



Mrs Rose Hollard plants a native ascarina lucida to mark the completion of new facilities at Hollard Gardens, Kaponga.

## Better yet at gardens

The new facilities built at Hollard Gardens, Kaponga, would be an "amazing adjunct" to the whole concept.

That was the opinion of the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust chairman, Mr Les Gandar, at a ceremony to celebrate the completion of a new office-workshop and public toilets building yesterday.

The garden is owned by the trust, having been gifted to it by Bernard and Rose Hollard in 1982. Mr Hollard had owned the land since 1926 and began planting almost 40 years ago.

The \$20,000 building is part of the new Te Ngaki Mara garden (the newly cleared ground) which was first planted some

four years ago. It will be used by horticulturist Mrs Jenny Oakley.

And an old shed near the garden's main entrance had also been converted into a public shelter, displaying visitor information.

Increasing numbers of people to the garden had prompted the trust to develop the new facilities for the enjoyment of local, national and overseas visitors, Mr Gandar said.

Mr Hollard said that since the rest of his original dairy farm had been sold, the Te Ngaki Mara would be the last addition to the garden.

"At long last we've come to the stage where the public are able to use the garden and today we have the opening of these facilities which will be quite a help in the future," he said.

During the ceremony, four National Trust certificates in appreciation of special contributions were made. They went to representatives of the Kaponga Lions Club and the Waimate County Council, Mr Graeme Smith, Pukejiti Trust, and Mr Alan Jellyman, New Plymouth City Council.

And in a fitting end to the celebrations, Mrs Hollard planted a native *Ascarina lucida*.

## Smoking space hospital

Tobacco addicts can breathe easy at Stratford Hospital.

A separate smoking area had now been set aside for their use, the surgeon superintendent, Dr Mike Howard, told yesterday's hospital board meeting.

Dr Howard said the hospital recognised the health dangers of smoking, but did not think it had the right to dictate that people stop smoking.

The area would allow those who chose to smoke to do so where it would not affect non-smokers.

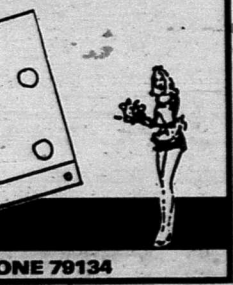
"I find it difficult to use the dictatorial attitudes that some have suggested," he said.

### Services

The use of hospital services appeared to have settled down after a number of record-breaking months.

Dr Howard said the average bed occupancy rate of 74% made the hospital comfortably full. Patients were now more

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