

## Building a Modern Health Facility for Tasmanians

### Welcome to the new RHH Redevelopment project!

During 2014, the Rescue Taskforce was commissioned to resolve some outstanding issues facing the project.

An improved K-Block will now be built, providing better clinical facilities for Tasmanians.

*RHH Redevelopment News* will provide updates on the project at key milestones.

You can also find information about the project by visiting the website:

[www.rhhredevelopment.tas.gov.au](http://www.rhhredevelopment.tas.gov.au)

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In the March edition of the RHH Redevelopment Project News you'll find information on:

- the K-Block design
- the decanting plan
- the temporary facility in the Liverpool Street forecourt and
- refurbishment works.



## K Block Design

The K-Block design has been based on significant clinical consultation.

The Rescue Taskforce recommendations included three key improvements:

- an increase in single beds for women who have had complex births
- a more contemporary design for mental health inpatients including increased outdoor space and
- the inclusion of a helipad.



*K-Block on Campbell Street - Image courtesy of Lyons with Terroir*

These are the final changes that will be made to the K-Block design.

The project's design consultants are working on these design changes and completing all the design documentation now.

Minor typographic errors are also being corrected to ensure the floor plans are labelled properly.

Final layout plans and design documentation will be provided to the Managing Contractor so they can price a new Guaranteed Construction Sum in the coming months.

## Decanting Plan

The first of the decants has occurred. Cardiology and Cardiothoracic doctors' offices moved to their new location on Level 2, C-Block at the end of February.

This will make room for the new Ambulatory Care Centre in the coming months.

The Rescue Taskforce presented a costed decanting plan to Government in December.

Since the Taskforce submitted its final report to

Government, the clinical redesign project has substantially advanced. The Redevelopment has been working with the THO-South to improve a number of elements of the decanting plan to improve clinical flow.

Oncology Inpatients and the Transit Lounge will now move.

General Medicine, Respiratory and Infectious Diseases, Iodine Therapy; and General and Women's Surgical have new locations.

See over the page for the decanting plan including the changes highlighted.



*Reception at the new Cardiothoracic Offices*

Service	Current Location	Service Relocations During Construction
Acute Renal Dialysis	Level 4, B-Block	Lower Ground, A-Block (Transit Lounge)
Ambulatory Care Centre (ACC)	Level 4, B-Block	Level 2, C- and D-Block
Cardiac Rehabilitation Gym	Level 2, C- and D-Blocks	Level 2, H-Block
Cardiothoracic and Cardiology Offices	Level 2, C- and D-Blocks	Level 2, C-Block
Clozapine Clinic (outpatients)	Lower Ground, B-Block, opening onto Campbell Street	Ground Floor, Mistral Place, Liverpool Street
Day of Surgery Admissions	Level 4, C-Block North	Level 4, C-Block South
General and Women's Surgical Inpatients	Level 2, B-Block North	Level 2, A-Block
General Medicine, Respiratory and Infectious Diseases Inpatients	Level 1, B-Block North	Level 2, temporary building, Liverpool Street forecourt (access from Level 3, C-Block)
High Volume Short Stay (Extended Day Surgery)	Level 5, A-Block	Level 4, C-Block North
Iodine Therapy Inpatients	Level 1, B-Block North	Level 9, A-Block
Mental Health – Department of Psychiatric Medicine	Ground Floor, B-Block	Level 1, temporary building, Liverpool Street forecourt (access from Levels 2, C-Block)
Mental Health – Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)	Lower Ground, B-Block, opening onto Campbell Street	Level 2, temporary building, Liverpool Street forecourt (access from Level 3, C-Block)
Neurology Offices, Neurophysiology Offices, Endocrinology Offices	Level 3, B-Block	Level 3, C-Block
Oncology Inpatient Unit	Level 2, A-Block	Level 9, A-Block
Orthopaedic Inpatients	Level 2, B-Block South	Level 5, A-Block (with Surgical Specialties)
Pre-Operative Surgical Interventions (POSI) and Spinal Assessment Centre (SAC)	Level 3, B-Block	Level 2, H-Block

Service	Current Location	Service Relocations During Construction
Q-Class Room	Level 1, B-Block North	Level 1, H-Block (with the Department of Critical Care Medicine)
Rehabilitation Unit including the Rehabilitation Gym	Level 7, A-Block	Level 2, Peacock Building, Repatriation Centre, 90 Davey Street
Stomal Therapy	Level 2, B-Block North	Level 4, C-Block
Sub-Specialty Medicine Inpatients	Level 1, B-Block South	Level 7, A-Block
Transit Lounge	Lower Ground, J-Block	Lower Ground, A-Block

## Temporary Forecourt Facility

A critical feature of the decanting plan is the new temporary building in the Liverpool Street forecourt. It will be located above the main entrance and drop-off point of the RHH.

User groups have signed off on the design and the temporary facility will go to tender shortly.

A development application for the temporary facility (and for the helipad and other minor amendments) will be lodged with the Hobart City Council during April.

*Indicative design for the temporary forecourt facility.  
Image courtesy of Lyons with Terroir.*

Site mobilisation will occur during the middle of the year.

The temporary facility will be built off site and assembled in sections towards the end of 2015.

Commissioning will commence early in 2016.





# Refurbishment Works

Work to refurbish new clinical and office spaces is the project's immediate focus.

Around half the areas to be refurbished are already vacant and design work has commenced and is completed in some areas.

Since January, user groups have signed off on designs for:

- medicine and mental health services for the temporary facility and
- acute rehabilitation at the Repatriation Centre.

The design for renal who will relocate to the Transit lounge has also started.

Some opportunistic demolition work has already occurred.

The Managing Contractor will dig trial pits along C- and D-Block during March. Parking along D-Block and the C-Block evacuation route will be impacted for around two weeks. More information will be available shortly to relevant areas.

RHH will start minor works in coming weeks:

- stomal therapy – installation of a public toilet, consulting room and lounge area
- Holman Clinic – installation of a kitchenette and
- assessment and planning unit – installation of showers.

Over the coming months, the following packages of work will also be procured:

- infrastructure for the temporary facility
- modules for temporary facility
- level 9-A Oncology inpatients including iodine room
- level 4-C North Recovery
- level 3 C Neurology, Neurophysiology
- level 2-C/D Ambulatory Care Centre
- level 2-H Cardio gym, POSI and SAC and
- level 1-H Q Class and N Class rooms.

## New Ideas for Inpatient Oncology

Inpatient Oncology is moving to 9-A.

This is an opportunity to explore new design solutions for their long-term location.

Katrina Hodge, NUM Inpatient Oncology and Ann Allanby, ADON Cancer Services have visited a number of redevelopments in Sydney with representatives from our team.



They visited the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, a fully operational cancer hospital that has just opened its inpatient facility and the Royal North Shore which opened its cancer centre in 2012.

They were able to see innovative and efficient design features such as new storage solutions first hand and talk to staff about their experiences. They also visited St Vincent's inpatient oncology who are also currently redeveloping their ward and discussed design challenges and ideas.

This invaluable input has been fed into the user group and the architect who are working hard on the design now.

The construction tender is due for release in April.



*Lifehouse visitor waiting area (above) and inpatient bed room (below).*