

## **Making Albums and Having Cancer: Little rapids, Always running and HPC**

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- A group of individuals joining a band, located in Christchurch where everyone had a connection to each other.
- They all had lives to carry on with before and during the band, so they had a gap of 15 months in their career.
- Blair was diagnosed with Melanoma.

### **Blair Experience in a hospital:**

- Old and most likely worn out.- “ It’s called the Riverside building and it’s shabby. “
- There were no clear directions of the layout of the space/entrance with Blair getting confused on which area to wait in for his appointment- “There were two waiting rooms. Reception directed you to one or the other. We learnt over time that the order you were called in, or the waiting room you were directed to, could be ominous.”
- It was a scary experience within the doctors parameters- “ It was unpleasant. “

### **Second Trip**

- Waiting in the waiting area for a while, something to consider- “ I sat down. It was quick. I’d waited long enough.”
- Was diagnosed with Cancer.

### **Third Trip**

- “We slogged through ankle deep puddles in the dark, and arrived at hospital with wet feet and plenty of time for my 7 am check in”- the outside/exterior of the welcoming space has an effect on the experience within the space.
- “ Hospital wards are busy and noisy. “
- The fear that the guest feel, become enhanced by the cold and dim surrounding space.
  
- “Hospital is warm and airless. I love fresh air. I live in an old, cold house and sleep with a window open through frosty winter nights.”
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