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We've got the green light!

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Yesterday, on 30 September, we received the much anticipated letter from the Ministry of Health, giving approval for the additional \$2.3 million that will enable us to build a brand new hospital on the field in front of our existing hospital.

We are in the final stages of the initial design of our new hospital. Last week CEO, David Meates gave presentations to staff explaining the vision and underlying principles underpinning the project. Our new hospital design is planned to support quality services that are safe, clinically viable and financially sustainable. The overall goal is to create a 'best-practice' facility that exceeds consumer/patient expectations and values staff time and skills. The vision is to create systems that are simple and streamlined and focused around the patient. The new environment will support the care of patients, promote staff expertise and job satisfaction and be a safe, friendly, quiet, accessible, and happy place.

Building Design

The project is progressing well, with a few areas still to sort out. We are moving into the detailed design stage where we will be looking more closely at corridor widths and the size and layout of specialist areas.

The new single storey building will be over 100 metres long, five metres high and 8027m². It will be smaller than our present building but will be more compact because 60%-70% of the corridors will disappear.

The design takes into account seismic loadings which will enable the building to be fully functional after a major earthquake. Earthquake resistant materials, natural light and good air circulation have been factored in.

Below is the architect's sketch of the front of the building looking from Te Ore Ore Road.



Perspective from the north-west



Perspective from the north-east

The new facility will be more compact and allow for ward integration and improved functional relationships between core services. There will be a high number of single rooms with ensuites, as well as isolation rooms. Selina Sutherland and AT&R will be incorporated into the new facility and it is proposed to establish a mental health acute day hospital in the present Selina Sutherland building.

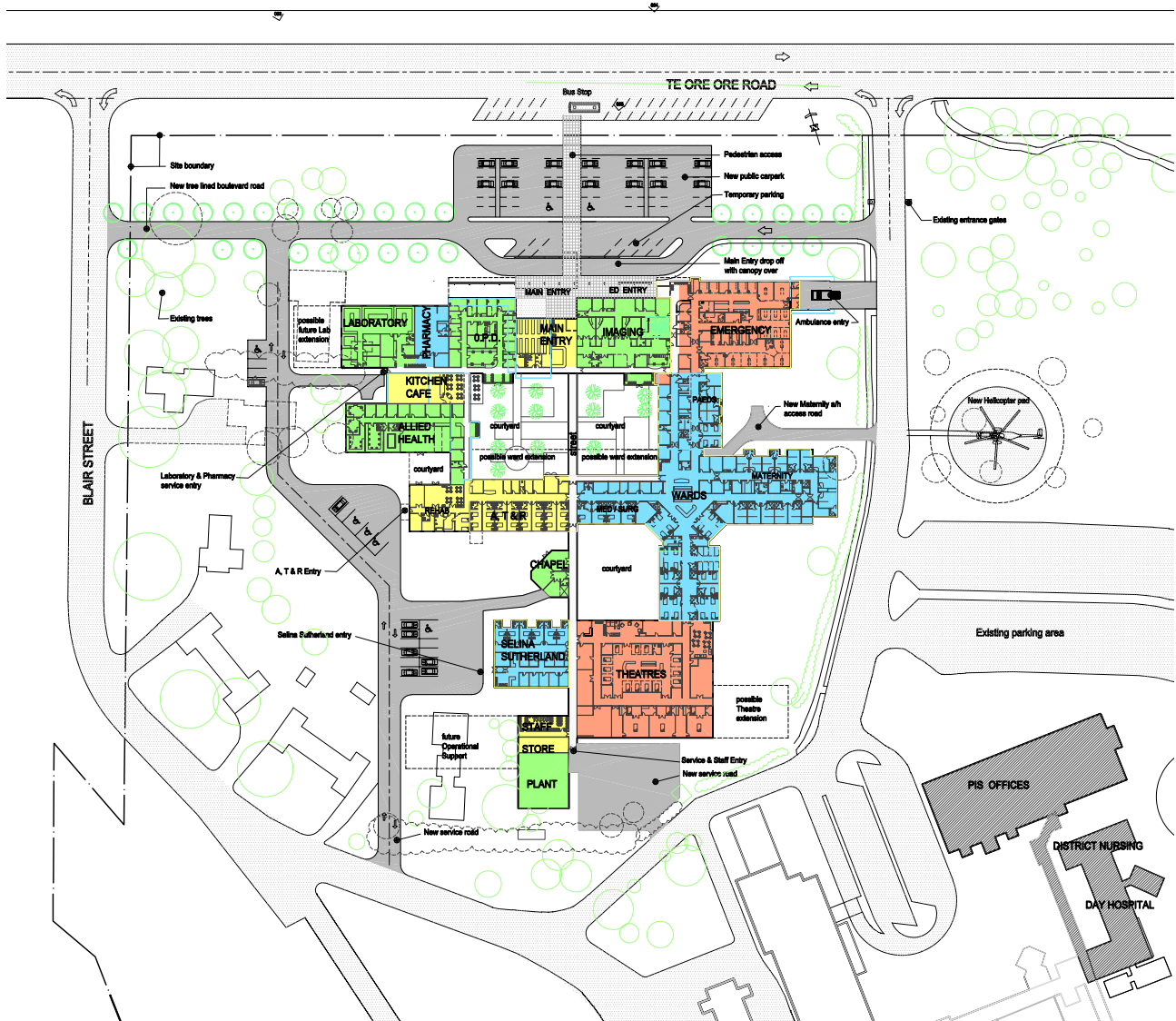
The campus plan below shows a one-way road around the site allowing for easy drop off and pick up under a covered entrance. As the Wairarapa DHB will not need most of the current hospital buildings, surplus existing buildings and land will be leased or sold. Some of the flats adjacent to the site will be shifted closer to the road, and others moved off site.

Where are we now?

1. We have advertised for expressions of interest from contractors interested in tendering for the building of our new hospital. Meanwhile final materials and detailed designs are being worked on.
2. The helicopter pad will be built first and then it's full steam ahead with the new hospital.
3. Construction begins early next year.

The aim is to have no disruption to existing services during the construction phase. It is hoped that it will be fully functional by February 2006.

Concept plan as at September 04



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