

# Katikati Community Centre

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## Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021

*Adopted by the Katikati Community Centre Board of Trustees on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016*

## **This is a plan for the future of the Katikati Community Centre 2016 – 2021**

The Katikati Community Centre has been at the heart of the Community for over 25 years, servicing a small but rapidly growing, diverse population.

It is an information, support and activity centre linking our rural community with social and health services and also provides a broad range of programmes and activities. These include after school and school holiday programmes, adult and community education classes, expos, seminars and involvement with youth. The programmes and activities are well attended, and well loved by the community.

As the population grows and demographics change, so do the needs of the community. It is critical for social agencies and community organisations to 'check in' with each other and make sure they are doing their best for the communities they serve.

The purpose of this plan is to ensure that the centre has an even brighter future and remains at the heart of the Katikati community for as long as it is wanted and needed.

Katikati Board of Trustees

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## Connect and support our community

- Providing programmes and experiences to welcome, connect, support, include and celebrate our community
- Promoting a sense of belonging and community spirit

## Strong and responsible leadership

- Implementing a plan for the future sustainability of the centre
- Staying in tune with Community needs

A centre for inspiration, wellbeing, growth and enjoyment

## Work with others to enrich the quality of life for the people of Katikati

- Seeking opportunities to collaborate and provide a coordinated response to meet community need and work towards a shared vision for Katikati.

## Learning for life

- Developing and implementing programmes and experiences for all ages
- Providing places for people to meet, learn and exchange ideas

## Promote community wellbeing

- Making sure people have the right information or referral when they need it

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## **Our Vision**

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## **Our Mission**

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## **Connect and support our community**

### **This is what we are going to do**

Many of the Centre's programmes are aimed at supporting and connecting the people of Katikati and their families/whanau. As the Katikati Community continues to grow, we believe it is important to make sure newcomers are welcomed and have opportunities to become active in our community. We are a busy community and there's always a lot going on, our role is to foster this and maintain awareness and participation.

As a desirable retirement community, it is not surprising that our community has a relatively high and increasing proportion of retired people. Keeping our seniors engaged and connected will provide interesting opportunities for both the community and the Centre.

To assist families/whanau during school holidays and after school, we will continue to provide the support they need to keep their families strong and children safe, engaged and happy.

Our youth are our future, and making sure they are supported and mentored will continue to be an important area of focus for the Centre.

### **We will**

- Investigate and develop programmes and experiences aimed at reducing social isolation and promoting a sense of belonging and community spirit.
- Deliver quality after school and school holiday support to families/whanau and their children.
- Identify newcomers to Katikati and implement programmes, information and services to help them belong and feel part of our community.
- Facilitate programmes and collaborate with the community to assist our youth to make good life choices and support their personal growth.
- Review everything we do to ensure we recognise and respond to the diversity of our community.

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## **Promote community wellbeing**

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The Centre has been the principal provider of information, advice and support to the Katikati community for over twenty five years, and will continue to provide this vital service.

The Centre will continue to provide programmes aimed at the healthy development of children from pregnancy to adulthood.

Changes in technology impact on the way services are provided, and as a Centre we will continue to respond to community preference.

We will work closely with other social agencies and health providers to ensure good information and resources are always available to the community.

The Centre is well placed and resourced to provide working premises and points of connection between government agencies and the community. We will continue to encourage and facilitate the availability of services locally.

### **We will**

- Identify and provide information and resources to meet community needs.
- Continue to work in partnership with health, social service providers and government agencies to ensure information and resources are provided and referrals facilitated.
- Support and facilitate initiatives and education programmes that provide information on childbirth, breastfeeding, nutrition and parenting.
- Provide modern and comfortable accommodation to connect people with the assistance they need to improve their wellbeing.
- Continue to support the Katikati community van to provide transport to health related appointments.
- Work in partnership with other providers in the community to achieve the Centre's vision.

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The world is rapidly changing around us in new and exciting ways. Information is delivered instantly through technology at an ever increasing speed. The days when learning 'finished at the school gate' is well over, and for most of us, learning is a continuing process.

Adult and community education has always been a focus of the centre's work, and looking to the future we believe there will be opportunities to expand what we have traditionally provided. We will explore this more over the coming years.

For new people to our community, learning our ways and perhaps language may be a challenge. Katikati's increasing senior population is more active than previous 'senior' generations, and with improved health, income and more leisure time, are keen to indulge their talents and curiosity in a myriad of ways.

### **We will**

- Continue to provide vibrant and informative Adult and Community Education programmes and look for opportunities to expand the programmes to meet community needs.
- Continue to provide courses that have a strong focus on literacy, numeracy, digital literacy, Te Reo Maori and New Zealand sign language.
- Research and implement learning opportunities and experiences so that our seniors can stay engaged, connected to the community and have fun together.
- Provide places for people to meet, learn and exchange ideas.
- Identify any special needs of newcomers to the area and offer or facilitate programmes to meet their needs and help them to connect with each other and the community.

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The Katikati Community Plan provides a shared social vision for a 'strong and responsive community'. The Centre works within that vision to ensure everyone feels supported and connected.

Collaboration and partnering with tangata whenua, local organisations and service providers will ensure funding and effort is coordinated and ultimately provides the best benefit for the community. This is an area of focus the Centre will actively pursue in the coming years.

Growing numbers of skilled and active retirees in the area provide opportunities and valuable resources for the coordination of effort to meet community needs. The Centre's proposed learning for life and other programmes would benefit from the sharing of knowledge and skills.

### **We will**

- Actively promote the work of the Centre and invite others to engage in our future plans.
- Advocate locally for a coordinated response to meet community needs and work towards a shared vision for Katikati.
- Actively seek opportunities with tangata whenua, local organisations and service providers to collaborate and/or partner on projects of mutual interest and to work together to understand community needs.
- Investigate and organise a volunteer register to meet Centre and community needs.
- Actively seek private sponsorship to fund programmes of mutual interest and benefit to the people of Katikati.

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The Katikati Community Centre is committed to providing strong and responsible leadership to the social sector of the Katikati community. To do this we must ensure the sustainability of the Centre and its funding sources stay in tune with community needs, and be prepared to respond accordingly.

As a not for profit organisation we rely on grants, contracts for services, donations and sponsorship. We will continue to pursue funding opportunities so that we can provide the quality services the community need and want. Where we are not the provider of a service or programme but have an interest in ensuring it is provided in Katikati, we will advocate for access and/or provision on behalf of the community.

### **We will**

- Actively participate locally in the planning of future services and/or programmes for the benefit of the Katikati Community.
- Advocate to others in the interests of meeting identified community need and wants.
- Undertake a three yearly community survey aimed at better understanding and providing for the changing need/wants of the Katikati community.
- From time to time survey users of the Centre's services and programmes to ensure quality services are being provided to an agreed level.
- Develop and implement a funding strategy to ensure the future sustainability of the Centre and its programmes and services.