

Akaroa Health Services Update

Significant progress has been made toward an Akaroa Health Hub. The project poses many challenges. We have worked through some, and others remain.

We would like to present the progress made and the next steps to the Akaroa area community. There will be a **public meeting** on **25 October** 2014 at **10.30 a.m.** for this purpose. The meeting will be held at the Akaroa Area School gymnasium.

In addition to the Structure Group, the Canterbury District Health Board and Ngāi Tahu Property Ltd will be represented at the meeting. Without the contributions of both of these organisations, we could not have progressed the Health Hub project as far as we have.

The planned model of care and building site remain as described in previous updates. We are aiming for an Integrated Family Health Centre that combines GP, accident and emergency, and physiotherapy services with 12 flexi-beds that can be used for primary care (e.g., observation beds), aged (rest-home) care, post-operative care, palliative care, acute nursing, and post-natal care. Services such as visiting specialist, community nursing, and Well Child will also operate from the Health Hub. The preferred site remains the old hospital site.

New information will be presented on funding, governance, management, and ownership arrangements. We will also discuss plans for fundraising and for the transition from existing services to the new Integrated Family Health Centre.

We urge the Akaroa area community to attend this meeting, not only to learn about the progress made but also to raise any questions or concerns you may have.

Akaroa Health Hub
Public Meeting
25 October at 10.30 a.m.
Akaroa Area School Gymnasium

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