



ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE



Where we are heading

A tradition of excellence, a future of innovation

During the next five years St George's Hospital will undergo a significant rebuild.

Chief executive Greg Brooks says the hospital is committed to keeping the community informed throughout the redevelopment process, which will include various open days. The first open day will be on Saturday 5 April, 2014 from 10am to 1pm.

"Just like any construction site we appreciate that there is going to be some inconvenience as work progresses, and this will be kept to an absolute minimum," says Greg.

"It is our aim to notify our neighbours and keep them informed."

If you require further information or have any questions please email us at community@stgeorges.org.nz or call (03) 375 6000.

Planned activity to 2019:

Stage 1A/1B – expected to be complete by September 2015

Ground strengthening work has commenced on the site of the old heritage building, paving the way for construction of a four-storey atrium. This new building will be the hub of the hospital, acting as the main entrance and reception.

Groundwork has also begun for stage 1B. This involves construction of a single-storey building that will house

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In the Loop - Community Newsletter

March 2014

Welcome to In the Loop, St George's Community Newsletter. We are committed to keeping you informed, particularly as we move into a redevelopment phase during the next five years. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

Community Open Day

Saturday 5 April, 2014
10am to 1pm



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Pictured above: Artist's impression of the new atrium building at St George's



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the Cancer Care Centre's treatment bunkers, relocated from their existing location in the basement which sustained damage in the earthquakes.

This new building will be connected to the existing Cancer Care Centre, which provides advanced treatment protocols with world-class technology – raising the standard of cancer treatment in New Zealand.

Stage Two – expected to be complete in late 2016

Demolition of the building that housed the Oxford Clinic has been completed to make way for stage two – a four-storey building on the Leinster Road frontage accommodating radiology services, operating theatres, instrument

sterilising services, intensive care and high-dependency units.

Stage Three – expected to be complete in early 2019

Construction of a four-storey building commencing in early 2016 that will link to stage two, housing more state-of-the-art operating theatres and education rooms.

St George's has submitted a resource consent application for stage two and three, and is awaiting the Commissioner's decision. "However we wanted to ensure that our neighbours and the community are aware of what we are proposing," says Chief Executive Greg Brooks.



Artist impressions of stage two and three (Leinster Road frontage)

Having surgery - you have a choice



Kate Turner - Registered Nurse

The decision of where you have your surgery or medical procedure starts and ends with you.

As a patient, in most instances you have the right to select not only your surgeon, but also the hospital where you will be treated.

By selecting St George's Hospital, you will be choosing the latest technology and highly qualified medical, surgical, nursing and midwifery staff. We are one of the most well-equipped private hospitals in Australasia, and continue to invest in the latest technology to position us at the forefront of medical innovation.

We are also the only private hospital in Christchurch to offer 24/7 intensive care services, providing an enhanced level of medical care and support.

St George's Hospital accepts all medical insurances, even if you are insured with Southern Cross.





The new operating theatre at St George's Hospital, featuring innovative medical technology

Positioned at the forefront of medical innovation

Exciting new advancements in medical technology

St George's Hospital has invested in world-leading innovation to provide patients with superior care.

We are poised to become one of the premium elective spinal surgical hospitals in New Zealand with the purchase of an O-Arm – a multi-dimensional imaging

system that enhances surgical precision and reduces radiation exposure.

St George's is also one of the first in New Zealand to install a new generation, all-digital surgical video system – using similar technology to Disney Pixar animators and the US military. The

technology allows surgeons to stream live footage for teaching purposes, conferencing and collegial support. While in theatre, surgeons can consult in real time with colleagues down the hallway or experts across the country, providing more comprehensive patient care.



Nina Green from Rolleston with her son Ryan

Welcome back St George's Maternity

Birthing resumes at St George's – and it's free

In another milestone for the community, women can once again give birth at St George's Hospital.

Nearly 10,000 babies have been born at St George's since maternity services were established in 1941. The 2011 earthquake resulted in demolition of the hospital's iconic heritage building which housed the maternity unit. Services were then restricted to postnatal care.

A newly-refurbished maternity ward with a birthing pool will now provide care for all women who plan to have a natural birth.

Maternity care at St George's is provided free of charge



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In Brief



Apprentice chef receives national accolade

In a first for the hospital sector, one of St George's young chefs has made her mark in New Zealand's hospitality industry.

Laura Marks was selected from more than 100 eligible apprentices to be one of eight finalists competing in the recent Service IQ Modern Apprentice Chef of the Year competition, held in Auckland.

Laura is the first contestant from a hospital background in the history of the competition.

"Food service is really important at St George's, and I believe we make a real difference in the patient's recovery," says Executive Chef Hans Schuhmacher. "The feedback we are getting is that our food service can be equated to a five-star hotel or restaurant."

Pictured above: St George's apprentice chef Laura Marks



The gift of sound

Every year, up to 23 children receive the gift of sound at St George's Hospital through a publicly-funded cochlear implant.

Two of these children are siblings Natalia and Jayden Kay from Belfast, who received cochlear implants before they turned one due to being born profoundly deaf.

All cochlear implants south of Taupo are carried out by surgeons Phil Bird, Daran Murray and Melanie Souter at St George's Hospital.

St George's offers \$50,000 per year to the Southern Hearing Charitable Trust to assist families in funding procedures not otherwise paid for by the Government. This may include assistance with a second implant or a replacement processor.

Pictured above: (L-R) Jayden Kay (15 months), ENT surgeon Phil Bird, Southern Cochlear Implant Programme General Manager Neil Heslop, Liz Kay and Natalia Kay (2) at St George's Hospital



Free breastfeeding clinics

The number of new mothers attending St George's free breastfeeding drop-in clinic has increased 235 percent since the service was established in 2009.

The self-referral clinic, which provides free access to a professional lactation consultant, was the first of its kind in Canterbury. It has provided support for more than 1500 women who have experienced difficulties with breastfeeding.

"It's often when Mum and baby go home that the issues develop, and it's really important that there are such support networks in the community," says Charge Midwife Anna van Uden.

Pictured above: Bernadette Longson with her son Matteo at the breastfeeding drop-in clinic



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