

Green Spaces

In addition to the environmental benefits, thriving green spaces at Taranaki Base and Hāwera hospitals have numerous health and wellbeing benefits. Taranaki DHB has a range of sustainability initiatives under way in preserving green spaces at the Base campus and Hawera Hospital grounds.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GARDENS

Taranaki Base Hospital has existing gardens, orchard (variety of fruit trees), and native bush area (habitat of native birdlife). Refer to Figure 1.

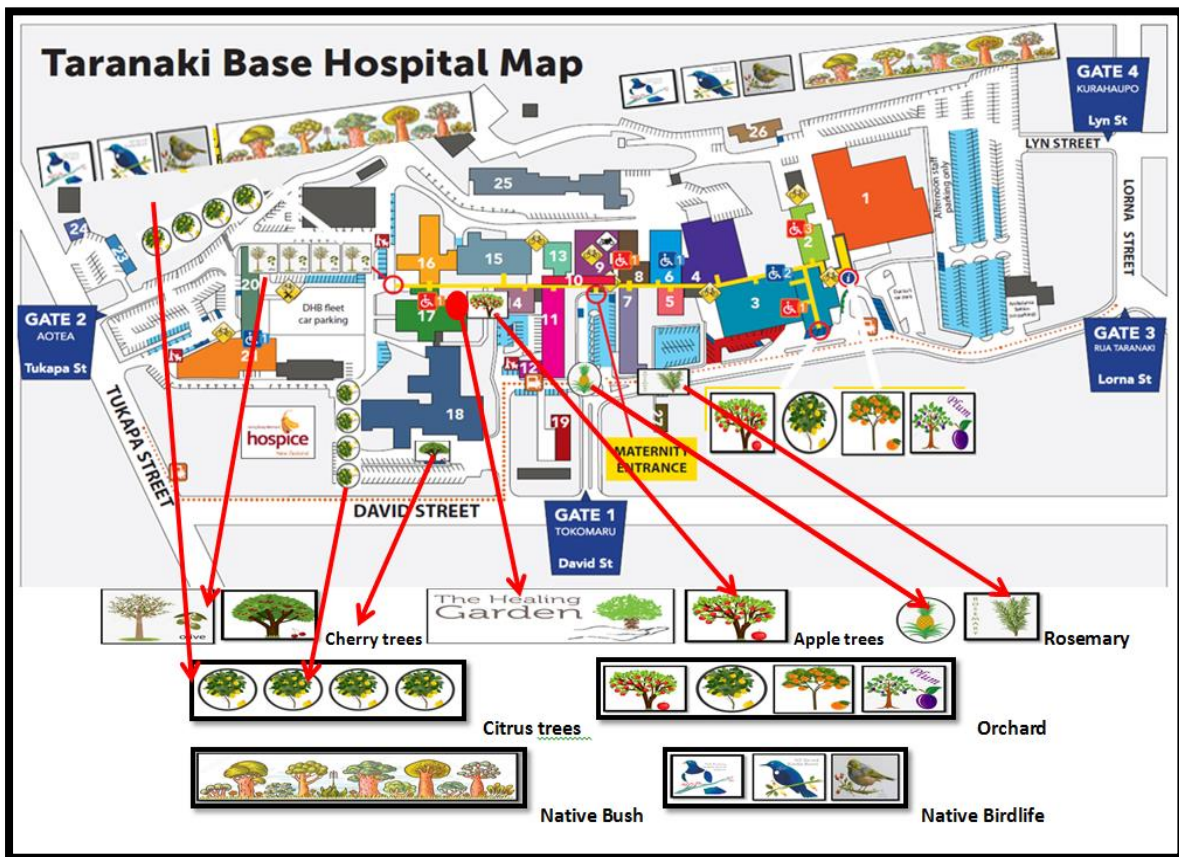











Figure 1: Map showing the location of the healing garden, orchard, native bush & birdlife, and fruit trees growing in the Base Hospital campus.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GARDENS

Taranaki DHB is co-developing sustainable community gardens with Kahui tikanga, staff, local businesses, organisations and the community at the Base and Hawera Hospitals. Our main project drivers are:

	Link holistic health approaches to our sustainable community gardens
	Directly engage with community aspirations.
	Contribute directly to sustainability principles
	Form a tangible foundation of Treaty Partnership

The suggested garden sites are:

	Te Puna Waiora
	Food Forest / Bird Oasis
	Existing Orchard and Renal Unit
	Oncology Courtyard
	Te Pā Harakeke - Māra Whai Tikanga Māori

The proposed location of the sustainable community gardens are referred to in Figure 2.

