Notions of Therapy:
Unitec Campus History

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Volcanic Field of Auckland
Hochstetter, 1859
Volcanic rock at South of campus.
Sedimentary clay soil along Carrington Rd
Wairaka Spring

The long drinking spring waters of Wairaka

This is a waahi tapu, an historic place which marks its occupation by Wairaka, of the Mataatua canoe who lived here around 950AD. When she was thirsty, she demanded water, stamped her foot, whence water gushed out of the ground.
Carving representing Wairaka on left side of Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae wharenui lintel
Purchased by the Crown from Ngati Whatua in 1848
Carrington Hospital building from the north entrance ca.1895, Auckland Institute and Museum, neg C217
Carrington Polytechnic opened 1976
Carrington Hospital will close on July 15 and the Auckland Area Health Board hopes to sell it this financial year.

Forty-eight staff were laid off on Tuesday and 38 psychiatric nurses accepted voluntary redundancy.

Once the historic building (pictured right) is empty, area health board district commissioner Gary Taylor says, it will be sold.

Some parties are already interested but he would not say how many or what nationality they are.

He would give no details, saying they are commercially sensitive.

He says the Ngati Whatua will be consulted over the sale and money from it will go back into mental health services.

Public Service Association spokesperson Marnie Ainsworth says some of the nurses would have stayed on for the last two weeks but the union and management agreed they could leave early to ensure their redundancy money was not taxed.

New redundancy laws are being considered by a parliamentary select committee.

Only 35 beds are still being used at Carrington and they will be moved to a new 60-bed acute unit at Auckland Hospital.

Meantime, staff from this new unit are looking after Carrington patients with the help of Kingsseat staff.

Although the main building at Carrington is closing, three others housing Maori mental health and forensic services will stay on site.

Carrington Hospital was built in 1867 and, in its heyday during the early 1970s, housed about 1200 patients.
Remnant stone walls from the farm
Pine and cypress shelter belts
Gnarly old row of seedling oaks.
Drinking trough
19th Century Ideas of Therapy
Carrington Hospital building from the north entrance ca. 1895, Auckland Institute and Museum, neg C217.
Building 6 plan section and north elevation
Aerial view from the North. Archives New Zealand 1966 - File Sheet. BBAD 154 Box 3071 b 13/3/6 Hospitals, Reserves and Domains – Oakley Hospital.
Male and Female Airing Courts
The Female Airing Court today with weeping elm
Mixed native and exotic amenity trees near Building 48
We're not a park, says Unitec boss

5:00 AM Tuesday Jun 24, 2014
Locals love open space on campus and object to intensive development plans.

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"We're happy for them to make use of the campus and find better ways to do that.

"It's not our core business to be a park. We're an education provider," he emphasises, returning to the Academic Service Centre, otherwise known as Building 48, which Unitec says was once a male ward "for less dangerous patients".
Unitec Context map – green networks of open space, habitat, water management and access

Meola reef, zoo, parks, MOTAT, golf course

Unitec campus

Oakley creek

Volcanic cone – Owairaka Reserve
Wetland ponds - Unitec

- filter run off from paving and parking areas.
Native plantings - amongst older exotics
Revegetation of riparian zones
Community Gardens - on ex-Horticulture department vegetable production site.
Flax plantings in association with Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae
Unitec Arboretum Project
Heritage trees associated with original hospital buildings
Botanically rare specimens
eg. Castanopsis cuspidata – Japanese tan oak
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The largest specimen of *Jacaranda mimosafolia* in Auckland
Memorial plantings for staff
The suffrage garden
Jelly palms – recent plantings at the vet hospital
Native tree planting around the IBM centre
Cupressus ‘Swanes Gold’ Entry 1 avenue
Fruit trees
Arboretum Project stages:

- Documentation
- Labeling
- Website development
- Planning future planting projects – community engagement
Documentation

Student class project to expand the data stored about the trees & add photographs – half the campus covered 2011, another quarter in 2012

Research assistant now rationalising the inputs.
Labelling for 100 top trees – with QR code

Quercus cerris

Common Name: Turkey oak
Family Name: Fagaceae
Country of Origin: Europe
List of Trees by Botanical Name

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- Acer negundo
- Acer palmatum
- Acer palmatum dissectum atropurpureum
- Acer pseudoplatanus
- Acer pseudoplatanus ‘Purpureum’
- Acer saccharinum
- Ackama rosifolia
- Acmena smithii
- Aesculus hippocastanum
- Aesculus turbinata
- Afrocarpus gracilior
- Agathis australis
- Agathis robusta
- Agonis flexuosa
- Albizia julibrissin
- Alectryon excelsus
- Aloe aristata
- Araucaria columnaris
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Welcome

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Unitec Arboretum

Unitec Arboretum who lives on campus? (8 photos)

July 25 at 5:25pm
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Community engagement

Promoting the campus interest points, trees and activities, and planning new plantings eg. fruit trees, riparian plantings, spring blossom and trees for birds etc. Discussions with Friends of Oakley Creek to discuss synergies.
advance
Spring 2013
Research with impact

Protecting our urban forest
Creating an arboretum at Unitec's Mt Albert campus
Recent development plan for the next era of landuse

The challenge....
Building One

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Director(s) Bertie Plaatman

The story of an Auckland landmark, Unitec’s Building One, from lunatic asylum to technology institute through the eyes of its inhabitants.