



## Abbeyfield Western Bay of Plenty Inc

June 2021

The committee is delighted to announce that we have now purchased land for the Katikati Abbeyfield House. We have been working on this now for some time and are thrilled that at last all the documents are signed, the deposit has been paid and we now have two years to pay the remainder.

The vendor has been extremely generous in selling the land to Abbeyfield WBoP for a greatly discounted price. We have sufficient to pay half the cost of the section and are now working on raising the remainder, which is well within our means.

This is a major step forward and next, along with fundraising we will be developing a



concept plan for the house.

This will assist us with sourcing funding. It will also enable people to see what the Katikati Abbeyfield will look like.

Our big focus now is on raising funds. We plan to do this through several avenues; -

We have established a fundraising team, a small one at present, however they are recruiting others to assist them and have numerous fundraising plans. Their first event is a

Golf tournament in September.

We have been overwhelmed by the support of local companies and businesses who have provided sponsorship for the event. It is greatly appreciated. If you know anyone that plays golf, you might like to talk to him or her about participating.



Melva and Natasja from the funding team recently attended the Volunteers Expo at Katch Katikati to recruit people to assist with fundraising events. This assistance could take various forms, help with the planning and organizing of events or assistance on the day. If you would like to be part of this team or have a great idea for a fundraiser please get in touch with Natasja on [fundabbeyfieldwbop@gmail.com](mailto:fundabbeyfieldwbop@gmail.com)

or phone her on 027 348 7748 or ph Melva on 021 424 821 .

Our strategic team has met with several Philanthropic Trusts who have been most encouraging. They have indicated they would be prepared to come on board, however we need to raise a portion of the funding first. Abbeyfield NZ, our National office is also looking at funding options for us.

A further option for funding is from corporates. We are currently developing a proposal to take to large corporate groups who may be interested in contributing financially or through pro bono services. We have a couple of committee members who will undertake this work.

We have also previously had several individuals in the community donate funds, several have been substantial. This has been extremely generous and we are very grateful for their support.

Abbeyfield WBoP is a registered charity so any donations of money are tax deductible.

A benefactor who wished to leave a bequest in her will for Abbeyfield Western Bay of Plenty also recently contacted us. We were able to provide her with the details to do this. This is a very generous gesture and we are thrilled that she wishes to do this. It is through gifts like this that Abbeyfield Houses are built. Thank you so much.

**Abbeyfield Western Bay of Plenty Inc Annual General Meeting** is set for Wednesday 28 July, 2.00 p.m. at Katikati Community Centre in Beach Road. Please join us if you can. It will be time to renew memberships, celebrate our progress and share our plans.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM, and please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the committee if you have any ideas, suggestions or contacts that you believe will assist us.

Kind regards

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We are keen to talk to anyone who shares our commitment to building an Abbeyfield house in Katikati to ensure older people can enjoy a safe, supported, affordable retirement.

If you know of anyone who would like to contribute in some way towards achieving our goal, please don't hesitate to give them my contact or let me know and I can get in touch with them.