



From King Edward VII Memorial Hospital for Children (1912) to Te Wao Nui (2021)

Exciting milestone for new children's hospital as the new name and look is announced

Three years ago, following an initial approach by the Wellington Hospitals Foundation, Wellingtonian Mark Dunajtschik announced an extraordinary gift of \$50 million to build and donate a new world-class children's hospital for our region. This unprecedented generosity is deeply appreciated and will ensure a brighter and healthier future for thousands of kiwi kids.

We are delighted to share the CCDHB's name for the new Child Health Service and Hospital, which honours and cements Mark and his partner Dorothy Spotswood's place as major guardians of our region's young people.

The new Child Health Service and Hospital will be known as **Te Wao Nui - 'The Great Forest of Tāne'**, and the new hospital building will be



known as the **Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood Building** in honour of their tremendous gift.

Without Mark and Dorothy's support a new children's hospital would have been many decades away, and sick children, their families and the hospital's incredible medical teams would have continued to struggle in a building that was unfit for purpose.

This project is also unique in that Mark and the CCDHB have engaged with clinical teams to work with the architects from day one, which has allowed them to design medical, clinical, administrative, monitoring and whānau spaces in the new hospital that will explicitly meet their needs, as well as those of children and their families.

Mark and Dorothy's gift also means that for the very first time a range of paediatric services will now be brought together under one roof. This will make it quicker and easier for our hospital's clinicians to collaborate across a range of specialities, as well as being much easier for families to access multiple child health services.

This opportunity has allowed the CCDHB to revamp and launch a new integrated child health service and hospital for the central region which will be known as **Te Wao Nui - The Great Forest of Tāne**. This name was chosen after careful consultation with key stakeholders and acknowledges the cultural significance and life-giving properties that Māori associate with the forest.

"We are excited about continuing the great work we do together for the first time under one roof, in a fit for purpose environment that promotes health and well-being."

Charlotte Stanczuk Senior Project Officer, Hospital Transition Project Team



Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood



Meet our Kaitiaki Whānau



→ Māori revere the forest for its beauty, spiritual presence, and bounty of food, medicines and building materials; and it is fitting that the protective spirit/mauri of the forest is reflected in the name and theming of our new hospital service.

We are also thrilled to share a glimpse into the gorgeous work by Weta Workshop. Their tree of life designs, murals, concepts and large scale sculptural elements will bring Te Wao Nui to life. Drawing on features of New Zealand's flora and fauna, a whānau of nine kaitiaki characters have also been developed to help children and young people feel supported and cared for during their hospital journey.

Thank you - Foundation's caring donor whānau help make the dream a reality

The last three years have been incredibly busy for the Wellington Hospitals Foundation as we were charged with raising \$10 million from our community to outfit and equip the interior of the new hospital. Indeed, funding for all these new and exciting creative design features, along with all the specialised paediatric equipment, the digital and other essential services, as well all the furniture and fittings in the new children's hospital, is only possible because of you and other generous donors in our community.

We are tremendously grateful to the thousands of donors who have, and continue to support our fundraising

programmes. Your partnership, your hard mahi and your contribution towards the internal outfit has, and continues to be, essential to the success of this new children's hospital. Whether you ran an event, signed up to be a regular giver, saved and donated your pocket money, or your business or Trust has provided sponsorship or a generous donation - we simply couldn't do it without you.

To view short videos about the Te Wao Nui Child Health Service's name, its story, and to see some of Weta's magical interior concepts for the new hospital as well as the new whānau of kaitiaki, check out our website at whf.org.nz/news.

Thank you again. It is a privilege to represent our donors in this journey towards a stunning new children's hospital, and we look forward to opening Te Wao Nui's doors later this year.

Did you know, that in our region:

There are over
87,000
child health visits every year

Over 7,500
children are admitted to the children's
hospital every year.

Almost 2,000
operations are performed on children
each year, and the number is growing.

1,300
children are seen by the Child
Development Service each year.

