

Brave Hearts

An Exhibition

The New Zealand Cardiac Story



For those of you who came to our 'launch' on 5 July or who sent apologies, thank you.

We had a very successful evening with Carol Hirschfeld donating her time as MC, Dr Alan Kerr recounting the history of the cardiac unit at Green Lane Hospital and Andrew Ta'afuli Fiu inspiring and amusing us with his tales of experiencing six open heart surgeries. Rick Pearson, architect and internationally renowned museum exhibition designer showed us a video depiction of how 'Brave Hearts' may look in the two 40 ft shipping containers, skilfully blending the art and emotion of the heart with the science in a multi-sensory interactive exhibition.

'Brave Heart's is intended to tell little known stories of how Kiwi doctors led medical innovations that helped transform the way heart disease was treated around the world. The exhibition will commemorate the achievements of people in the 1950s and 1960s in particular, who were extremely innovative, and a leading group in cardiac surgery. Alan Kerr explained that "in New Zealand we were way ahead of many other countries when it came to what was happening

here, and many patients even came from overseas to be treated. Pioneers in the field including **Sir Douglas Robb** and **Sir Brian Barratt-Boyes**, helped put New Zealand on the map for cardiac surgery".

One of the recipients of this expert care, Andrew Ta'afuli Fiu told his story of spending a total of four years in hospital from 1979 onwards, and undergoing six open heart surgeries following a childhood bout of rheumatic fever. He recounted his story with humour, deep insights and genuine affection for the care and expertise that has been such a big part of his life.

'Brave Hearts' is the first tangible step towards a dedicated medical museum, being developed by the Auckland Medical Museum Trust, to showcase our medical achievements and inspire future generations.

If you have not yet made a donation, please help bring a medical museum to Auckland with a donation towards the 'Brave Hearts' exhibition.



Green Lane Hospital



Dr Alan Kerr and Andrew Ta'afuli Fiu

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