

Fund raising in full swing for new Motueka Community Hospital

The Trust reports that phases 2 and 3 of the fund raising programme is underway. Following on from the successful small brochure general appeal, a direct appeal has recently commenced for the Friends of Motueka Hospital Trust's new continuing care hospital for the elderly. We have sent out a prospectus type booklet to selected families and friends of Motueka said Jack Inglis Chairman of the Friends of Motueka Hospital Trust. We are looking for 200 families who are can afford \$10,000 paid either as a lump sum or over the next 3 years. This raises \$2m and enables the Trust to finish the design and enter into contracts to commence construction in mid 2007 said Jack Inglis.

Two fund raising events are happening over the Xmas break. There is the annual Charity golf classic with *TasmanHelicopters above and beyond* being appointed naming sponsor This tournament is a 2 day event on the 6th & 7th Jan at the Motueka Golf Links. A music wine & food festival called **Taste the Sunshine** is being held on Sports Park Motueka on Sat 6th Jan with the renowned **Beatgirls** performing. Nelson / Motueka wines and foods will also be available.

The 2006 census result from NZ Statistics confirms 65 plus age group is growing substantially in the Tasman area and especially the people who are are aged 85 and over. This older group has increased by 26% since the last census said Jack Inglis.

The funds accessible to the Trust to build the community owned and run hospital now stand at \$850,000 and along with the current appeal, fund raising events and applications to the various charitable trusts in 2007 the Trust's target of \$3.0m is very achievable stated Jack Inglis.

It is also reported that the Trust is in the process of finalising with the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board what services will be provided by the Trust at the new Motueka community hospital.

Jack Inglis

20/12/06