

PAHT Update



Small Trust BIG Heart

Expansion and changes have put extra pressures on the PAHT & Havelock Charity Shop; but also more money to donate to healthcare.

During this Summer period the Pelorus population doubled in size due to holiday makers. There has also been an increase in demand for, and sales of, properties in the Pelorus area as people from Auckland and Christchurch relocate for lifestyle choices. This puts a lot of pressure on healthcare systems. In addition to this, the Havelock Mussel Industry is expanding, with 3 new facilities being built at the Port Marlborough Marina; Aroma Aquaculture, Kono Seafoods & the New Clearwater factory. With expansion brings the issue of having the ability to ensure primary Health care and emergency care will be available for the increased work force if needed. Presently the large Pelorus area has only has 2 days a week for access to medical services via Havelock Medical Centre serviced by Springlands Health.

PAHT are looking for local solutions to local problems. Although they have not been able to convince Springlands Health to provide extra days at the Havelock Centre, PAHT is lobbying Health organisations, making annual community donations and grants of over \$7000, as well as providing health services like free medical aids loans and blood services.

All of this is only achievable thanks to its Charity Shop in Havelock. Staffed purely by volunteers, this thriving shop enables the Trust to fund local projects; like its annual Community Donation scheme in which the Trust donates to emergency and medical services that are beneficial to its local community. They also provide an annual Health Education Grant scheme which grants money to local residents that want to extend their training/education within their chosen field. PAHT has also helps fund AED units, blood pressure units, and first aid kits to its local communities which in some cases are accessed by boat only.

The Charity Shop has taken off in recent months with a re-branding and installation of an eftpos machine. Income has increased but so has the work that has to be done by the shop volunteers. The Charity Shop is having to become more professional, but also work within guidelines and regulations set down by the Charities Commission. A new position has had to be created to manage communications and administration issues between the shop volunteers and the Board of Trustees. But the result has been, more money available to the community through donations. \$1000 was recently donated to the Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter at the Havelock Mussel Festival. But despite these changes, one thing remains constant- the dedication, hard work and good humour of the Shop Volunteers. They are the heart behind the PAHT.



Hazel Booth PAHT Trustee, presents \$1000 donation to Morgan Collis-Fisher from Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter at the recent Mussel Festival in Havelock



Shop Volunteers relax with an afternoon tea provided by the new Shop Liaison.

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