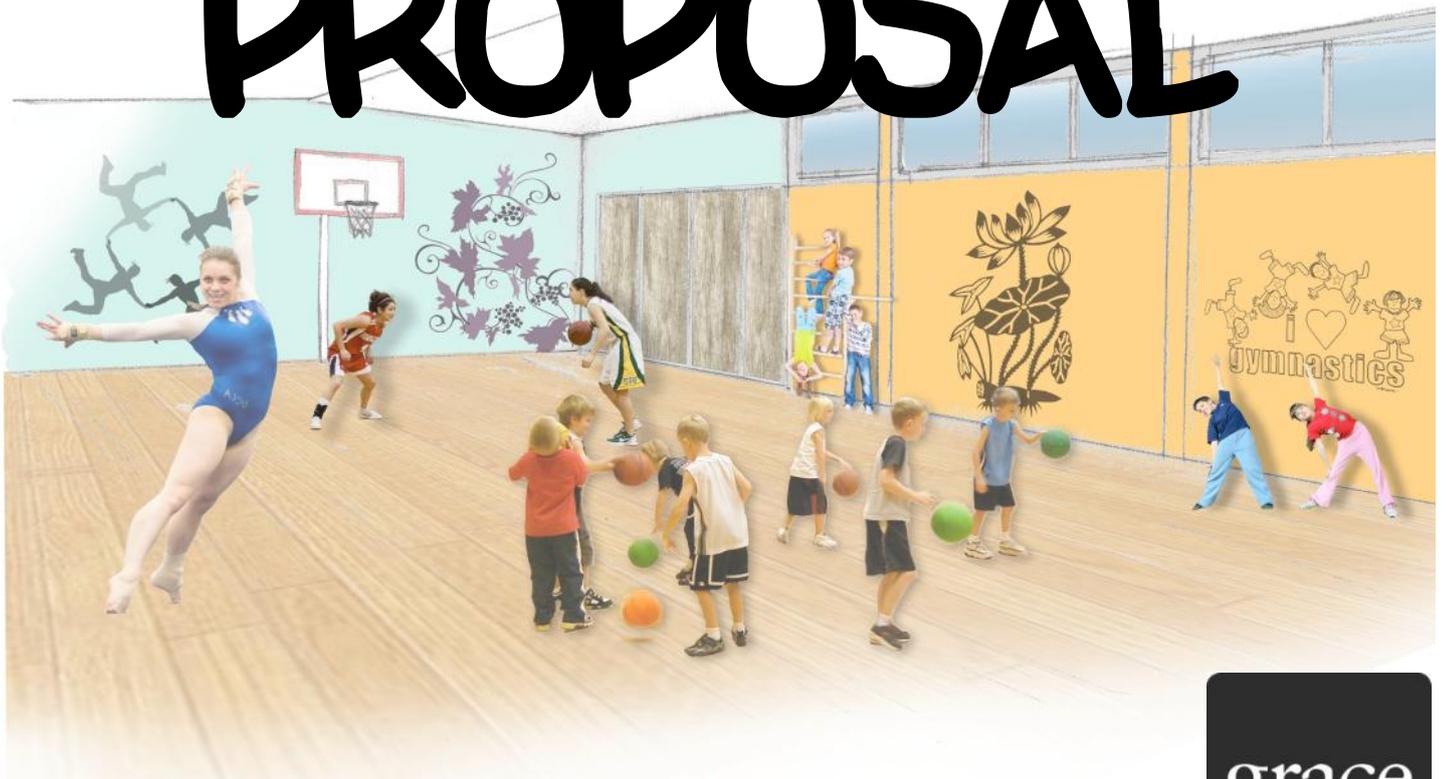


YouthAlive TRUST

Serving young people in New Brighton since 1989

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE PROPOSAL



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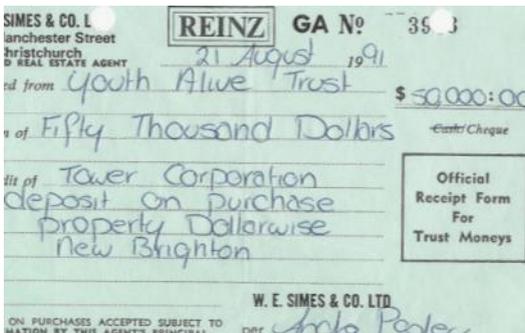
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HISTORY



A newspaper article written in December 1987 was the catalyst a local church used to start work amongst community children and young people. They read about teenagers having nowhere to go, families struggling for basic needs and it was on their doorstep - in New Brighton, Christchurch. The New Brighton Baptist church was meeting at Roy Stokes Hall and with their own and community funding employed community youth workers in 1988 to run programmes for children and young people. They ran holiday programmes and after school clubs in the Roy Stokes Hall and South Brighton Community Hall for different ages. In Sept 1989 a formal trust was established under the name "Youth Alive Trust" in a legal trust deed.

