



October 2024

# 36 Days till the build starts

## Not that we are counting

Working is progressing well towards starting the build. If you've passed the section recently you will see our new sign that says building will start in the New Year. However, since being notified the house was going to start in January, it's all changed, and we are looking forward the builders being on site in November. Which is so exciting.

***To acknowledge the commencement of the building we are going to have a blessing on site on Monday 18 November at 9.00. If you would like to join us please email Carole at the address below so we know how many to cater for morning tea. Check out the invitation at the end of the newsletter.***

We are already starting to think of timelines for furnishing the house, selecting tenants and housekeepers among other things we need to put in place next year ready for residents to move into the house.

The trees, all but one, have been removed, we tried really hard to save as many as possible however with the size of the house it just wasn't possible. However, we will replace and are working on a landscape plan. The cut down trees were cut into rounds and sold for firewood.

We have had several meetings with our Project Manager as we get our head around the build, and it has been informative about what we need to do.

We are also thinking about the interior of the house, colour schemes and furniture and are exploring options particularly where we it would be possible to get discounted prices to help save money.

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## **How is the funding going?**

We started in February with a shortfall of \$280,000. However, with lots of hard work and the generosity of the community we now have less than \$200,000 to go. Really this isn't a worry as we are very confident that we will have raised this before the end of the build.

We have an exciting new fundraising initiative we are about to launch which could be a great opportunity for you to be involved in the finishing of the House. Watch out for details which we will release soon.

The funding team has been incredible holding all sorts of fundraising events and already they are organising events for 2025. They have put in an amazing number of hours to make these events happen and raise as much funding as possible.

Pencil in your 2025 Diaries confirmed events.

- 16<sup>th</sup> March: Annah Stretton as a guest speaker and Fashion Show, in Katikati.
- 4<sup>th</sup> April: Golf Fundraising Tournament (Ambrose) at Waihi Golf Club.

The poster for Annah Stretton event and tickets we anticipate being on sale early December 2024 and the Golf Fundraising event poster and registration details at the beginning of 2025.

We are working on several other fundraising events for next year and they are currently in the planning stage.

We are very grateful for our sponsors and donors, their continued generosity in gifting funds, items for Auctions have been a key in helping us raise so much.

## **Markets**

As most people know, Pauline is no longer running the Friday Katikati Plant and Produce Market. Thank you, Pauline and Elizabeth Rae, for the phenomenal hours and years dedicated to run the Market, for making jams, pickles, relishes, preserves, sauces and chutneys and running the Abbeyfield WBoP stall, with all proceeds donated to Abbeyfield WBoP. Pauline is still attending the Waihi Beach Saturday Farmers Market so you can still purchase their delicious products.

## **Carboot Sale**

Abbeyfield WBoP Carboot Sale commenced Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 8am-11am. The Carboot sale will be on the first Saturday of each month till April 2025. In the event of bad weather, cancellations will be announced on Katikati Buy, Sell, Swap Facebook page and on our page <https://www.facebook.com/AbbeyfieldWBoP/>

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## **Lunch with Dame Theresa Gattung- Breaking the Glass Ceiling**

Dame Theresa Gattung fundraising event 15<sup>th</sup> September was a sell out and a great success. This time we had the event at the Katikati Bowling Club and what a perfect venue to have the event. Thank you to Dame Theresa for donating her time, to our volunteers, Kit Wilson (auctioneer), Trudie Robinson and Brittany Fowler (caterers), Joy Scott (Katikati Bowling Club) and the Katikati Bowling Club for supporting our cause and allowing us to have our event at such a spacious, functional and wonderful venue.

The cooked lunch was well received with lots of positive feedback. We were very fortunate and thankful to have majority ingredients for the cooked lunch donated by GrowLink, Inghams, Woolworths Katikati, Four Square Katikati, New World Waihi, Beekist and a generous reduction for the delicious hams from Meat Masters Katikati.

