

Milestones

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Christchurch Women's Hospital and Day Surgery Unit Now Approved

Final planning for the Christchurch Women's Hospital and Day Surgery Unit is underway following the announcement of the Government's approval for the project on June 26.

The \$78.9m project is fully designed and will go to tender in August. Construction will begin in November and should be completed by Christmas 2004.

The building, which is to be built as an extension of the Parkside West end of Christchurch Hospital, will be fully operational by March 2005.

"The new facility will be of great benefit to the people of Canterbury. It will provide a women's hospital within the Christchurch Hospital campus with the operational autonomy to preserve its own wellness focus and family centred approach to care – yet still retain links with Christchurch Hospital," Canterbury DHB, Chief Executive Officer, Jean O'Callaghan said.

Design work for the new facility included input from clinical staff, iwi and the community.

The new women's hospital facilities will be accessed off Riccarton Avenue and will have a separate entrance area.

The development will also provide Christchurch Hospital with improved day surgery facilities and extra day surgery theatre capacity.

The project will include seven new theatres. Four will replace existing theatres at Christchurch Women's Hospital and three will be new day

surgery theatres for Christchurch Hospital.

A new carpark is to be constructed on the site of the afternoon nurses car park to assist with extra parking requirements.

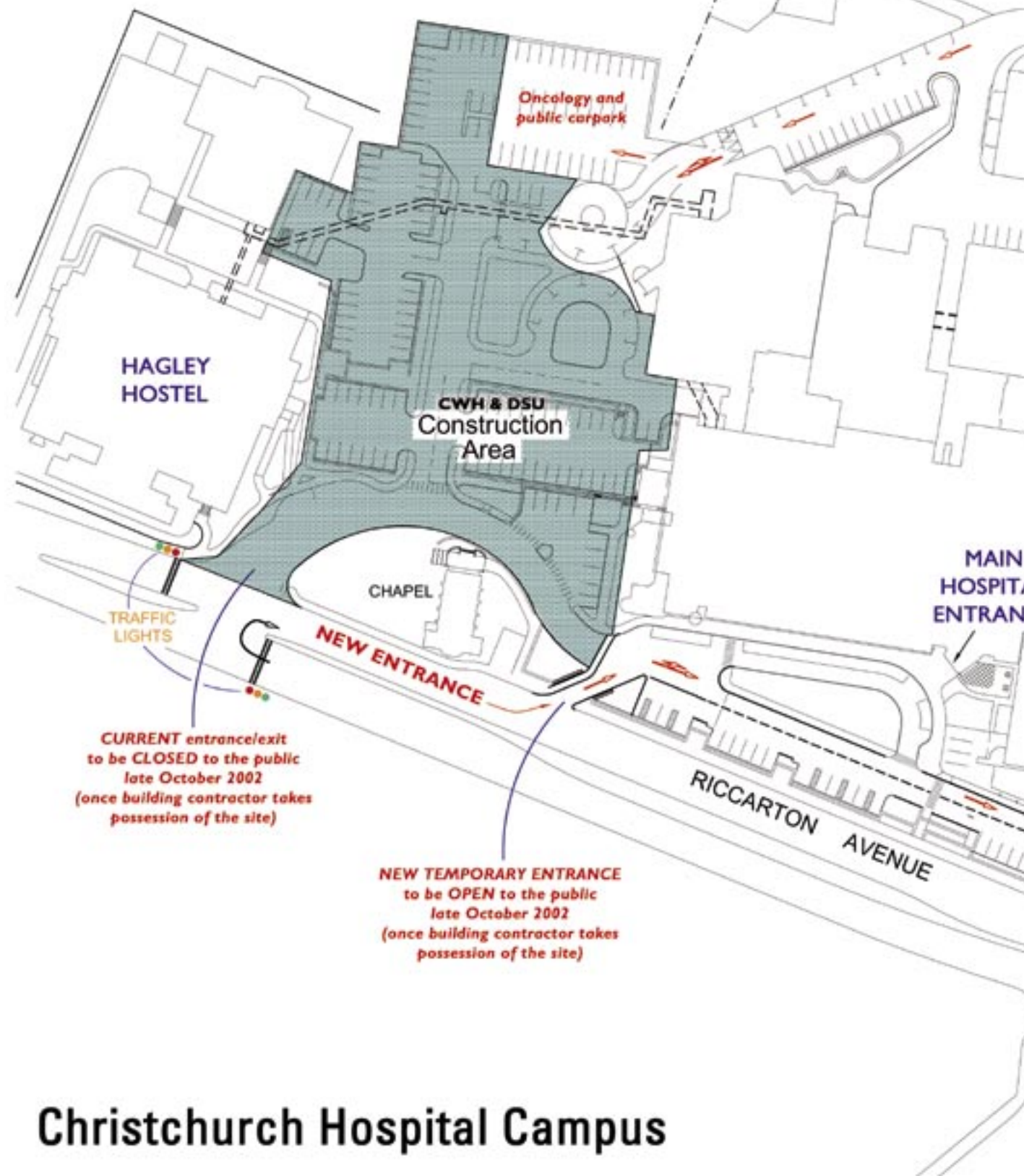
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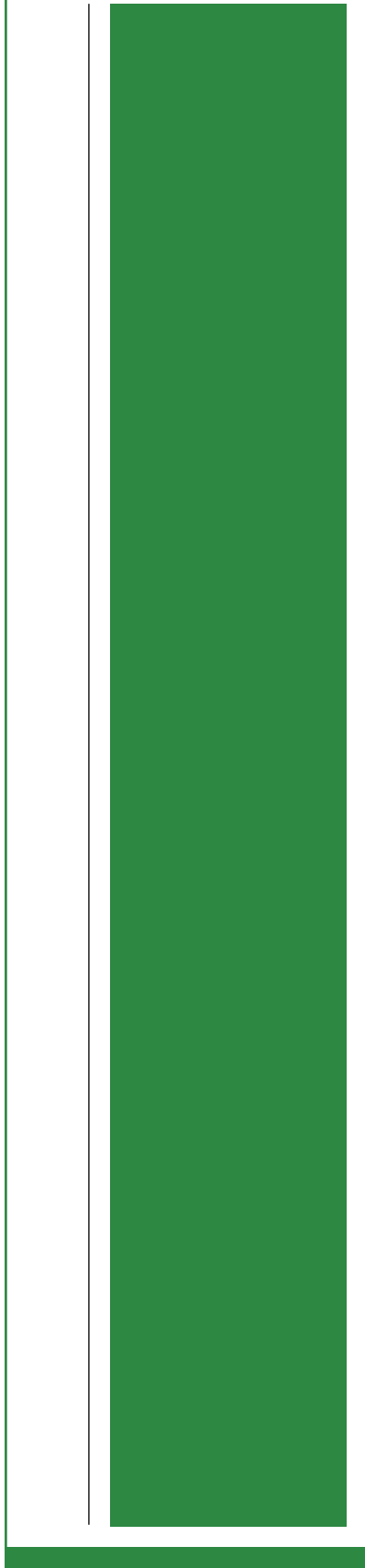
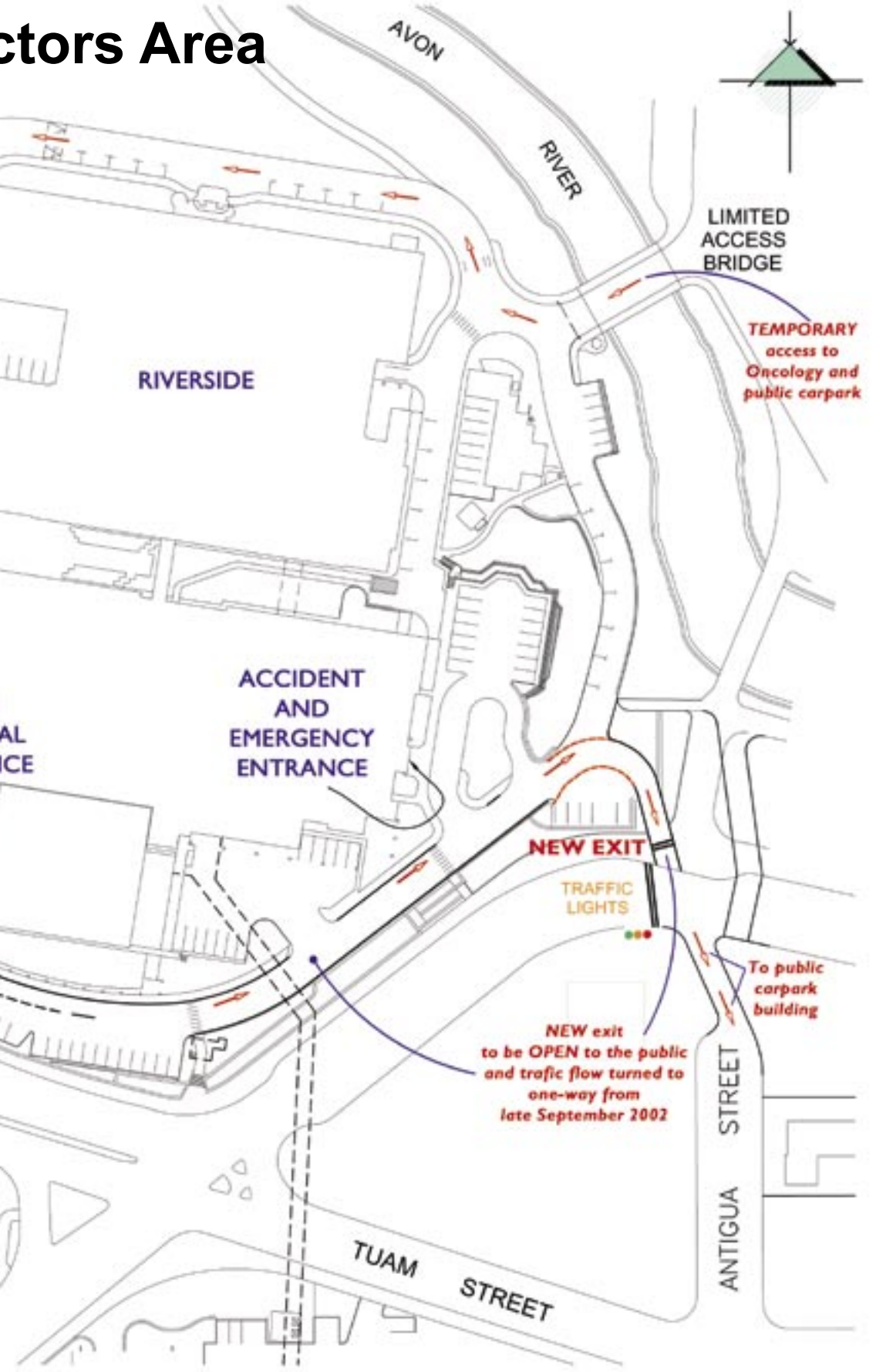
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Christchurch Hospital Campus