The church was growing and needed its own permanent premises to continue its community and church work. In August 1991 the church, under the Youth Alive Trust entity, purchased the old Dollarwise supermarket building on Seaview Road. It was a miracle the owners were willing to sell it at such a low cost. They were persuaded by the community work already being done and the possibilities of this growing to greater levels. Little money was used to renovate the building, and no major work has been done on the building since. Many people still comment on how they used to visit this building as a supermarket, and now they visit for a variety of other kinds of needs!



The church became known as Seaview Christian Centre and Youth Alive Trust programmes continued to change and evolve according to different staff members and needs in the community. The church took responsibility for the building, including maintenance and running costs. Youth Alive Trust as a key tenant, would contribute financially when and where possible. In 2008 Seaview Christian Centre merged with Grace Vineyard Church and became known as Grace Vineyard Beach Campus. The church also took over ownership of the building from Youth Alive Trust, as this was always the way it was originally planned and was operating.

HISTORY

In 1995 Ross Banbury helped Youth Alive Trust grow to new levels with the renovation of a large room in the building, he named "The Sandpit". It became a place for young people to Drop In on Friday Nights and used for other activities during the week and in the school holidays. The Basketball hoop was a popular feature, although the low roof and size of the hall restricted what could be played. Carpet was laid directly onto the concrete floor, the Grommet bar was built on a surf board to serve treats for the youth and they had a variety of activities including pool, table tennis, bowling, etc. It was a popular place for young people to congregate, and the community celebrated something positive for young people to do in New Brighton.



Youth Alive Trust has grown in size, programmes, staff and volunteers over the years. It has been the continuation of the programmes, the key staff and the position in the community which has been one of its greatest successes. After Ross left in 2001, Doug McConnell took the lead until 2005, when James Ridpath became manager, until the present time. Andrew Hill, the first community youth worker in 1988 is still on the board of trustees and looks after the accounts. Many of our volunteers have been

around for years! We pride ourselves on growing future leaders and have many examples of children joining our programmes from a young age, going through different programmes, becoming a junior leader and then a senior leader - see example below of Kieran Fitzgerald.



Age 5



Age 11



Age 14



Age 18

In 2011 Youth Alive Trust played a very active role post Christchurch Earthquakes in the eastern suburbs. This included running children's programmes when schools were closed, running schools fun days, community events, camps, free holiday activities and mentoring. An increase in activity brought increased staff and further eq responses. This was recognised with the presentation of an Earthquake Award from the City Council and a Kiwibank local hero award.



For much more information on the History of Youth Alive Trust, please see our special History of Youth Alive Trust Booklet, produced for our 21st Birthday Celebrations.

WHAT WE DO IN 2014

25 years after the first Youth Alive Trust programme, we are now serving thousands of families on the east of Christchurch through our 8 key priorities. These headings don't do true justice to the time and energy spent in each area by our 5 full time staff, casual staff and 50 volunteers! More a greater breakdown, please read our latest Annual Report.

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1

SAFER STREETS PROGRAMMES

Weekly after-school and evening programmes ran by teams of volunteers and staff. Games, activities, outings, team building exercises, gross competitions, challenges and a lot of fun! Every club contains a non-threatening Christian Content segment.

- Years 1 – 2 **Cheeky Little Monkeys** (Wed 3:15pm - 4:45pm)
- Years 3 – 4 **Kool Katz** (Wednesdays 3:15pm - 4:45pm)
- Years 5 - 6 **WAVE** (Mondays 4:30 - 6pm)
- Years 7 - 8 **Rock Solid** (Fridays 4:30 – 6:30pm)
- Years 9 – 13 **Surge** (Fridays 7:30 – 9:30pm)
- Years 13+ **Sodium** (tbc)
- Years 9 - 13 **Amplify Youth Band** (Thursday 5:30 – 7pm)
- Years 9 - 13 **Amplify Music Lessons** (various)

2

SCHOOLS PROGRAMMES

Our staff support students in school, on lunchtimes, and through extra curricula activities. Offering mentoring, sports coaching, lunchtime activities, life skills programmes, events, building school spirit, supporting teachers and being positive role models.