“ I can't wait to be in our new building. We have such amazing skilled staff in our Child Health Service, but it is so frustrating for them to be working in a building that is hot, cramped, and poorly designed. Children and families will have a much better experience in the space and comfort of our new Children's Hospital. ”

Dr Andrew Marshall, Clinical Leader of Child Health Services, CCDHB

“ The new children's hospital will be an essential asset to the children of Napier and their whānau. It is comforting to know that there will be a dedicated hospital that caters specifically to their needs. ”

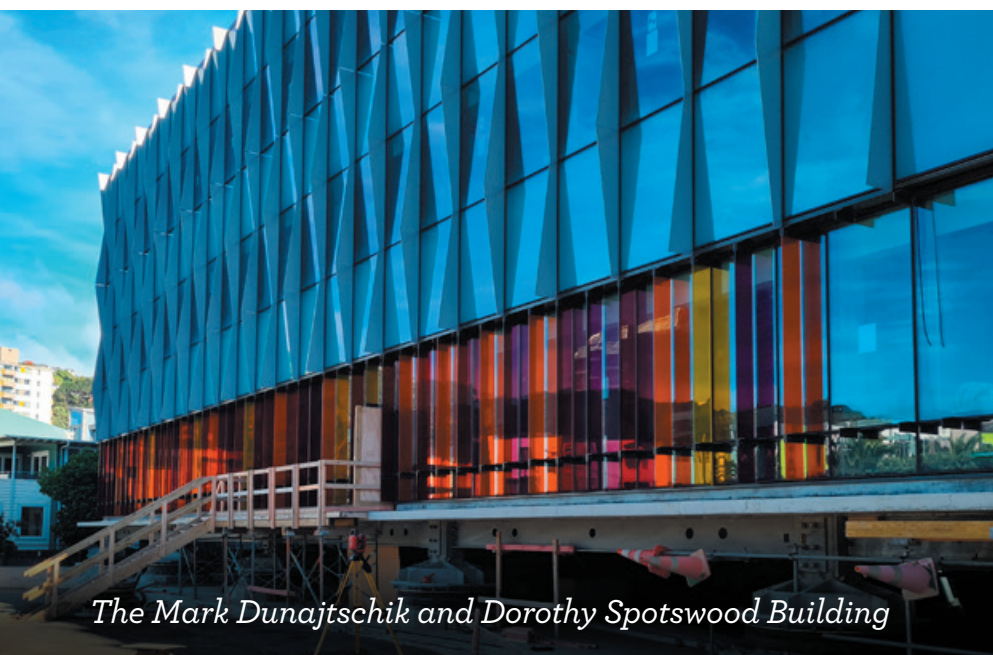
Kirsten Wise, Mayor of Napier

“ The New Wellington Regional Children's Hospital will provide outstanding medical care for sick children and young people across the Wellington region. The new hospital centralises a range of specialist treatments under one roof,... and I'd encourage Wellingtonians to dig deep and donate to the foundation if they can, every dollar raised will help support sick kids and their families during a worrying and anxious time. ”

Andy Foster, Mayor of Wellington

“ This new hospital is of course a fabulous new asset for Wellington, but it will also provide a warm, secure and fit for purpose facility for children and their whānau travelling from Nelson. I am confident this new hospital, with its modern and bright facilities will offer a positive experience for both the children and their parents at a time when they deserve the very best support. Children will now be able to recuperate from surgery in a calm and more private environment, which in turn will hopefully expedite recovery and a speedy return home. ”

Rachel Reese, Mayor of Nelson



The Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood Building

A message from the chair



Become a Kaitiaki/Guardian of Children's Health in our region

WOW a new Children's Hospital... I'm deeply humbled at what has been achieved so far... It's hard to believe that it was a little over three years ago that the Foundation initiated this journey for so many of our region's families, when we suggested to Mark Dunajtschik that he consider supporting a new Children's Hospital. Mark is a man of action and with the support of his partner Dorothy Spotswood, the last three years have been busy for them, builders McKee Fehl and the CCDHB project staff. And indeed the Foundation.

At the start, the Foundation was asked if the community would be able to support the fit-out of the new hospital, as well as providing new medical equipment to the value of \$6million, which then increased to \$10 million. I am pleased to tell you that the community support has been wonderful and our initial target is within reach.

Rotary District 9940 have agreed to fund the two Whānau Rooms for parents and families. Lions District 202M are funding a special outdoor PlayScape area, Moore Wilsons have agreed to fund the family day area. Countdown have funded over 50 beds. Teen, Nicolas Volpicelli-Muollo has raised more than \$45k to provide smart TVs in every patient room. The Macris Trust has provided \$500k for the Oncology Day Stay Unit. Our list of supporters goes on.

But a special thank you to you and the many thousands of individuals who have made one or more donation in support of our new children's hospital - you are indeed all special Guardians/Kaitiaki's of the hospital.

