

Māpua Community Hub (MCH) Newsletter

For you information and feedback.

Nau mai, welcome to the first Panui/newsletter of the **Māpua Community Hub**. The intention is to establish the Hub in the **Old Church building on Aranui Road Māpua**.

How did the idea come about?

The idea of a Māpua Community Hub, was mooted as a result of feedback, from a local “Transport and Wellbeing Survey” and a “Health and Wellbeing Professionals” workshop. Gaps and areas of need were identified, which if addressed, will help compliment existing community services, and add to the overall wellbeing of the Māpua and districts communities.

Six months ago, a small working group was formed to take the idea of a Community Hub forward. The group was offered the use of the **Old Church Building and grounds on Aranui Road**, which is currently under-utilised.

Coming under the umbrella of the “Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust” (formally Dale Vercoe Community Care Charitable Trust), will provide a sound legal and financial entity.

The Community Hub working group are building networks with the Māpua District Community Association, Māpua Health Centre, Hills Community Church, and the Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust. These networks and any future partnerships, will ensure the long term security for the vision of the Māpua Community Hub.

The Purpose:

For individuals, whānau, (families), organisations and businesses in the Māpua community and surrounding districts, to work together, to create a sustainable and accessible community facility for all, which will act as a hub for gathering and giving information, hosting community meetings, cultural events, activities and appointments as well as a warm welcoming daily drop in centre.

The needs of the current users of the building will be honoured.

Where we are up to:

Currently the working group members are working with the trustees of the Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust (MCWT) to formalise the agreement for the MCWT to provide governance.

Arrangements for the lease of the **Old Church building and grounds** from the Hills Community Church Trust to the Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust are in progress.

Work is also being undertaken on Kaupapa (principles) and a draft Strategic Plan to help with future direction and honouring the Titiri o Waitangi.

Funding options, investigations into upgrading the building, development costs and project management are being investigated. Help would be appreciated in these areas.

A sincere thank you to the **Māpua Ruby Bay Community Trust** for a \$1,000 donation which has been paid to the MCDA for the Community Hub project. This generous donation, will help towards data collection work for the feasibility study, that is needed for funding applications.

Work is continuing to identify and partner with organisations who could use some of the buildings facilities thus providing a stable income for example, to fund community activities (eg: the daily drop in centre, community garden) and day to day running costs.

Each month a Community Hub update will be published in the Coastal News and on the Māpua library notice board to keep everyone in the loop. Email updates will also be sent out to all who register their interest.

This community project is a huge undertaking. Members of the community (any age) are invited to register their interest in becoming a supporter or volunteer to help establish the Māpua Community Hub (MCH) and eventual day to day running.

Contact details, areas you can help with, suggestions or any feedback can be sent to:

info@mapuahub.nz

A register will also be made available at the Māpua Library for people to register their interest.

The next meeting of the Community Hub working group is:

Date: Tuesday 17th of November

Time: 10am

Venue: The Old Church Building on Aranui Road by Aranui Park.