The schools we work in every week are:

- Central New Brighton Primary School
- North New Brighton Primary School
- South New Brighton Primary School
- Shirley Boys High School (24-7 framework)
- Avonside Girls High School (24-7 framework)
- Plus one-off support to other local primary schools

3

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

These fun filled programmes run for one week in each of the school holidays for different age categories:

- Years 1 - 4 (Junior)
- Years 5 - 9 (Senior)
- Years 9 - 13 (Breakaway)

They are Child Youth & Family (CYF) approved, WINZ supplement approved and contracted to the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).

4

CAMPS

We take young people on overnight camps and weekends away throughout the year, such as:

- Amped Camp
- Father Son Camp
- Eastercamp
- 40 Hour Famine Sleep-Over
- Surge Winter Camp

We also partner with CDN Trust & other agencies to support their camps.

5

MENTORING

Meeting one-on-one with young people for relational support, goal setting and a lot of encouragement. Some are referred from school, agencies and ministry of justice, and others through informal connections we've made through club nights, school, library or events. We partner with Big Brother Big Sister and recruit volunteers for them.

6

LIBRARY YOUTHWORX SUPPORT

We have a contract with Christchurch City Council to place youth workers in New Brighton Library everyday after school, on weekends & school holidays. These positive relational roles has replaced the old security guards. Our youthworkers also organise free activities in every school holidays for local children & young people.

7

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We help run and organise large community events in partnership with other community groups such as:

- Family Fun Night
- I Love New Brighton
- Thomson Park Skate Jam
- EPIC Sk8 Disco & EPIC Dance Party
- Guys Day Out & Girls Day Out
- Community Fun Days

8

YOUTHLEADER TRAINING AND SUPPORT

We attract, train and build-up volunteers to work in their community. Volunteers are placed on different programmes and learn through practical service, team meetings, training events and from other more experienced youthworkers.

Young people aspire to be leaders and often join our junior leadership programme called 'Unleashed'. We also host youthwork interns, offering them experience, support and a structure for their practical work.

NEED

Low Socio Economic Area...

The 2006 census tells us for people aged 15 years and over, the median income in New Brighton is \$20,500. This compares with a median of \$23,500 for all of Canterbury Region. 49.2 percent of people aged 15 years and over in New Brighton have an annual income of \$20,000 or less, compared with 44.2 percent of people for Canterbury Region as a whole. Only 10.9 percent of New Brighton people have an annual income of more than \$50,000, compared with 15.8 percent of people in Canterbury Region. 26.5 percent of families in New Brighton are one-parent-with-children families, compared with 15.7 percent of families for Canterbury Region as a whole. Many of the local primary schools are low decile and the closest High School is the lowest decile in Christchurch. There is a higher Maori and Pacific population compared to the Canterbury Region and fewer people own their own homes. There are ongoing problems with crime in the area, gangs, and violence. Drug and Alcohol abuse is an ongoing issue and has led to recent deaths among young people.

Earthquakes...

The February Earthquake had a tremendous impact upon the eastside of Christchurch. Large areas of suburbs have been deemed inhabitable, and therefore many families have been forced to leave the area. Many are living in damaged homes and many have had to clean liquefaction away from their properties many times after large earthquakes. Residents have experienced over 10,000 earthquakes in the past 2 years, have had disruptions to schools, work, roads, recreational facilities, community meetings places and lost friends and family to other areas of the city and further afield. New Brighton has lost many of its shops and although the earthquakes initially brought out the best community spirit, there is a general feeling of being left behind, compared to the rest of the city.

Increase in Young People...

Although many families and young people have left the area, our profile was considerably raised after the earthquakes due to work we were doing. This brought about new opportunities for programmes, events and relationships, which brought about an increase in young people we are working with. We have started more after school clubs, more holiday programmes, are involved in more community events, more schools and mentoring more young people. This has been made possible with an increase in short term funding for more staff to meet these needs.

Supermarket v Youth Centre...

