

7 July 2017

Steven J Kendall
Chairman
Great Barrier Island Community Health Trust

Dear Steve,

Re: Simpkin Building

The Great Barrier Local Board is pleased to support the Great Barrier Island Community Health Trust project to investigate a building adjacent to the Health Centre which could house a dental surgery, a pharmacy and a central base for Aotea Family Support Group.

We look forward to the proposed development and the significant benefits it will bring to our community. Please keep us informed of your progress and let us know where we can advocate on your behalf.

Thanks and regards



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Chair, Great Barrier Local Board

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Auckland Council Local Board
Great Barrier Island ward.

Dear Izzy,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Health Trust seeking your Boards endorsement of a project we are contemplating.

The Trust has been fortunate in that we have recently received a generous endowment; we would like to use that gift in such a way as to gain the maximum benefit to the Great Barrier Island community.

After discussion we came to the conclusion that another building would be most useful. This building would be intended to house a dental surgery, a pharmacy and perhaps also give Aotea Family Support Group a base in the centre of the Island.

At one time we did have a dental surgery room in the Health Centre but it was rendered redundant by the opening of a dental surgery at Claris and the room has since been repurposed to serve the growing needs of Aotea Health. Unfortunately the dental surgery at Claris commercial centre has closed recently, owing primarily to the doubtful financial viability of leasing rooms on a commercial basis which are then only used sporadically. Robert, the dentist, who was operating out of those rooms has retained the surgery equipment, chair etc. and is keen on donating it to the Health Trust should we have the space to set it up somewhere. Apparently replacement value of the equipment would be in the region of \$150,000. The Pharmacy is currently based in a building which is less than ideal and Dennis the Chemist has informally indicated a strong interest in moving to purpose built rooms close to the Health Centre.

Although the AFSG have given no formal undertaking we understand they would like to at least have a base, and perhaps shift all their office space to the centre of the Island. We see the activities of the AFSG as a close fit with the aims of our Trust.

So given the above we feel a building owned and administered by the Health Trust on behalf the GBI community would be of great benefit to that community. The building leaseholders would not be required to pay commercial rates, our intention is to cover costs not make a profit, thus keeping their costs down and by extension also keeping their fees for services rendered to the community also down. In much the same way Aotea Health Ltd are able to keep their fees low compared to medical centres elsewhere.

We are very early in the process, in fact it is barely past the ideas stage but we feel that with the Local Boards support we may find the path smoothed somewhat. We intend to approach Auckland Council to see if we can lease some more land

adjacent to the Health Centre, then talk to planners about what is permitted and move on from there. We are very fortunate in that we have a decent amount of seed funding, perhaps as much as a third of the ultimate cost, we intend to approach funders other than Auckland Council for the balance of building costs. (at least initially!)

So if you could discuss this with your board and perhaps get back to us with a brief letter of support for the project and of course any advocacy for the project you can give on an informal basis or in an official capacity with Ak council would be greatly appreciated.

I am seeking assistance from Jacqueline Fyers at the Council on how to proceed from here, I will include a copy of this letter for her information.

Kind Regards

Steve

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