

# MONTHLY UPDATE

## DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

August 2018

It's August. Exam papers are due in by the end of the month, which means the end of the semester is racing up. And we have some good news.

All of the laboratory refurbishments and rearrangements are nearly completed with just a write-up area in the McCormick lab to finish, and everyone is now settled in to their final workspaces. To help people find each other we decided that the best use of this edition of the update would be as a directory of where each lab group is located. Thanks Bronwyn, you may wish to keep a copy in your office/lab, just ask Bronwyn if you'd like extras.

You will see a note from the Dental School below, their decant space is nearly finished too, and soon we will welcome them as our new neighbours on the ground floor for the next year or so. We also welcome several other new staff to the Department, we are especially pleased to have Richard Carlos Torr here to help out with IT, with DJ away for a month Richard will be the first point of call for many!

Hard to believe semester break is next week. I know many staff and students are off to Queenstown, so the Department will be relatively quiet. Good luck to all those presenting in Queenstown, have fun and make the most of the opportunity to discuss your science. Before then I look forward to hearing how all the 400-level student projects have progressed – be sure to come along on Thursday!



*Catherine*

### Dental School decant

Currently housed in the Walsh building, the Molecular Biosciences Laboratory (MBL) of the Dental School is now set to decant to the ground floor of the Biochemistry building for the next ~15 months. The Lab has 26 core staff and students ranging from Professors to undergraduate elective students. Research undertaken by MBL is wide ranging, including structural studies on membrane proteins, antimicrobial drug discovery, novel biomaterials, oral bacteria as forensic markers, and studies on angiogenesis. The laboratory members look forward to the prospect of new networking opportunities within the Department of Biochemistry.

### Health and Safety

IBSC recently held an audit in the department which, overall, went well, things to note from the audit were:

Lab coats to be worn when working in the lab (any old, unused lab coats to go to the laundry)

All GMO waste must now be autoclaved inhouse (red autoclave bags are available from stores)

Seal the top of your biohazard bags and get them straight to the collection cage

No heavy equipment/glassware on the top shelves above lab benches

Please take care working with liquid nitrogen and chemicals by ensuring you are wearing the correct protective gear, i.e.: eye protection, gloves. If you are unsure where these are kept in your lab, please ask your lab supervisor.

### New arrivals

Becky Laurie has returned to the Department, working with Craig Marshall.

Elizabeth Permina is now working as a post-doctoral fellow with Parry Guilford and Mik Black.



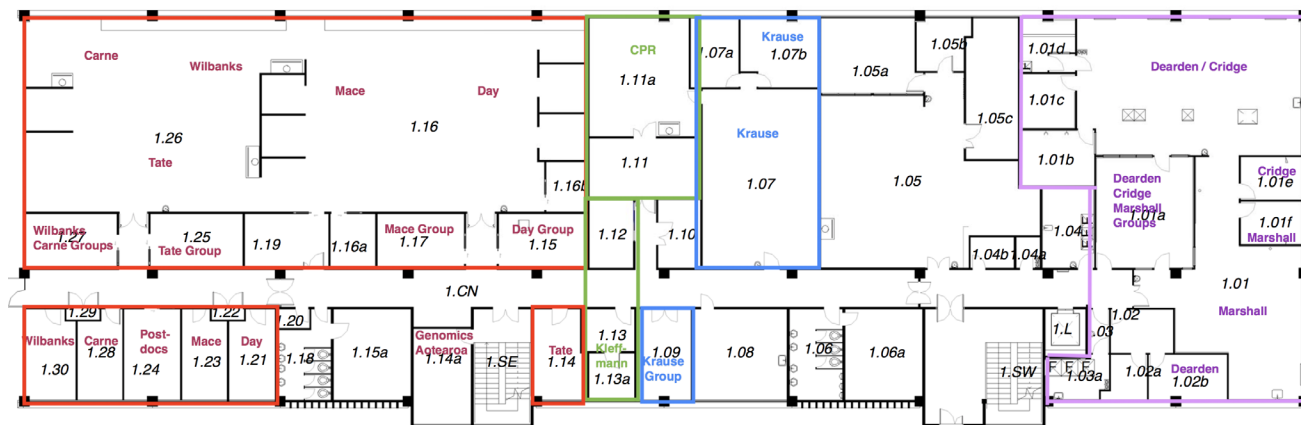
Richard Carlos-Torr is in the IT office while Darren is on 50% at SSR.



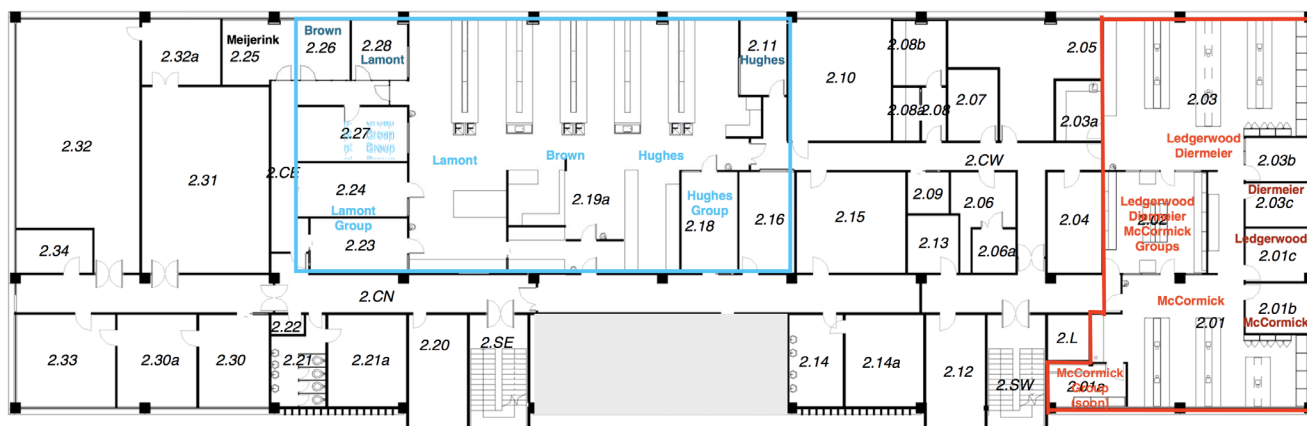
Claire Grant is now working with Genomics Aotearoa as marketing coordinator.

# Building - who is where

## First floor



## Second floor



## Third floor

