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PROGRESS REPORT

Crafting the Future of Orthopaedics at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital

MAY 2024



Introduction



Whether it's a fractured bone due to an accident or a growth abnormality, many parents seek help from the orthopaedic clinical team, a specialised area of medicine focusing on bone or joint problems, to heal their children.

The Orthopaedic service at Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital (RCWMCH) provides surgical and non-surgical care, including rehabilitation.

Currently, this specialised service is scattered across various departments within the hospital and situated at an off-site facility that closed at the end of March 2024. This prompted the need to move the multi-disciplinary service to the RCWMCH.



Building Cost: **R80 000 000.00**



Equipment: **R30 000 000.00**



Project Commencement Date: **6 November 2023**



Anticipated Completion Date: **March/April 2025**



Area identified for the Orthopaedic Unit: **Area behind the hospital where the Blood Bank, Medical Records and Archives were located.**



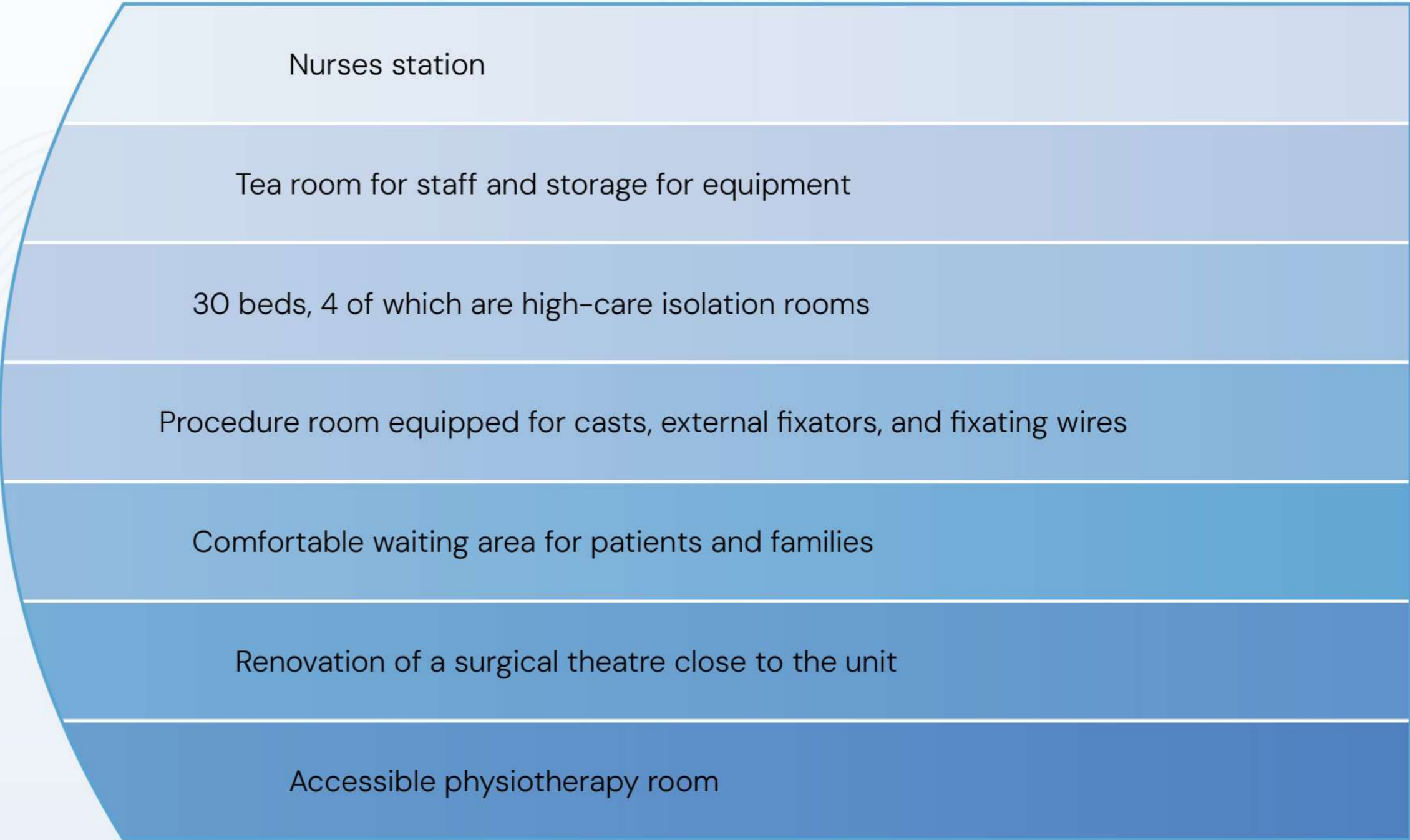
Amount Spent March 2023- April 2024: **R12 994 258**

The Goal



The project aims to construct and equip a cutting-edge 30-bed Orthopaedic Unit at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital, combining innovation with compassion to ensure children receive comprehensive care in one location.