If you haven't already donated, I invite you to consider joining us as a Kaitiaki of the new hospital.

As major Kaitiaki I am delighted that the new hospital building will be named the Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood Building. This is fitting recognition for two amazing community minded people.

In this newsletter, you will also read of Pataka Miraka – Mothers Milk Bank, a very important new service the Foundation has been able to fund for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Thank you again supporters. You are making a huge difference.

And the recent announcement of the new name of the Children's Health Service and Hospital – Te Wao Nui - which resonates so well with our young people, has been great. We now march on towards the opening of our new hospital in the knowledge that many many people from our wider region all want to support our new children's hospital.

What wonderful people our Doctors and Nurses and hospital staff are. Just fabulous. The last year has been very demanding on them as we faced the then unknown possibilities of Covid 19. The Foundation is able to witness first-hand how dedicated and passionate they all are. When we look at the strain on all hospital staff in other cities around the world it is warming to know our staff were ready to step up; but to date and long may it last, they have only been preparing but not needed.

It is a privilege to be associated with all hospital staff and to represent the community on your behalf. Thank you, as always.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bill Day'.

Bill Day, MNZM, JP
Chair, Wellington Hospitals Foundation

Mothers Milkbank – Pataka Miraka

Foundation funds major new hospital service to help premie babies

We are thrilled to announce funding for a major new hospital service. Wellington region's most vulnerable babies will now have access to local pasteurised donor breast milk through Wellington Hospitals Foundation support of Wellington Regional Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Premature babies face significant health challenges, and breast milk is the preferred choice of feeding to prevent health complications related to their early birth. "Mother's milk is critical for the growth and development of infants, and it protects them from infection. Having mother's milk is an investment in the long-term health of our very fragile infants" said Rosemary Escott, NICU Nurse Manager, CCDHB. This much needed and long awaited new service will be known as Pataka Miraka meaning, Milk Storehouse.

Bill Day, Chair of the Foundation said, "We are delighted to be able to continue our support of NICU as they care for these precious wee babies. With \$306,000 donated to establish the Mothers Milk Bank – Pataka Miraka, this will be a continuation of the significant support the Foundation has provided NICU over the past 10 years. Through our community's generosity Wellington Hospitals Foundation has funded more than \$3 million in much needed items for NICU."

The Mothers Milk Bank – Pataka Miraka will be operational in April 2021.



“The Milk Bank idea is excellent and I am very proud to be able to shout newborns a round of drinks!”

Brian, donor

**Did you know?
Over 1,000**

babies are admitted to the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit every year.

Our communities make a difference...

We also continue our work within all areas of our hospitals. Getting well takes more than medicine and as always it is a privilege to represent our donors within the hospitals we serve. Government funding only goes so far and your generosity enables our medical teams to provide the best possible care and treatment for your nearest and dearest when faced with serious and profound health events.

It is reassuring to know that these dedicated people are here for us when we need them most and we are honoured to offer a way for families who may have experienced exceptional care from our hospital teams, to express their gratitude. To support all areas of your hospitals please donate at whf.org.nz/donate.

Generous donors help Blood and Cancer patients

Sadly, we all know a friend or loved one touched by cancer. Every year the Wellington Blood and Cancer service sees a staggering **2,500 newly diagnosed patients** from across our region every year. And every day more than **95 people undergo radiation and a further 60 people will receive chemotherapy** treatments. Navigating the complexities of a cancer diagnosis can be stressful, messy and challenging, but with your help we have been able to fund an update to the Patient Held Record Book which helps patients and their families during this difficult time.

Kirsty McAlister, Nurse Manager said, "The staff and patients at the Wellington Blood and Cancer Centre are extremely grateful to those who have made generous donations to Wellington Hospitals Foundation, making the updating and re-printing of the booklets possible. Cancer treatments have developed significantly over recent years and these donations have enabled updates to the information within these booklets, meaning patients have relevant information at their fingertips."



James Depree

James Depree is one such patient. When you first meet James his broad smile and cheeky sense of humour belies the major health struggle he's faced. At just 23 he was suddenly diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. With tumours in his chest, a heavy collection under his left collar bone and a small spot on his spine, it was a bolt out of the blue to the incredibly fit and healthy young builder and personal trainer – "I do remember thinking, bugger!" he told us. Exhaustive treatment followed with many highs and lows along the way. To read more of James's incredible story go to whf.org.nz/news



Kirsty McAlister and David Hamilton, Executive Clinical Director of the Blood and Cancer Service, along with Bill Day and Maria Zandis from the Foundation



New Colposcope for Child Health

Young victims of suspected sex abuse often face difficult and distressing medical and forensic examinations as a part of their treatment. We were very pleased to be able to fund, with our community's support, a new Colposcope for the Child Protection Unit of Wellington Regional Hospital, which will make these scans and inquiries much less traumatic for our paediatric patients. This new technology will also make it easier for the dedicated medical teams working in such challenging circumstances.