The building we've been using was built as a supermarket and has been used as a community centre for over 20 years. It's had tens of thousands of community people use it for hundreds of reasons. It was damaged after the earthquakes in certain areas and certain internal walls needed to be rebuilt and/or strengthened. We make use of the spaces that are already there, but would be able to run more effective and purposeful programmes if areas the building were designed around a community facility rather than a supermarket!

VISION AND RESEARCH

Vision

Dreams are free, and we have often dreamt of what we'd do if Bill Gates were to catch the vision of Youth Alive Trust and send millions of dollars our way... Our purposes and trust deed would not change, but what we used to do it probably would! A purpose built youth and community centre would provide many more opportunities; to provide more programmes, more efficient programmes - making better use of space, for more young people, attracting more leaders, more agencies and raising the profile to deal with more needs.



We would love a sports type hall/gym that was multipurpose, with spring wooden floor, and could be used for games, sports, activities, dance, etc. We'd love hang out areas that would be always set up for young people to relax, have a hot chocolate, chat to their friends and youth leaders, play computer games, cards, table tennis, etc. We'd love areas that youth leaders could meet with young people for mentoring, counselling or individual training. We'd love areas set aside for creative arts, such as a musical instrument practice room, or craft room, or staging area to perform music or drama's - planting new talents, gifts and dreams. We'd love a friendly and modern under 5's area that meets legal standards for child care, and is running daily programmes including music and bubs groups, teen mum's groups, new parents support groups, parent training courses, etc. We'd love spaces for other youth and family agencies to work, and share their knowledge and skills with the community we're based - sharing resources, contacts and working together.

We looked into the use of a completely new/different building, but after much thought and viewing other facilities, we were all in agreement that staying a part of the current building had so many more benefits. Our building is in the hub of the community and is already recognised and used by thousands every year. Although it's formatted for a supermarket, the cost of reorganising the internals will be much cheaper than starting a fresh, as the whole building is extremely large. As the church and other agencies already work there, it's a good base to share ideas and work together, and also a great place to find volunteers. There is ample street parking, two entrances and it came through the earthquakes with no major structural damage. Therefore we set about researching, planning and designing a purpose built youth centre and community centre into our current building.

Research



We commissioned a Feasibility Study to be completed on Youth Alive Trust, analysing youth activity provision in the wider New Brighton area including current supply of facilities, programmes and services and any demand that might exist; then using that information to project future trends toward a reconfiguration of the Grace Vineyard Church Beach Campus. A very favourable 44 page document was produced and a 4 page synopsis makes for good reading in the next few pages.

Youth Alive Trust Youth Facility Development

Feasibility Study Synopsis November 2012

Completed by Peter Burley – Director
Sport Guidance Ltd on behalf of the Youth Alive Trust



Report Overview and Objective

The current situation at the Youth Alive Trust is one of a need to renew focus in terms of the physical facilities based at the “Grace Vineyard Beach Campus” site. To do this there is a desire to be clear about YAT’s relationship with youth people, and to use this to determine a possible configuration of facilities and spaces connected to what we know about youth participation patterns and trends. The objective of this report is to complete an analysis of youth activity provision in the wider New Brighton area including current supply of facilities, programmes and services and any latent demand that might exist; and using this information to projected future trends toward a reconfiguration of the Grace Vineyard Church Beach Campus.

Findings

The report finds that there is substantial supply of facilities; services; programmes and activities even though there has been a loss of physical infrastructure (i.e. QEII). There were many organisations involved in that delivery but Youth Alive Trust is by far the most significant contributor in programmes covering about 80% of all provision according to City Council Community and Recreation workers. The report also found a large increase in the number and type of events running in the East. There was some concern at the possible closure of the Central New Brighton and Freeville Schools and the impact that might have.

When reviewing the Grace Vineyard Facility it was clear that it is operating at or near peak with many activities happening within the spaces on a daily basis. Many of the spaces are adequate but there is constraint in the quality of provision, in the flexibility of the spaces and the need for a refocusing of use. Generally areas within the building are run down and many of the facilities are not fully ‘fit for purpose’. This is in the context of a growing YAT suite of programmes and increasing staffing and demonstrable capability existing in the organisation.

As a result of applying a set of principles linked to commentators views it was possible to identify development options. The principles related to the value of mentors; the need to specify a particular purpose for spaces but to realise the need for flexibility to provide a greatest adaptability in use; the need to acknowledge and link to what others are doing in events; the arts, music, sport facility development; and to acknowledge gaps in provision related to so called “Magnet” activities that excite youth and encourage them to participate.

