

Pelorus Area Health Trust Meeting Minutes

Election of Office Bearers

- Deferred as 3 of the Trustees were absent from the AGM, including the Vice Chair

Guest Speaker

Bryan Strong / Trustee of Marlborough Sounds Community Vehicle Trust.

Thank you for asking me here. If the volunteer sector in NZ stopped, then NZ would stop.

MSCVT started in late 2015, due to a range of coincidences happening. At a Christmas get together I talked to Dave, who was a volunteer driver for the Twizel CVT. I was told I should talk to Tony Henderson who works for Timaru Ecan and who set up 9 of the then 12 trusts in Canterbury . There are now 17 Trusts! I called Tony Henderson who it turns out had spent Christmas at his bach just 200 metres from mine. He came and did a presentation at Picton library and helped set up a Trust deed. I got a Timaru lawyer to write the deed based on a Leeston one and I just needed to change the names in it and sent it to the Companies Office. 10 days later we were a registered charitable trust. But we had no car, money or drivers. I realised that Picton, as travel hub, has hundreds of hire cars sitting doing nothing, so I approached rental car companies. Omega rental cars gave free use of their cars over 100 times, to run to Nelson and back. Well over \$7000 worth of service. The first passenger on the 11th Oct 2016 was a 91 year old lady from Scotland St. She got on well with the driver, so they were rostered on together often. We have carried 180 passengers on 140 journeys. But despite Omega Car's generosity we are aware they may not always have cars available. So we needed our own vehicle. The Rata foundation paid for a Picton car and MPH0 for a Blenheim car. Omega has sold the Trust their older cars.

We are not a shuttle. We are an On-demand service. We will pick patients up from their home anywhere in Picton, Blenheim, Havelock and along State Highway 6, and take them to their appointment (private business, not asked). We can't go out to the outer sounds for obvious reasons.

We do not carry passengers from Havelock to Blenheim as St John's shuttle do that. We keep in touch with them regularly through Pam Hall. They also run the Picton to Blenheim shuttle but not on Wednesday- so if service is needed on Wednesday, St John call the Trust to do it for them. Generosity of time given by drivers (about 20), and sponsors- (including Omega) is around \$20,000. We are grateful. We have been operating since 2016, but numbers didn't pick up till 2018. I am now looking at what it actually costs to do the job. Currently patients join as a member for \$15. The service to Nelson costs \$40, but is on-demand, a request is never turned down. E.g. a night before call will still get service the next day.

Roz thanked Bryan.

Other matters arising from the Speech

Mo asked if they are insured. Cameron Taylor in Blenheim are the insurance brokers who came on board from the beginning - all covered.

How many drivers? 11 in Picton and 9 in Blenheim. They need to be vetted by the police and now perhaps the Trust needs more in Blenheim and fewer in Picton.

Roz met with St John's Shuttle Derek Harding, who indicated they will be buying a second health shuttle, so now they can possibly go to Rai Valley and Havelock. We will be advertising all health services in the area on the shop noticeboard.

Another board will be to show what HEG recipients have gone on to do with their careers.

Derek Harding clarified that the Shuttle can pick up from Havelock to go to Blenheim but need lots of notice. Corrected that Wednesday couldn't pick up for Alzheimers patients only, but are still doing others

Real cost is \$1 per klm. \$50 per round trip. No charge, so funded by donations only.

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Bryan reported that Nelson hospital now putting Marlborough patients in between 10am and 3pm to allow for travel time.

General Presentations

Community Grants 2017

- St Johns Youth \$500
- Havelock Community Gardens \$500
- Pelorus Community Preschool / Kaituna Ridges Ramble \$500
- Nelson-Marlborough Rescue Helicopter \$500
- Life Flight Trust \$500
- Nelson-Marlborough Trust for Nurses (Training of Flight Nurses) \$500
- Hospice Marlborough \$500
- Pelorus Area School & Community Newsletters \$30 each for PAHT communications networking

General Business

- Trish Brown told the meeting that the eftpos has been very successful in the Charity Shop and has increased sales. Badly needed. Question of the cost of the machine. Approx \$90 a month for machine hire and banking fees. Increase of sales should cover this.
- Roz relayed information that SMC will only have a GP in Havelock for 2 days a week. Only Monday and Thursday now, as they have dropped Tuesday. SMC have GP staffing issues as they lost a GP recently and can't attract new ones. A Registrar is employed but needs to be under supervision. They have also dropped enrolments to 1300 and are no longer accepting new ones. PAHT is pushing SMC to provide electronic sessions. Offered to be volunteers if they trial electronic sessions.
- Ian Cameron mentioned Seniornet were told by SMC that they weren't interested in electronic sessions, which is different to what PAHT were told. Roz explained that the Patient Portal is the stumbling block for SMC to go ahead with electronic sessions. SMC think it is too much work and think some people shouldn't have access to their records as may misinterpret them and cause distress. Helen thinks eventually the portal will have to happen as it may become compulsory for funding.
- Roz reported SMC are not eligible for Home Healthcare model, because they have no portal.
- Mo pointed out that all of Marlborough has a shortage of GPs and all practices have closed their books to enrolments. We are being told to go to Nelson for GPs, as they have enough.

AGM closed 12:31 am, followed by refreshments & nibbles.

Meeting closed at 12:31 am Next AGM meeting Date : 2019 TBC Time : Venue : Chairperson..... Date.....	Notes :-
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Separate Post-AGM meeting:

Roz stays acting Chair and Glenda acting Vice chair until voting on these positions can be held. Roz moves that new nominations for Trustees be accepted. Hazel seconded. Quorum of trustees voted yes. Carried.