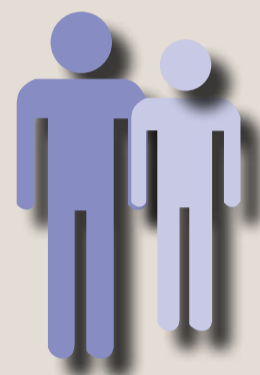


As we were 1980 to 1989



District Population 1980 to 1989
Whakatāne, Kawerau and Ōpōtiki: 31,016

Whakatāne Hospital Leaders

Board Chair:

1968-1983 Mr TG Santon
1983-1986 Mrs PM Cunninghame
1986-1989 Mr P Craig

Medical:

1976-1982 Dr DP Short
1982-1985 Dr WJS Barnes
1986-1988 Dr K Ridings
1988-1991 Mr JA Cunninghame

Nursing:

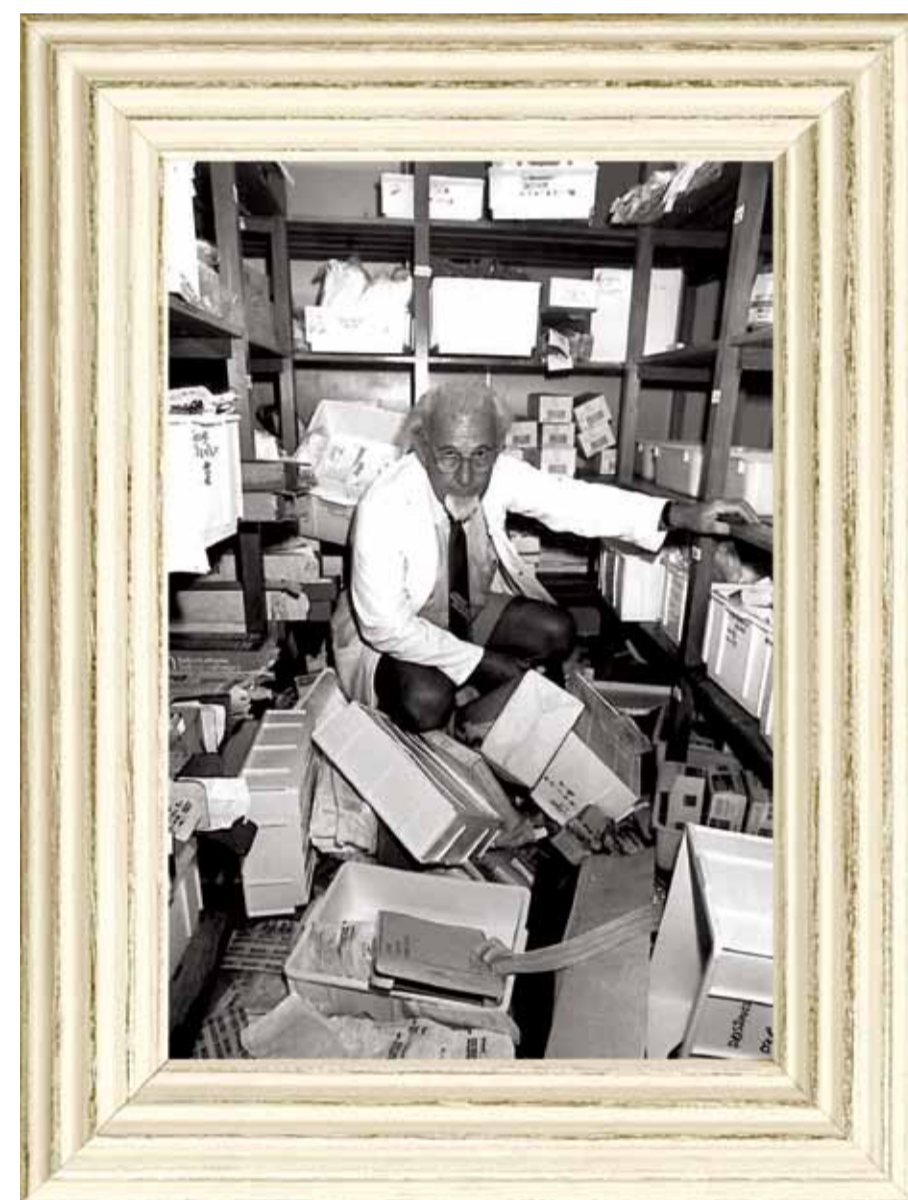
1974-1991 Mr RA McMullan

Management:

1969-1988 Mr KA O'Leary
1989-1991 Mr M Richards

Dr Keith Ridings, Medical Superintendent amongst the 1987 earthquake chaos

On 2nd March 1987 the first quake was at 1:20pm and measured 3.7 on Richter scale. Staff carried on working until quake two at 1:36pm measuring 5.1 which sent people sheltering under doorways. Six minutes later a 6.3 quake hit the area with major damage to the hospital. Tāneatua and Whakatāne Bridges were both closed briefly isolating Whakatāne from the rest of the EBOP.



1980 Aerial view of Whakatāne Hospital site

The Godfrey Santon block suffered structural and water damage as the result of the Edgcombe earthquake and was closed for 16 months but the operating theatre reopened in three weeks. A series of earthquake reinstatement contracts totalling \$1.7 million were approved for the block, including removal of asbestos, application of fire retardant coatings, installation of new suspended ceilings, and an upgrade of the lifts.



1989 Bay of Plenty Area Health Board

Back row from left: Maria Tini, Bill Brislin, Harry Childs, Lois Jones, Kevin O'Leary and Preston Craig
Middle row: Margaret Rex-Benner, Sharon Cole, Kaye Graham, Dr Sarah Calvert, Diana Hedgers and Peggy Wetini
Front row: Puti Puti O'Brien, Dr Ross Tyler (Deputy Chair), Sally Wilkinson (Chairperson) and Dr Ian MCPerson (Chief Executive)

Timeline

Eastern Bay of Plenty Area

1980s

Sandy Milne and Dr Chris Moyes began a series of studies which showed the endemic nature of Hepatitis B in NZ. The Hepatitis Foundation developed an immunisation programme for infants and young children. NZ was one of the first countries in the world to adopt the universal infant vaccination.

From left: Sandy Milne, David Longe (Prime Minister) and Dr Chris Moyes



1982

Dr A Dominick, first full time anaesthetist appointed. He also began running Pain Clinics.



From left: Duchess of Kent, Dr Chris Moyes and Doug Short

1985

Duke and Duchess of Kent visit Whakatāne Hospital.

Following a petition by nurses the Hospital Board made the decision to no longer require nurses to wear caps.

1987

A magnitude 6.3 earthquake hits the EBOP area.



1988

The last class of Enrolled Nurses graduated from Whakatāne Hospital.

Cyclone Bola devastated large areas of the eastern Bay of Plenty.

1989

Rangimarie Room (originally Whānau Room) opened to provide accommodation for whānau/families to be near patients.

Introduction of 2/3 elected 1/3 appointed Hospital Board members.

District Council Chambers and Social Welfare offices in Pyne Street burned to the ground.

New Zealand (NZ) and World

1980's

Major re-organisation of NZ Health Services began and the first fully computerised Patient Management System was introduced.

Government committed to honouring the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and Māori members appointed to Hospital Boards.

First Comprehensive Nurse graduates join the workforce.



1983

Day Hospital opened with multidisciplinary teams - Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Social Work

Area Health Boards Act transferred Public Health Services from Department of Health to Area Health Boards.

1984

Three year comprehensive nursing course established at Waiariki Polytechnic in Rotorua.

United States and French scientists identified the deadly AIDS virus

Sir Robert Edwards produced NZ's first Test tube baby.



From left: Dr Luc Montagnier and Dr Robert Gallo

1988

Māori Health Kai Awhina appointed, Hohepa Kereopa

The Hospital & Related Services Taskforce Report (Gibb's Report) resulted in major restructuring of Health Services.



1989

First ever General Nurses strike.

Deinstitutionalisation of Intellectual Disability residents from Psychiatric Hospitals into community facilities.