

## **The hospital fund reaches half way mark with grant from The Lion Foundation**

Donations and pledges ranging from \$20 to \$10,000 have been coming into the Friends of Motueka Hospital Building Fund at a fast rate for the new community owned and run elderly care hospital reports Jack Inglis Chairman for the Trust. To date our available funds and pledges total approximately \$1.5m – 50% of our target. This is a tremendous community effort.

The Trust is very pleased with the decision of The Lion Foundation to provide a grant of \$45,000 as a contribution to our fundraising as part of the Friend's overall plan to make the Courtney St site the 'hub of health' for Motueka & surrounding districts. "Gaming machine profits do come back to their respective communities" said Jack Inglis, "This grant will bring The Lion Foundation's contributions to the Trust to \$150,000 - a very significant contribution and a measure of the confidence that The Lion Foundation has in the Trust's commitment to it's local community."

"The way the community is getting behind this important community project has been quite humbling" said Jack Inglis, "Be it the cake stall, or the quirky quiz, or the raffle, or the concert, or the offers of in kind donations, or individual group donations be they \$20 or \$10,000 or being informed that part of your estate will be left to the Friends of Motueka Hospital Trust – all are contributing in a very important way. Also the various service clubs are working hard behind the scenes developing innovative fund raising projects to help raise funds to build the hospital. The strong message the Trustees of Friends of Motueka Hospital Trust is getting is that our community values and wants to look after its elderly in Motueka."

The Friends of Motueka Hospital Trust's target is \$3.0m. Donation forms or contact details can be accessed from the Trust's web site [www.fomht.org.nz](http://www.fomht.org.nz). Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to FOMHT, PO Box 37, Motueka 7143.

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