The following areas will be built & equipped



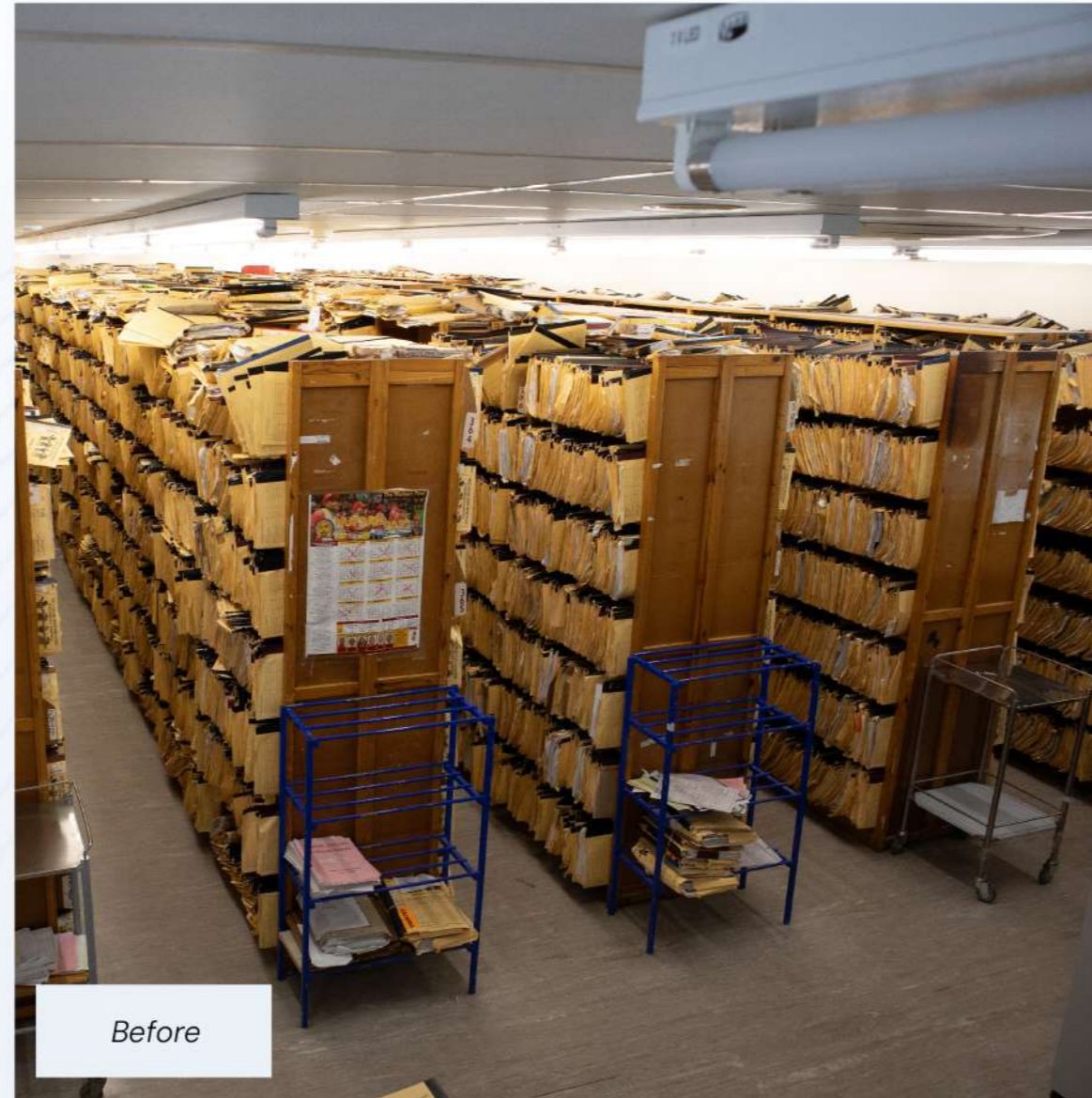
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PHASE 1

Preparation for relocation of Medical Records of RCWMCH patients

These files are required for all patients treated at RCWMCH.



Before

Original space for the Archives (ground floor)



Before

Original space for the Medical Records (first floor)

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PHASE 2

Relocation of the Blood Bank, Medical Records and Medical Archives to temporary spaces

The Phase 2 building site was handed over to the Building Contractor on the 6th of February 2024.

The Blood Bank

- A temporary area was prepared by the Hospital for the Blood Bank to allow the blood service to continue from within the Hospital.
- The Blood Bank equipment and personnel have moved in, and the service is fully operational.