Each guest took home a goodie bag containing vouchers from Dreamers and Katipo Creative Studios, Heartland chips, Queen Anne handcrafted chocolate, Kapiti Chocolate a notepad and pen from Angela Fowler (Tremains, Katikati). Thanks also to Kays Thai Massage, Elite Blinds, Platinum Car groomers, Fragrance of Flowers and Katikati Window and Door Repairs for supporting the Goodie Bag.

The Live Auction items were generously donated by Emma Barden-(Barden and Co Legal, Waihi (Legal Will Voucher), Shakti (Shakti Mat and Pillow), Val Helm (painting), Ian Gibbs (fly fishing voucher), Drawing the Way (Waihi Beach Print) and Annah Stretton Group (Peony Pack).

Thank you to Dreamers, Katikati and Etcetera Gifts, Katikati for your gift pack to give to Dame Theresa Gattung. Dame Theresa was very surprised and happy with her gift pack.

Thank you to everyone from our volunteers, sponsors and our guests coming together to make this event possible, after costs were paid, we raised \$4,547.45 that all goes towards Abbeyfield WBoP building an Abbeyfield home in Katikati

## **Acorn Funding**

A special thank you to the Acorn Foundation for their generous donation of \$53,986.77. The majority of this came from Anonymous Donors. We are extremely grateful for your support thank you.

**Don't forget to RSVP if you're coming to the Blessing for the commencement of the build**

Warmest regards to you all.

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**ABBNEYFIELD WBOP**  
**invite you to the**  
**Blessing Ceremony to**  
**mark the official**  
**commencement to build**  
**an Abbeyfield House**

**When: Monday 18th November 2024**

**Time: 9am**

**Where: Abbeyfield WBoP Site, Wills Road,  
Katikati**

**RSVP: Carole [abbeyfieldwbop.chair@gmail.com](mailto:abbeyfieldwbop.chair@gmail.com)  
or 027 457 9686**

**Parking: 11 Wills Road, Katikati.**  
**Follow parking wardens instructions**

**Morning tea will follow after the Blessing  
Ceremony**



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Abbeyfield WBoP has bought a section on Wills Road, Katikati and raised \$3 Million.

We need your help

### OUR GOAL

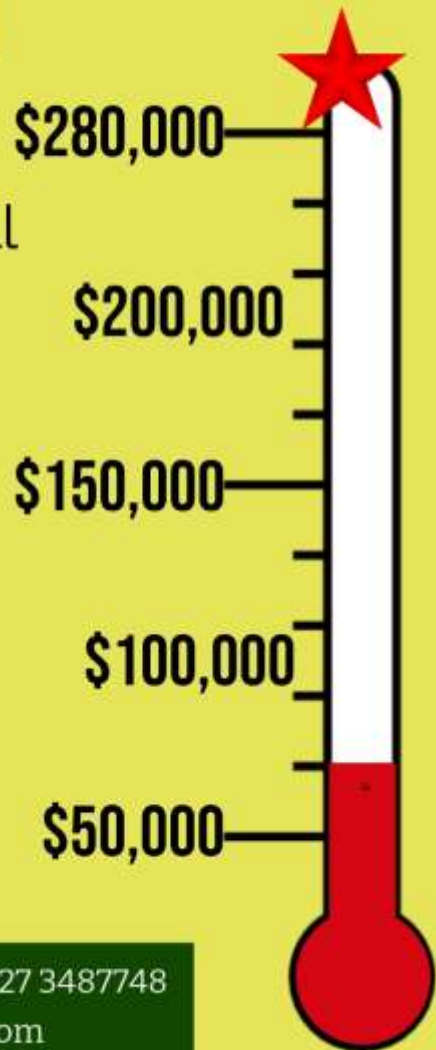
To raise the small shortfall of \$200,000

You can help Abbeyfield WBoP raise the shortfall by way of;

- Buy a Stake in Abbeyfield
- Attend our fundraising events
- Make an online donation to Abbeyfield Western Bay of Plenty 38-9019-0720156-00

If you would like a Tax Receipt email [treasurerabbeyfieldwbop@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerabbeyfieldwbop@gmail.com)

If you want to find out more, contact Natasja 027 3487748 or email [fundabbeyfieldwbop@gmail.com](mailto:fundabbeyfieldwbop@gmail.com)



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