

# As we were 1960 to 1969



## District Populations 1960 to 1969

Whakatāne: 23,956  
Ōpōtiki: 5,036

### Whakatāne Hospital Leaders

#### Board Chair:

1945-1965 Mr J Mullins  
1965-1968 Mr AG Judd  
1968-1983 Mr TG Santon

#### Medical:

1937-1963 Dr ET Dawson  
1963-1976 Mr J Upsdell

#### Nursing:

1951-1967 Miss CP Booth  
1967-1974 Miss HC Tosswill

#### Management:

1951-1969 Mr AJ Regan  
1969-1988 Mr K O'Leary



1960 Whakatāne Hospital Graduations

From left: Gaye Suckling, Julie Thomson, Janet Mills, Mrs G Garaway (Tutor Sister), Shirley Larsen, Liz Hansen and Rosalie Nicolls



1962 Bay of Plenty Hospital Board

From left standing: Mr AJ Regan (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr MHD McKee, Mr TG Santon, Mr ML Mercer and Mr F Reichardt  
From left sitting: Mrs R Withy, Miss CP Booth (Matron), Mr J Mullins (Chairman), Dr ET Dawson (Medical Superintendent), Mrs DC Petty and Mrs MP Howell



### The Whakatāne Hospital Chapel

At the 25th Anniversary of the BOP Registered Nurses Association in 1960 the decision was made to raise funds for the Whakatāne Hospital Chapel which was dedicated in 1967.



### Dawson Block

Whakatāne Hospital's Dawson Block opened in 1963 - Men's & Women's Wards became Men's and Women's Medical Wards and the new block became the Men's and Women's Surgical Wards.

## Timeline

Eastern Bay of Plenty Area

1960

A Tsunami warning, triggered by a 9.5 earthquake in Chile, caused the largest coastal evacuation in NZ history on 25 May. The hospital continued to function during the evacuation.



1963

Mr J Upsdell appointed Medical Superintendent and first full time Orthopaedic Surgeon at Whakatāne.  
The multi-story Nurses Home was built.  
The Landing Road bridge was completed across Whakatāne River.



1965

Community Nurse Registration programme (later Enrolled Nurse) was established. First class in Whakatāne School of Nursing began in 1966.



1968

Jim Savage, a Whakatāne resident contracted Polio at the age of 22 which left him a paraplegic. He won a bronze medal at the third Paralympic Games in Israel in the shot put event.



Late 1960s

Mrs Shirley Matchitt (Kitchen Supervisor 1957 to 1991) and Peter Wales (Storeman 1958 to 1973).



New Zealand (NZ) and World

1960's

Cardiac pacemakers, renal dialysis & transplants, fertility treatment & The Pill introduced. Intensive Care Units were established. Penal rates introduced for health employees.



1962

Sabin oral vaccine replaced Salk injection for poliomyelitis.

1964

First Psychopaedic Nurses graduated. School Certificate qualification required for general nurse training.

1965

Hospital Employment Regulations established - 40 hour week, 8 hour days and one clear period of 24 hrs off duty per week for registered and student nurses.



1967

Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society purchased a radiotherapy machine and provided funds for Cancer care.  
South African Dr Christiaan Barnard performed the world's first heart transplant.

1968

NZ's second Medical School opened in Auckland. The Otago Medical School was opened in 1875.  
Wahine Interisland Ferry went down with the loss of 51 lives.



1969

Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin become the first men on the moon.