an expression of beauty and a strong source of encouragement to patients, visitors and medical staff.

It is for this reason they donated **THE SEED** to the Hospital. The Sculpture was given to the Hospital at no cost. The sculpture is 7m high and carved from macrocarpa wood. The base of the

sculpture is a section of dead tree, decomposing matter, from which new life springs. The eye then travels up to the seed itself ~ the spherical form ~ broken open to release the future which is encapsulated inside.

The Seed is burned and flagellated by saws and from the cracks inside, you can see pure gold.

The upper side of the sculpture represents the new life ascending to the heavens that has arisen from the decay below.

This artwork is part of the North Shore Hospital Foundation's Healing Arts Programme, where are is made available for public access and is socially inclusive



The Seed artistic details.



John Ferguson, Liviu Mocan (sculptors), PM Helen Clark and Jane Hunter (NSH Foundation) mark the unveiling of The Seed.

The sculptors celebrate the installation of The Seed.

UPDATE ON NEW CARDIO VASCULAR UNIT AT NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL

The project to establish new Cardiac Unit at North Shore Hospital is progressing well with stage two now underway.

The first stage of the construction process resulted in new staff facilities, anaesthetic room and offices, and an IT hub room being built.

In stage two, 2 more operating theatres along with the Cardiac Catheter Unit and the theatre reception and pre-admission areas will emerge.

The Cardiac Catheter Laboratory, to be known as the Cardiovascular Unit, is due to be commissioned in early November.

Cardiology Unit Manager Barbara O'Shaughnessy says procedures performed in the new facility will include coronary angiograms and percutaneous coronary interventions (PCIs).



FABULOUS CHARITY EVENT FOR CARDIAC UNIT

The Rotary Club of North Harbour held a most successful charity dinner & auction at the Spencer on Byron recently to assist in the final fundraising for the new cardiac unit at North Shore Hospital. The New Orleans themed evening saw guests dressed to the nines enjoying the evening with a New Orleans jazz band and fine food.

A spirited auction took place with energetic bidding for over a hundred quality items.

Hospital staff joined in with Rotarians as guests and many of them wearing spectacular ornamental masks made it a night to remember.

The generous donation to the North Shore Hospital Foundation will ensure that the cardiac unit will open on time on October 27th



Guests dressing to the Mardi Gras theme at the charity event



The New Orleans jazz band that performed at the auction.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL AID LEAVES FOR TAVENUI, FIJI

Volunteers helping unload the medical equipment.



Volunteers helping to offload the donated medical equipment.



As part of the Foundation medical aid programme, the second shipment of medical consumables, medications and medical devices left North Shore Hospital bound for special projects organised by Mr Geoffery Amos (ex North Shore Resident) of Tavenui Rotary Club.

Able assisted by teams of skilled volunteers from North Shore Rotary Clubs they are involved in special schemes providing school education and healthcare for the Islanders.

The current project (The Cleft project) is ready to commence with the assistance of Interplast Melbourne and will see a plastic surgical team lead by Dr John De Geus (Takapuna) and including two Fijian Plastic Surgeons start screening young patients and begin 10 days of plastic surgical reconstruction for them.

The donations of redundant items is of great assistance in ensuring the success of many of the Tavenui Hospital programmes

The North Shore Hospital Foundation has recently secured a donation from multiple sources of redundant medical monitoring equipment.

As technology advances equipment although fully functional becomes outmoded and is replaced by the current gold standard.

Liz Wilkinson from MedXus a medical supplier, committed to assist in accessing equipment to be sent to countries less well equipped as in New Zealand. Donations from Fertility Associates, MedXus and Kensington Hospital in Northland will be an integral part of a shipment to Fiji organised in partnership with the Rotary Club of Tavenui. They will be allocated to appropriate areas for use.

Tavenui runs coordinated medical projects with international input and over the past 2 years has completed projects in health screening, cataract surgery, cleft & hare lip reconstructions amongst other ongoing proactive health gaining activity.

NEW GARDEN SPACE OPENS FOR PUBLIC

His Excellency the Governor General of New Zealand, Honourable Anand Satyanand PCNZM, and QSO formally opened the eighth and largest healing garden at North Shore Hospital, September 4.

Significant commitment and sponsorship from local business, trades and community brought the concept into reality; the project was managed in partnership with the North Shore Hospital Foundation.

A gift from the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays to commemorate their international celebration of 100 years of Rotary in 2005

After 3 years of consistent fundraising and many hours of voluntary work the Te Waimarama (*Waters by the light of the moon/waters of enlightenment*) garden provides a park like area with shaded seating forums and a spectacular water feature for public use.

Keith Rodgers, District Governor Rotary District 9910, President Barry McLean ECB Rotary, Mayor of North Shore City, Chair of Waitemata DHB, Trust Directors of North Shore Hospital Foundation and Rotary dignitaries attended to present this gift to the public and staff who are involved with the Waitemata DHB Health Services.



The fountain at the Healing Garden with guests in the background.

Richard Elliot of Babbage Consulting created the outstanding design, to incorporate in the overall concept of the theme used by Waitemata Health of Te Wai Awhina; (*Healing Waters*) with a major consideration in providing a stunning aerial view for the enjoyment of patients, visitors and staff on the westerly side of the hospital.



Guests at the opening of the Healing Gardens including Mayor George Wood and His Excellency.

"It is a very thoughtful gift from East Coast Bays Rotary to their own community, one that will last well into the future for the thousands of people who pass through our health services here at North Shore Hospital." Jane Hunter.



Jane Hunter and Richard Elliot, garden architect of Babbage Consulting.

**WAITEMATA NURSE RECIEVES RECOGNITION FOR
INTERNATIONAL AID WORK**

Clinical charge nurse Graham Zinsli received an unexpected but well-deserved medal by New Zealand Red Cross last month.

He was acknowledged with a New Zealand Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami).

The medal is awarded by the New Zealand (NZ) government to recognise New Zealanders who were involved in the rescue, relief and rehabilitation efforts in areas devastated by the earthquake off the coast of Sumatra on Boxing Day 2004.

He was awarded with the medal by Jennifer Clark, Chairperson of Northern Regional Board of New Zealand Red Cross.

"We are in awe of Graham who demonstrates all that is good about man-kind," says Jennifer.

Graham has volunteered in missions in Afghanistan, Ethiopia and Pakistan. He has worked as a medical logistician and provided assistance in hospitals, refugee camps and prisons empowering and developing nursing skills.

"Much of my Red Cross and hospital work overlaps so I'm pleased that so many people help cover my work when I'm away."



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The North Shore Hospital Foundation is the principal fundraising body for North Shore Hospital and community health services in the North Shore and Rodney districts. It is dedicated to working with local communities, improving hospital and community health facility and services.

Our vision is to enhance the hospital and Community Health Care environment, for patients, families and staff who have contact with them, and to develop a regional pride for North Shore Hospital and its achievements.

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