Before

Original Blood Bank building before it was demolished



Temporary

Temporary space for the Blood Bank

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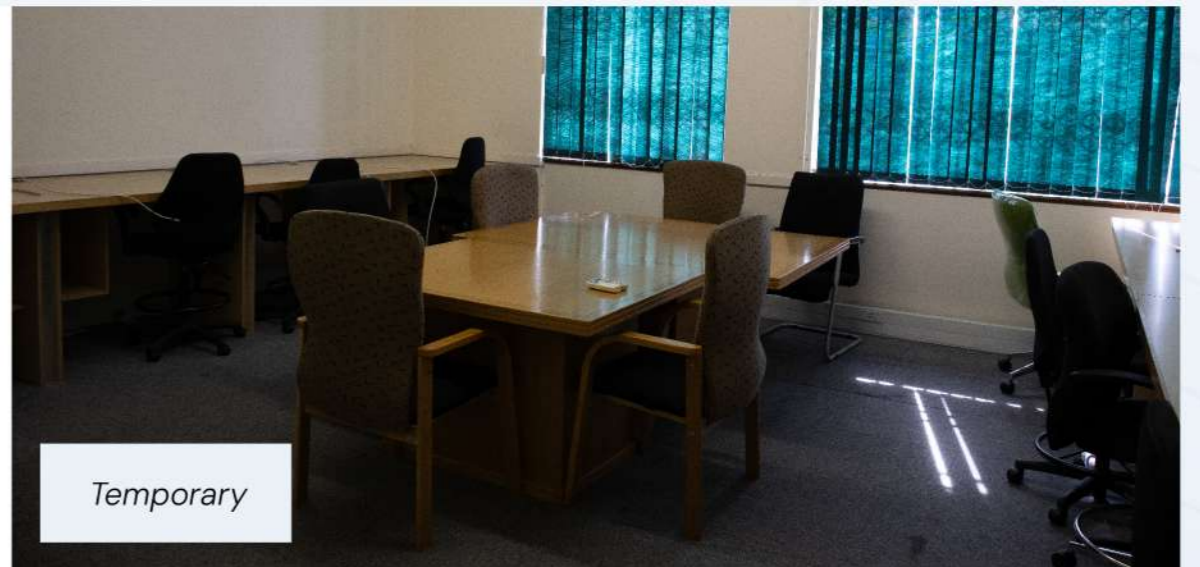
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Medical Records and Archives

- The archive folders were relocated to seven hired containers on the Hospital grounds.
- The medical records files were moved into two prepared rooms with shelving for the duration of the project.
- The medical records staff have relocated to the space and are fully operational.



Temporary space for the Archives (inside containers)



Temporary space for the Medical Records

Temporary office space for the staff

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PHASE 2

Current Building

Original buildings being demolished



Ground Breaking Event



Thank you to all guests who joined us at the Orthopaedic Ground Breaking Event on the 17th of April 2024

Meet Josh



Crafting the future of Orthopaedics for children like Josh and his family

Josh Rinkwest is 14 years old, from Lotus River, and loves playing golf and boxing. As a patient benefitting from the RCWMCH orthopaedic services since he was merely five days old, he was an enthusiastic guest of honour at the Orthopaedic Groundbreaking Ceremony in April 2024.

Read on to hear what he had to say on the day:

"I'm Josh Rinkwest and I am here to talk about my history with Red Cross, Conradie and Maitland Cottage. I was born as a micro-prem at 27 weeks and weighed 670g, just over a brick of butter, at Vincent Pallotti. Upon arrival, they discovered that the umbilical cord was wrapped around my leg, just below my knee. I was five days old when they amputated my leg. Doctor Stewart Dix-Peek performed the operation and it was a success.

As you know, at some stage a baby wants to walk, so I went to Red Cross and met Doctor Dix-Peek who referred me to Conradie where I met Olwen, a Medical Orthotist Prosthetist. Olwen made my first leg: it wasn't much but it worked!



I have been attending Red Cross almost my entire life, and it's like a second home.

In 2017 I broke my wrist and had two operations done by Dr Dix-Peek. I spent two weeks in Maitland Cottage and had my cast on for five months with three pins screwed in my arm. I had a further amputation done on my leg in 2001, due to my knee dislocating in my prosthetic. I spent three weeks in Maitland Cottage. I still attend Red Cross today, and I am sure with your help we can build another orthopedic unit here at Red Cross. I think it is a phenomenal idea because all the resources are under one roof.

Some advice from me:

Be positive. Be strong. Be brave.

It's not about how much time you fall, but about how many times you get back up and fight. "

-Josh Rinkwest

Thank you



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