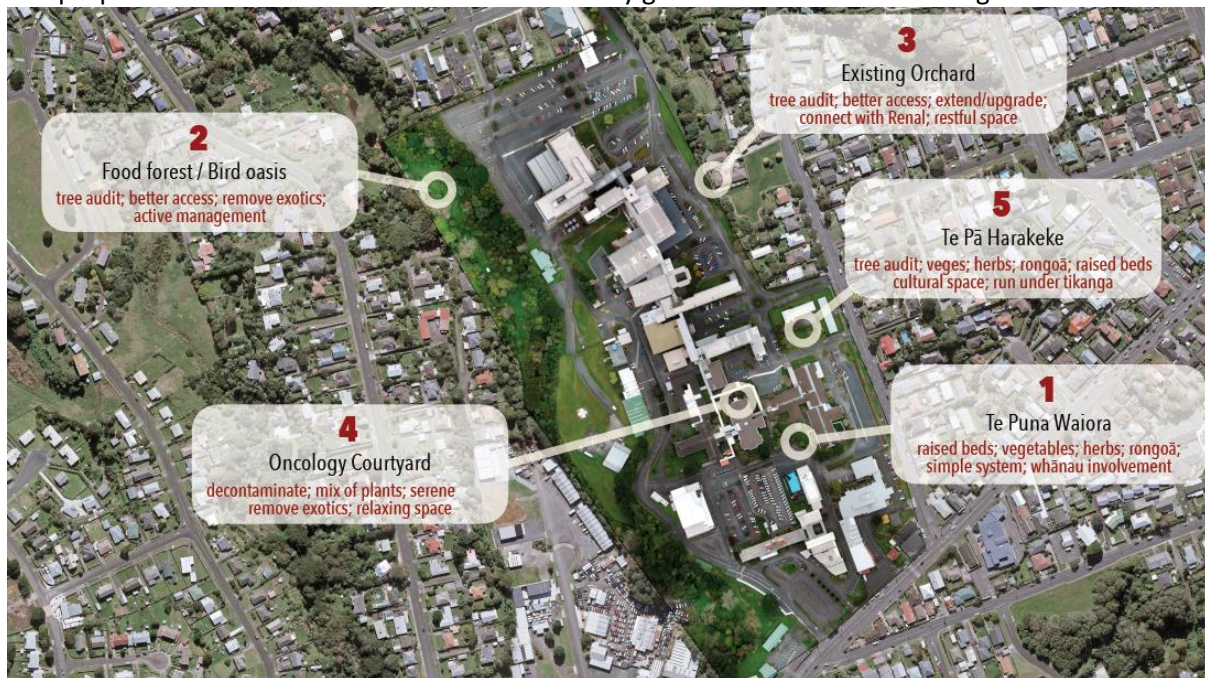


Figure 2: Aerial map showing the location of proposed sustainable community gardens.

PREDATOR FREE TARANAKI DHB

A new predator control project by Taranaki Base Hospital's Sustainable Health Network (SHN) aims to restore nearby native bush area and birdlife. The native bush area is located between the rear carpark and Seaview Road, adjacent to a small stream along the western boundary of the hospital.

The bush area is classed as a significant natural area by the New Plymouth District Council and has potential to be a great urban restoration project. Native birds such as tūī, kererū and silvereyes are already making a home for themselves among the tōtara, puriri, kauri and nīkau – among others.



Photo 1: Sustainable Health Network members with Taranaki Regional Council Officer (right)

The SHN was assisted by the Taranaki Regional Council's Towards Predator-Free Taranaki and urban project lead, Chauncy Ardell to set up rat and stoat traps. Chauncy also showed the team how to safely check and reset the traps and how to record checks and catches on-line www.trap.nz.



Photo 2: Chauncy Ardell, Taranaki Regional Council Officer (right) with some of the SHN trappers



John Whelan, SHN project lead, has set-up a roster among SHN volunteers (both clinical and non-clinical staff) to ensure the traps are regularly checked.

Contact us

If you wish to volunteer and be involved with the development and maintenance of our sustainable community gardens, monitor predator traps and possum bait stations within our native bush area, learn to prune fruit trees in our orchard, and how to compost, please email Maria Cashmore, sustainability lead at GoZeroCarbon@tdhb.org
