

### **Million dollar milestone reached in fund raising for the new hospital**

Colin Truman the executive officer of the Friends of Motueka Hospital Trust reports that funds available to the Trust for a community owned and run hospital now stand at \$1,038,000. This sum includes donations recently received and pledged to the Trust.

The community is getting behind this worthwhile community project said Colin Truman. I also believe donors are taking advantage of the Trust's charitable status before the end of the March financial year he said. The Trust's charitable tax status allows taxpayers to claim a donation rebate. A number of lump sum \$10,000 donations have been received and also some donors are making one payment now before 31<sup>st</sup> of March and pledging the rest over the next 2 financial years said Colin Truman.

A quick fire raffle is being organised by Trustee Judy Simpson and will start sale at New World starting 16<sup>th</sup> March on a regular basis. Also by then the model of the proposed new facility will be completed and will be on view for everyone.

The Trust plans to be in a position to finalise the plans and building programme in late March.

Colin Truman 12/02/06