

Akaroa Community Trust - Community Update

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Members of the Akaroa and wider Banks Peninsula community,

The recently appointed Trustees of the Akaroa Community Trust would like to take the opportunity to update you regarding progress made towards the establishment of the Akaroa Health Hub.

It is also with respect and gratitude that we would like to extend our thanks to the members of the Structure Group who have so competently steered the project to its current point, tirelessly contributing their time, energy and collective expertise over a period of 5 years.

You no doubt have followed this project keenly and so are aware that in April 2016 the Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) committed to construct an Integrated Family Health Centre that could serve our community with necessary health services.

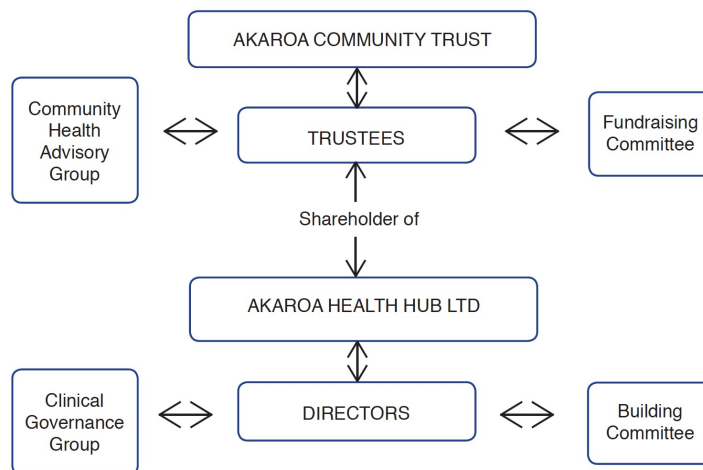
The facility will house 12 beds (including 4 for inpatient use, and 8 aged care beds), the general practice and other community services. To enable the facility to include aged care, a \$2.5 million contribution to the building is needed from the community.

A further \$0.5 million is to be raised to contribute to the operational establishment of the community owned and operated Akaroa Health Hub Ltd which will be the provider of services within the facility.

As Trustees, we are responsible for the raising of community funds and ultimately ensuring that these funds provide a facility and business that serves the needs of our community. We would like you to feel well updated on progress and as such provide the following update.

Establishment of Akaroa Health Hub Ltd

The relationships between the Trust and Akaroa Health Hub Ltd and yet to be established sub-committee groups is outlined below:



The Trustees have quickly moved to appoint Directors for Akaroa Health Hub Ltd. It is important that when the building of the facility is complete Akaroa Health Hub Ltd is ready to swing into action to ensure continuity of services and care for the community.

The Directors will be responsible for establishing and sustaining a healthy business. We are seeking to establish a Board of Directors with sound health sector, business, accounting and financial, risk management, legal and human resources skills.

Christchurch based recruitment specialist Sheffield has advertised for applications over the past month and we have been humbled by the calibre of people who have put their names forward from within the community and throughout New Zealand. Directors should be appointed by the end of June.

The Board will then appoint a General Manager to refine a model of care that integrates the various services required by our community and negotiate a service contract with the CDHB.

Establishment of sub-groups:

The Trustees will soon be seeking nominations for a Community Health Advisory Group that will connect Trustees with community health needs via informed and representative members of the community.

Members of the existing fundraising committee will transition across to report directly to Trustees.

Once established the Board of Directors will appoint a Clinical Governance Group and a building sub-committee.

Building of the facility (update provided by CDHB):

- The timeline is for construction of the facility to begin towards the end of 2017.
- Resource Consent is in the process of being lodged.
- If the necessary steps progress as anticipated a building contract will be awarded in November with construction to start immediately thereafter.
- Architects, quantity surveyors, mechanical, electrical and fire engineers, and structural and civil engineers have all been appointed and the detailed design process has begun.
- The CDHB will own the new facility and lease it to Akaroa Health Hub Ltd under an agreement that takes into account the community's contribution to the facility.
- The CDHB is impressed by the level of community support and efforts in raising funds and wishes to progress the build of the facility as quickly as possible.

Raising of the community contribution:

We are delighted that the current fundraising committee, led by Paul de Latour, is willing to continue to champion fund raising efforts.

It is also vital that we acknowledge the Guardians of Akaroa Hospital, who this year celebrate 25 years of supporting health services in this community, and their considerable contribution to the new facility.

The total fundraising goal is \$3 million. The agreement between the Akaroa Community Trust and the CDHB gives the community four years from the time building commences to raise the \$2.5 million contribution to the building.

To date, an impressive \$880,000 has been raised - almost 30% - an astounding effort. Contributions large and small have made this possible and, with your continued support, we are confident our targets will be met.

Keep in touch:

If you do have any queries of the Trustees or with respect to the establishment of Akaroa Health Hub Ltd please don't hesitate to contact us directly or via info@akaroahealthhub.org.nz.

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