



To the Orakei Local Board

Thank you so much for agreeing to support our Christmas in Ellerslie event. We are excited to provide our community with a free local Christmas experience and your support in this is invaluable and we are truly grateful.

Recently, we were advised that it is not possible to obtain a permit to hold our event in Ellerslie Domain by the scheduled date of 3 December 2017. While this is unfortunate, we are committed to bringing Christmas to our community, to bring joy, kindness and community and have therefore decided to move our event to the wet weather venue listed in our application, C3 Campus, [20 Cawley Street, Ellerslie](#).

C3 Ellerslie has been the site for many successful community events such as Neighbourhood and Glow Parties which have also been provided free of charge to whanau. With an outside deck to serve as a stage, an onsite café, toilet facilities and large indoor and outdoor spaces, it is an ideal venue to hold Christmas in Ellerslie. We have canvassed feedback and support for this project which has been unanimously positive. We have an army of volunteers, who are the heartbeat of everything we do, within our organisation, who are willing to give their time their resource and their effort to put on a free Christmas Event in the heart of Ellerslie. We already have donations from organisations who Mike Pero for \$300.00 and a bouncy castle as well.

The change in venue has also led to us changing the date of our event to 10 December 2017. The reason for this is that the Ellerslie Santa Parade is being held on 3 December 2017 and access to Cawley Street will therefore be closed. This however, has a positive impact for the community as they will now have two days with free events for whanau.

The above changes have meant that we were able to reduce the event costs from \$39,071.13 to \$17,340.47 and we have attached quotes for this new amount. Please note, that the amount we are requesting from the Orakei Local Board remains unchanged at \$9,989.67 which will help with the essentials we need to run this event. We have received a declined letter from the Mt Wellington Foundation and are still awaiting confirmation from Maungakiekie local board and also The Communities Trust.

We appreciate that our event has changed from the application we originally presented however we believe we have retained the original vision of Christmas in Ellerslie – to bring a free local Christmas event to our community. Our team have worked as quickly as possible to finalise plans and obtain the new quotes required however we do apologise for the slight delay.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Kali (kali.haenga@gmail.com) Jackie (jackie@c3.org.nz)

Thank you again for considering our application and your support to bringing Christmas to our community.

Blessings