

# Gilbert Building Redevelopment Project

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## Construction reaches new heights



The Gilbert Building is about to make its mark on the Women's and Children's Hospital skyline.

The steel framework for levels 6, 7 and 8 is on its way up, with the pouring of the concrete slabs for each floor to take place as the structural construction progresses.

It is an exciting phase of the \$24 million redevelopment project, with many preliminary works now complete. The lift shaft of the Good Friday Building has now been extended and this will improve access to the Gilbert Building. The Good Friday Building lifts are expected to reopen this month. The Good Friday Building lift stairwell has also been extended.

Other recent project developments include: agreement on the external colours for the fascia of the Gilbert Building extension and the start of work on the extension of the Gilbert building lift shaft. The internal design for levels 7 and 8 is also now finalised. Level 7 will include a specialised single-point haematology and oncology centre, now to be called The Michael Rice Centre for Haematology and Oncology (see story overleaf) to treat children and teenagers with cancer or blood disorders. The Little Heroes Foundation has committed \$2 million for the centre.

The Breathing Space respiratory centre on level 8 will include a respiratory assessment service for lung illnesses and a gene therapy laboratory, to research a cure for cystic fibrosis. The Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation has committed \$2.6 million for The Breathing Space.

The project is on track to be complete by the end of 2011.



*Hansen Yuncken has provided an innovative use of the construction site safety fence on the Playdeck, making it a gallery for young artists in hospital.*

*See over for more construction images.*



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## New names announced

The Little Heroes Foundation has announced a new name for the single point haematology and oncology centre being built as part of the Gilbert Building Redevelopment Project.

The centre will now be known as the Michael Rice Centre for Haematology and Oncology.

Dr Rice is a valued member of the hospital's medical staff who has made an outstanding contribution to the care of children with cancer and their families over many years.



*Dr Michael Rice*

Dr Rice was Head of the hospital's Oncology Department for several years and he has worked as a consultant paediatrician and oncologist in both private and public hospital practice.

## The Breathing Space

The Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation has also announced the name of level 8, the Breathing Space respiratory centre, which will include a respiratory assessment service for lung illnesses and a gene therapy laboratory, to research a cure for cystic fibrosis.

The Foundation's CEO Sam Tolley said the name not only summed up the purpose of the centre but "would hopefully make it seem a little less daunting for younger patients when they visited".



*Preparing to lift some materials with the crane.*

## Events to keep stakeholders informed

The Children, Youth and Women's Health Service (CYWHS) recently opened its doors to members of the public, sponsors, charities, patients, families and staff interested in learning more about the Gilbert Building Redevelopment Project.

From 27 September to 2 October 2010, six showcase events were held in the Women's and Children's Hospital's Alan Crompton Boardroom, at which guests could view a range of drawings, colour boards and finishes for the \$24 million building project.

They were able to view the latest construction images and representatives from the CYWHS Executive and the project management team were on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Many of the families who attended had been involved with the project since the initial consultation stage, and were able to see how their suggestions and feedback had been incorporated into the new areas.

Thanks go to those who were able to attend and participate.



*The top of the Gilbert Building in early November.*



*The structural steel framework to level 7.*