Fantastic Volunteers

We have such wonderful volunteers who generously gift their time and talents to our hospitals. You may recognise Jill Reid as one of our lovely Kenepuru Hospital Guides, but for the last 8 years she has also been an integral volunteer member of Kenepuru's preschool neurodevelopmental hydrotherapy programme. This programme is an extension of dry land therapies, with the warm water making exercises either easier or more difficult, thereby increasing the physical benefit. Jill has worked with hundreds of children and their families in her time in the pool, alongside Maryanne, the service's physiotherapist. She has built their trust, confidence and ability in the water with her gentle approach, while also adapting to the unique physiotherapy needs of each child. Sadly Jill has now wrung out her togs, and we were delighted to be with her on her last day to celebrate her work with these special families.

Caring Community Fundraisers

We are incredibly fortunate to have individuals, community groups as well as caring corporates running events to raise much needed funds to help outfit and equip the interior of your new children's hospital. It's impossible to recognise them all here, but here's a snapshot of a few fantastic events.



WellingtonNZ TradeMe Auction of a Kate McGuinness print of Wellington's iconic Bucket Fountain signed by Dr Ashley Bloomfield. Denise, the lucky winner of the auction told us that, "Having this print hanging on my wall will be so very special. My husband was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer in May last year. In the seven weeks before being discharged

we would sit almost every day watching the progress of the children's hospital. Having an engineering background Grant would explain to me what was happening on site. Sadly Grant passed away in April. It had been on my to do list to make a donation to the children's hospital as a thank you for giving Grant one purpose to keep going and ironically the 1pm covid updates from Ashley Bloomfield kept me going after Grant passed away."



Christmas "Love Local" Pop Up shop collaboration with Fix and Fogg



Mediterranean Food Warehouse Charity Dinner

Lions and Rotary Giant Book Fair to raise funds to outfit and equip the new hospital's PlayScape and the two dedicated whānau rooms.



Molly is just one of the many kind and caring kids who pop in with generous donations for their new children's hospital.



Donation of the commission on Tommy's Real Estate's sale of Wellington's old air traffic control tower



By making and delivering piping hot drinks to staff in desperate need of a caffeine fix, caring Karori Normal School students Olivia, Bryce and Geraint have raised more than \$170 for the new children's hospital.



Supporting Wellington Hospitals Foundation without cheques

Cheques are being phased out by all banks across New Zealand, starting in May 2021. However there are other ways to continue supporting your hospitals.

Have you considered giving online?



Donate at Wellington Hospitals Foundation's website

You can make your donation using your credit card or debit card on our website at: www.whf.org.nz/donate



Set up a Regular Gift and donate via Credit Card or Direct Debit from your bank

Enclosed is a form which will enable you to make a regular gift to your hospitals. You are welcome to scan this and return it via email to donations@whf.org.nz to save on postage. Please contact us on 04 806 2332 if you'd like help setting this up.

Online not an option?



We love meeting our donors! Please pop in if you can, we'd love to see you. Or visit the local branch of your bank and staff will be able to advise you of alternative ways you can donate to Wellington Hospitals Foundation.

Or call Sam (04) 806 0572 or Maria (04) 806 2308 in our donor team who will be happy to assist.

You can help your hospitals help you



- Become a Well Wisher (Regular Giver) for an area in your hospital that means something special to you. To find out more or sign up, email: donations@whf.org.nz
- Make a one-off donation online at whf.org.nz/donate
- Leave a Bequest. Make an important contribution in the future, without affecting your current circumstances. Email: admin@whf.org.nz to find out more.
- Volunteer at one of Wellington's Hospitals. For more information, visit whf.org.nz/volunteer, or email: volunteer@whf.org.nz
- Hold a fundraiser to raise money for an area in the hospital of your choice. Visit whf.org.nz/fundraise for ideas!
- Become a Charity Partner and collaborate with us in support of your hospitals. Email: admin@whf.org.nz to find out more.



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