

# Highbury House

## 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarterly Summary due 15 September 2017

### What activities / programmes / events weren't successful within this quarter? Why?

Partner and collaborate with other community groups

- Foster Hope – we are now a drop off point, we are the only one in the Kaipatiki area. We have having really good success with this partnership
- Repair Café – we are working with various groups and organisations to pull together our second café, Rotary Birkenhead, the Men's Shed, GAPO, Birkenhead Primary School and many more
- Street Party – Highbury House is leading this event in partnership with our local businesses. This annual event will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec and involve over 20 local businesses providing a fun day out for our community
- Budgeting services – we collaborated with North Harbour Budgeting to provide Money Mates Coffee group but unfortunately there was no demand in our community for this service
- Through our community connections we have been able to help SANDS have a patchwork wall hanging at Northshore Hospital for the families who have lost a child to pin a card or a note to a beautiful Koru. It has been a thrill to be able to connect these people together for such an important project.

Provide/Foster a sense of belonging for all

- High tea at the House, this is an annual event in conjunction with International Day of the Older Person, it is our way of giving back and thanking this sector of our community. We had 31 guests (our capacity) and a waiting list of over 20. We self funded this and had volunteers and catering donations from our families. The feedback was phenomenal, they could not believe it was so lovely and free of charge. We sent all our guests home with a small goody bag also.
- Foster Hope – becoming a partner of Foster Hope and a drop off point also enables us to talk to our community about this project and engage them in donating and telling others about what Foster Hope does.

Look for new marketing avenues. Increase the recognition in the community of Highbury Community House.

- While we haven't sourced new marketing avenues we found that we have high demand for our events. Whether this is due to our approach and timing or simply that our name is being recognised more we are unsure at this stage.

Improve the external signage inviting the public to use the outdoor space at Highbury House

- We have new external signage with a slight change in branding, this signage is facing the street.

Highbury House Manager, ELC manager and the Governance Board will monitor the financial progress of the business. The governance Board will work with Council to ensure that Highbury House is appropriately funded.

- We received unexpected funding from Auckland Council for 2017/18.

Continue to support start up groups with FOC or discounted room rates until they are well established. Local small businesses use the rooms for meetings until they are in the position to move into a self-managed space.

- Chinese Buddy and Scleroderma support group and North Harbour Budgeting services, were all offered discounted or FOC room hire to support our community and to assist a support

group to get up and running. We continue to work with CoDa so they can keep a support group operating on the North Shore.

The ELC will undergo a renovation to increase the internal space to allow for 5 additional children per session

- The ELC is moving forward and are now in the design stage

Continued maintenance of the building and monitor any issues that arise.

- We have had issues with our newly installed heat pumps, this has now been rectified

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Work with local groups such as Beyond the Fence, The Kaipatiki Project and Le Roys Bush to promote composting, planting and sustainable living.

- I have been unable to attend the community meeting as they are on a Tuesday, I have been sent the minutes and hope to be able to be involved at some stage
- Our repair café is being organised and will be in Q2

### **Highlights for this quarter?**

Healthy Lunch Workshop  
High tea at the House  
SANDS patchwork art

### **During this quarter, did you have any issues, concerns, complications?**

We are still wanting to be informed of our repairs and renewals list, in order for us to allocated funding in our budget.

### **Did you have anything start, or new opportunities come up this quarter?**

We have had great progress on the pedestrian crossing that I requested AT to look at over a year ago. Richard Hills has been helping to push this along through council. After an initial “no” we have a notice for AT that they have reviewed the need and are asking for public submissions. While the sight is a little further down the road it will still serve our families and community really well. We are thrilled with the outcome to date.

### **Below the line activities not funded by Council**

High tea and Healthy Lunchbox Workshop are self-funded