These principles identified what would be needed to attract young people and pointed to research and what it said about what young people look for in experiences. It was determined that the spaces of the Grace Vineyard Church Beach Campus could be reconfigured as follows:

Development Options

No.	Development Option	Principle	Evidence (See full report to source page and section references)
1	Digital Space Provide or reconfigure a space within the building for technology and music-related activity (add to the adaptability of an existing space). Build a sound studio, video suite, broadcast media, computer lab cross-over space,	5,6,7,10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digi Club at NB Library proves concept • Huge uptake in technology and social media use for leisure, p 11. • Need to introduce “active” video games Aaron Webb p 27
2	Performance Space Adapt the Church space for a range of performance, theatre, drama contexts, making sure that there is available adjacent space for a green room/props construction/performance practice area adjacent to this space.	5,8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy Stokes hall Stage Area reasonably large, p 5. • Dance is very popular among young people • RCSI Research identified need for indoor event venues (Reference removed) • Technology spaces including video, music and dance p 26.
3	Adaptable Activity Space Upgrade the existing ‘sandpit’ as a multi-purpose activity space for physical activity. Provide adjacent storage to assist with this and upgrade surfaces, focus use toward games, small ball activities, dance and physical theatre /performance spaces	1,2,3,7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNB school reluctant in the past to hire Roy Stokes for sport, making the provision of a space for physical activity important for this area p 5/6 • Loss of QE2 • Decline in organised sport and upsurge in fun semi-structured activity p 23 • Wanting to try and do more than one thing, tasting, sampling, hang out with gold coin entry, adaptable experiences in spaces – create own games Table 16, p 30. • Indoor sport popular p 23. • Participation rates for almost all sports/ activities are highest when young people are "mucking around" with friends, families or on their own • Any new space needs to be able to adapt Stacey Holbrough, John Harrington p 26.p 27. • Magnet activity distinguishes youth centres p 29 •
4	Partnership Space Work in partnership with other providers, CCC, RCSI, NBCS (Roy Stokes Hall) to further utilise these spaces for programmes and activities	4,9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCSI indicate a desire to partner with YAT on a number of projects , p15 • Youth as a partnership process is reinforced p 24 • Working with CCC encouraged p 23. • Potential to further reinforce YAT links into High Schools • Link with Youth and Health (South African Study) Table 16 p 30

5	Taking Performance Outdoors Build capability to move equipment and resources for music and other performance into outdoor settings in New Brighton (especially Pier and Foreshore)	4, 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building on success of mural madness p 10 Participation rates for almost all sports/ activities are highest when young people are "mucking around" with friends, families or on their own p 28 Village squares and green space important to youth. P 25 Virtual fitness Xbox outdoors p 28. Localised delivery)(increased one parent families) Fig 3, p 38
6	Social and Network Space Provide a social space more open to the internal corridor and to the outside. Continue to provide a drop-in, social, meetings and back-up space supporting Digital Space, Performance Space and Activity Space. If possible link to the kitchen and make into a café accessible from the street.	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huge uptake in technology and social media use for leisure, p 23. Youth entertainment sites important p Youth friendly cafes encouraged p 25 Increased involvement in post primary school age groups p 27
7	Mentoring Space Provide a quite small meeting space for one-to-one mentoring of youth by youth workers	5,7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments of direction of YAT and new initiatives indicated by James Ridpath

The development options link to what young people have indicated that they want. Much of what they were interested in related to performance, culture, music and entertainment. Not surprisingly there was substantial interest in traditional activities of swimming, fun rides, and youth friendly spaces. A summary of these trends is listed below:

