

WAIKANAЕ HEALTH NEWS

Waikanae Health Newsletter

Whatever happened to our proposed new satellite Medical Centre at the Beach?

We advised in February 2015 our intention to build a satellite medical centre at Waikanae Beach, incorporating a pharmacy to dispense drugs and fill prescriptions. It seems a long time without much progress towards meeting our need for more space to satisfy increasing demand and provide easier access to so many of our patients.

In July 2015 we applied for resource consent for the new centre. The intended building at 325 square metres including the pharmacy, is single storied, looks like a house and includes facilities for 3 doctors and a total staff of 9 (including pharmacy staff), operating within normal weekday business hours plus Saturday mornings. With 17 off-road car parks at the rear, planting, fencing and modest non-lit signage the facility is designed to be in keeping with the neighbourhood. We attach below drawings of the proposed building as presented to KCDC for resource consent.

Our consent application was notified to immediate neighbours, who filed submissions expressing a range of concerns. This meant that despite the support of KCDC officers, which mirrored advice from our own independent advisors, a hearing was required. A hearing took place at the start of November before an independent Commissioner. All parties were given an equal opportunity to present their views.

The Commissioner took account of all the information, and in early December he issued a comprehensive written decision that dismissed all of the objectors' concerns and granted us consent.

Unfortunately, 4 of the objectors have subsequently lodged an appeal to the Environment Court, and until that appeal is withdrawn or resolved, the project cannot proceed. If the objectors maintain their appeal, a resolution may take many months.

We are disappointed that the actions of a small number of objectors, who claim to be representative of the majority of Waikanae Beach residents, are preventing us from getting on with the project, particularly when so many of our Waikanae Beach patients have been asking for this new service. We remain hopeful that the consent will be confirmed on appeal, and will continue the costly process to defend the Commissioner's decision.

In the meantime, if you want to let us know your views on the proposal or the appeal, please feel free to email us on manager@waikanaehealth.co.nz.



Manage My Health

Did you know that you can now access your health information on line? Manage My Health is a software which facilitates access to your General Practice team, allowing you to receive secure emails, request prescriptions, request appointments and view results. There is a process around enrolling with Manage My Health so if you are interested please call or pop in to see Glenis who is leading this project in our practice.

Easter Opening Hours

Over the Easter break we will be open over the following hours:

Thursday 24 March	8.00am – 5.00pm
Friday 25 March (Good Friday)	closed – ring 04 293 6005 for urgent assistance
Saturday 26 March	9.00am – 12.30pm
Sunday 27 March	closed – ring 04 293 6005 for urgent assistance
Monday 28 March	closed – ring 04 293 6005 for urgent assistance
Tuesday 29 March	8.00am – 7.00pm