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New Vehicle Entrance And Exit

A new vehicle entrance and exit are to be built at Christchurch Hospital to allow for the current entrance and exit to be used by contractors working on the construction of the new Christchurch Women's Hospital and Day Surgery facilities.

The current entrance and exit will be closed to the public and staff during the two and a half year construction period.

A new exit is to be built on the east side of the hospital at the site of the current turn around area located adjacent to the Emergency Department entrance. It will exit traffic onto the corner of Antigua St and Oxford Terrace by the existing traffic lights. This exit will open in late September.

Once this exit has been opened the traffic driving around the Riccarton Avenue side of the hospital will be one way only with vehicles entering from Riccarton Avenue and exiting on to Oxford Terrace or Antigua St.

The current exit will also remain open until work begins on the new womens' hospital and day surgery unit.

The new temporary entrance will be located on Riccarton Avenue adjacent to the Nurses' Chapel approximately 80m east from the current entrance and exit. It will open at the start of the construction work for the new women's hospital and day surgery unit. The opening will coincide with the closure of the current entrance and exit.

"The result will be a smoother flow of vehicles around the hospital campus

and the elimination of the need for cars to turn around at the Emergency Department," Canterbury DHB Chief Operating Officer, Bill McDonald, said.

"The new configuration will allow cars to more easily drop off patients before continuing onto the Christchurch Hospital Car Park building on Antigua St," he said.

For vehicles coming to Christchurch Hospital from the west along Riccarton Avenue, the change will be relatively minor. For those approaching from the east, a U-turn is required at the traffic lights. This will be controlled by the traffic lights and there will be no opposing traffic on the green light. Road signs will be erected to inform drivers of the change.

The new exit from the hospital will be controlled by new traffic lights on Oxford Terrace. Vehicles will be able to turn left on to Oxford Terrace or advance straight ahead down Antigua Street towards the Christchurch Hospital Car Park building. There will be no right turn as Oxford Terrace is currently one-way.

As a result of these changes, some carparks in front of the hospital will be lost. These will be replaced by the construction of new parking spaces in the same area.

New planting and footpaths will complete the project which will begin in August.

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