Youth Trend (From researching youth and Youth professionals)	Expressed By
Huge uptake in technology and social media for recreation and leisure	Youth Voice Study
Gaming Culture	Youth Voice Study VFA Case Study
Decline in organised sport but increase in desire for indoor activity for fun	Sport New Zealand Youth Voice Study
Comfort seeking (enclosed malls)	Youth Voice Study
Wanting to try and do more than one thing, tasting, sampling, hang out with gold coin entry, adaptable experiences in spaces – create own games	Sport New Zealand Youth Voice Study Aaron Webb, Sport Canterbury John Harrington, Canterbury Youth Collective
Mainly interested in “informal” activity but with some structure	Sport New Zealand Ministry of Youth Development
Keen on places for swimming – utilisation of beach	Aaron Webb, Sport Canterbury Youth Voice Study
As move to Secondary kids drop away from YAT activity – need magnet activities	Aaron Webb, Sport Canterbury Ministry of Youth Development
Linking Youth and Health	South African Study, Movement Centres
Music, performance	Youth research, observations Te Koru examples
Youth friendly spaces (outdoors and indoors with a local village feel) and social café spaces for youth Youth Hub collaboration	Youth Voice Study Rebecca May, Renew New Brighton

An overview of the community 'out East' post earthquake reinforces the key role played by YAT, not only in the plethora of programmes delivered but also in the mentoring and community and youth development roles they undertake in many communities. A key strategic aspect to their operation is the location of Grace Vineyard Church and the need for a drop-in and community facility in this location. This need would increase if the school was to be removed depending on the nature of the redevelopment of the mall.

In summary, there are many useful pieces of information in the report. Much of what is provided paints a picture of a complex, integrated and wide ranging delivery. YAT is a key player in all of this and has a substantial involvement in youth programme delivery. Their facilities need upgrading and there is opportunity for them to tune that upgrade in such a way as to make their provision more meaningful and more focused on "magnet" activities of youth. This would increase the level of engagement and participation of young people and excite them about being involved in YAT programmes.

The report recommends:

- That the 'Sandpit' facility reconfiguration focus on improving the "Adaptable Activity Space" for a range of informal and structured activities, mainly small ball games but as a complementary site for performance space and other activities. (This will require a big focus on increasing storage capacity, so that the activity space can be reconfigured for multiple games).
- That YAT continue to support partnerships for the creation of Youth Hubs, 'Magnet' activities and a Performance Centre with others and that they look to either deliver the programmes associated with these and/or reconfigure their own facility to operate these activities. That they look to purchase equipment that will allow them to move music and performance activity between indoor and outdoor spaces as part of this.
- That YAT increase their capability in the areas of technology, computers, computer gaming in a drop-in or café space, and/or that they increase their involvement with the New Brighton Library on this basis.
- That YAT reconfigure its internal spaces at Grace Vineyard Beach Campus so that small group and one-on-one mentoring sessions can occur and so that staff and other community groups have spaces for planning, organising and staging activity.

The recommendations recognise and acknowledge the many activities already being delivered by the Youth Alive Trust but they seek to complement these with suggested new directions that will further increase the opportunities on offer. This becomes an exciting world of possibilities for cross-over of activity and for a large community of participants with multiple needs to seek out YAT for different things at different times and to explore different experiences over a longer duration.

THE PLAN - IN BRIEF

A new sense of HOPE and optimism is sweeping our city, as plans & dreams about what a rebuilt city will look like. We're not too interested in the bricks and mortar, but we are interested in the positive youthwork that can be done within bricks and mortar. 2014 is our 25th Birthday and we are at an advanced stage in plans for a purpose built youth & community facility as part of our present building - Grace Vineyard Beach Campus on Seaview Road/Beresford St. This old Dollarwise Supermarket is run down and still has the look and feel of what it was initially built for. We plan to transform a large part of the building into areas that will better serve the programmes we and other groups run. We are a community hub that has tens of thousands of people using the building every year. It was a key facility on the east of Christchurch after the earthquakes and continues to serve our community as it rebuilds physically and socially. The project is now 2 years old and has been through feasibility studies, architects, engineers, consents and received good media coverage. With the support of 4 major funders we have just reached \$1.75 million towards the revised fundraising target of \$2.27 million. The plans in brief include:

Youth Gym

A multi purpose Youth Gym, large enough to play team sports, high enough to play ball games, warm enough for toddlers activities, and cool enough to do Dance Classes!

Entrances, Reception & Information Office

An appealing building facade, entrance way and information office, welcoming to any visitor, parent or young person entering from the Beresford Street & Seaview Road sides.

Foyer, Roof & Structurally Tying

Structurally tie the two buildings together to meet building standards, fix leaking roof and drainage, refurbish and bring natural light into the long and multi purpose foyer.

Youth Lounge

A purpose designed Youth Lounge, for young people to relax, play games, do arts and crafts, listen to music, view activities in the sports hall and gather whole groups together. Includes double doors that lead into an outdoor courtyard and storage for equipment.

