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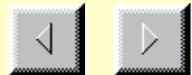
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History

Ranfurly was founded under a deed of trust in 1903. The then Governor of the Colony of New Zealand the Earl of Ranfurly sponsored a National Patriotic Appeal to establish a National Memorial n Honour of the servicemen who laid down their lives in the South African War.

The Honours Board at the home bears the 272 names of the fallen. Known as the Auckland Veterans Home the establishment was opened in 1903 by the Earl with a roll of 40 veterans and has been in continuous use for the benefit of ex-service personnel ever since.

A Board of Trustees administered the home until 1915 when it was transferred to the Auckland Provincial Patriotic and War Relief Association. This situation continued until 1941 when a new constitution and rules were set up under the approval of the Minister of Internal Affairs. At the same time the name of the administering body was changed to the Auckland Veterans Home Board. In 1950 the capital interest in the property was transferred to the New Zealand Patriotic and Canteen Funds Board of Wellington.

A name change took place in 1954 to Ranfurly War Veterans Home in memory of the Earl of Ranfurly and his foresight in founding the home.

Considerable expansion of services took place over the next 30years with the homes capacity being increased to its present situation of 82 bed Rest Home, 35 bed Hospital and a 24 bed Stage 3 Dementia Unit. The home now provides the highest quality of service for 141 veterans. Since March 1995 Ranfurly has held accreditation by the New Zealand Council on Healthcare Standards.