

Older Persons Community Centre Trust

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New Web Site for Parksyde

Parksyde, Rotorua's innovative Older Persons Community Centre has a new web site thanks to a collaborative effort between local business, Parksyde volunteers and the Trust (Older Persons Community Centre Trust) which is responsible for the overall governance of the centre.

Long standing Parksyde volunteer, Betty Foster, who assisted with the project, said she had no idea it would look so good! "The site is easy to navigate without there being too much to read," she said. "There are still a few tweaks to be made and we will be adding more information such as links to other agencies that provide information and support for older people."

Older Persons Community Centre Trust chairman, Peter Fitchett, said the web site was another way older people and their supporters could find out what was going on, or coming up, at Parksyde. "The facility has always been a very popular venue with approximately 1,000 – 1,200 people making use of it each week," he said. "It's due to this consistent popularity that the Trust is currently reviewing the facility and the wider needs of older people aged 55 years plus in the Rotorua area. It's important to note that this review is not limited to an extension of the current Parksyde facility; we are looking at the big picture," he said. "We have made contact with most of the people and organisations which currently use the centre and asked them to complete a survey. If we've missed anyone then the survey can now be downloaded from the new web site www.parksyde.org.nz or a copy obtained by contacting Parksyde.

"The next step will be to identify potential users, both now and in the future, and get their comments. Depending on the feedback we receive there might be a need for a whole new venture to accommodate the needs of our older people now and in the future."

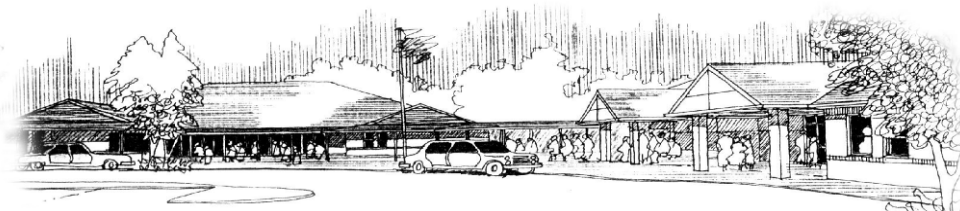
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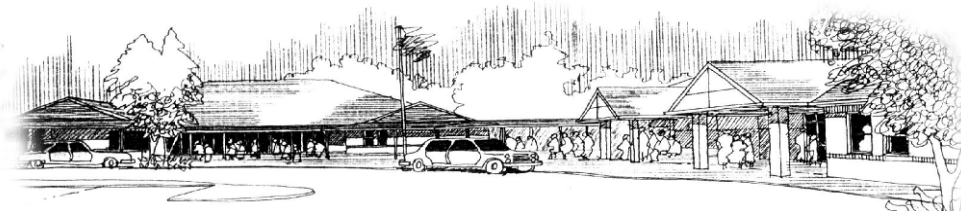
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