Ground Floor Offices & Level 1 Offices & WCs

A variety of offices to cater for staff from a number of agencies plus 2 unisex toilets.

Music Practice Room

A sound proof Music Room for young people to learn, play and explore different musical instruments, and develop new talents.

Budget Advice Centre & Meeting Rooms

Two rooms dedicated to offering free budget advice to locals, referred and self-referred, plus an administration office. Meeting rooms may also be used for counselling, mentoring and meetings.

Under 5's Crèche & External Playground

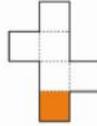
Modern and fully equipped Crèche with separate areas for under 2's and over 2's, childrens toilets, changing facilities and kitchen. With double doors which lead to a safe and fun outdoor play area for children including artificial lawn, asphalt, sandpits and decking.

Refurbishment of Toilet Block

A modern toilet facility including male, female and accessible toilets blocks and a shower that serves all agencies and users of the building.

External Storage Area

Four storage units totalling nearly 40 sqm in the outside alleyway.



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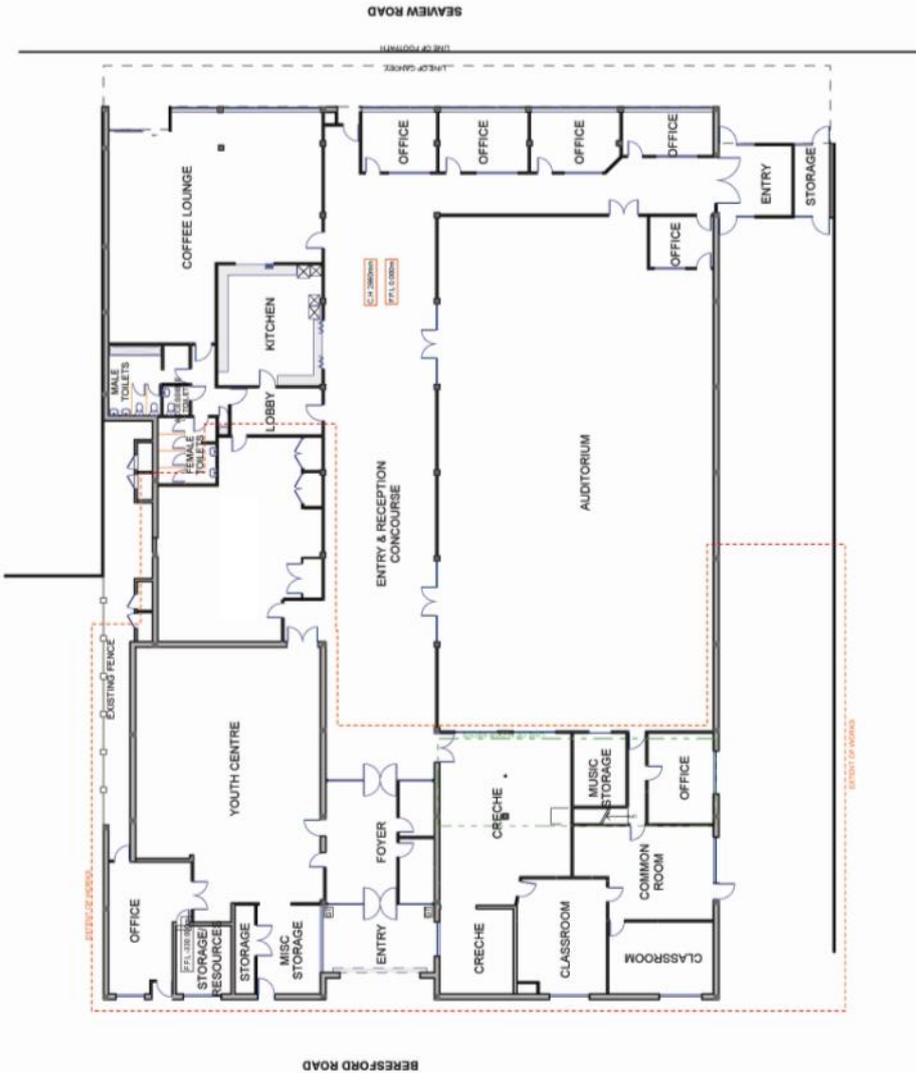
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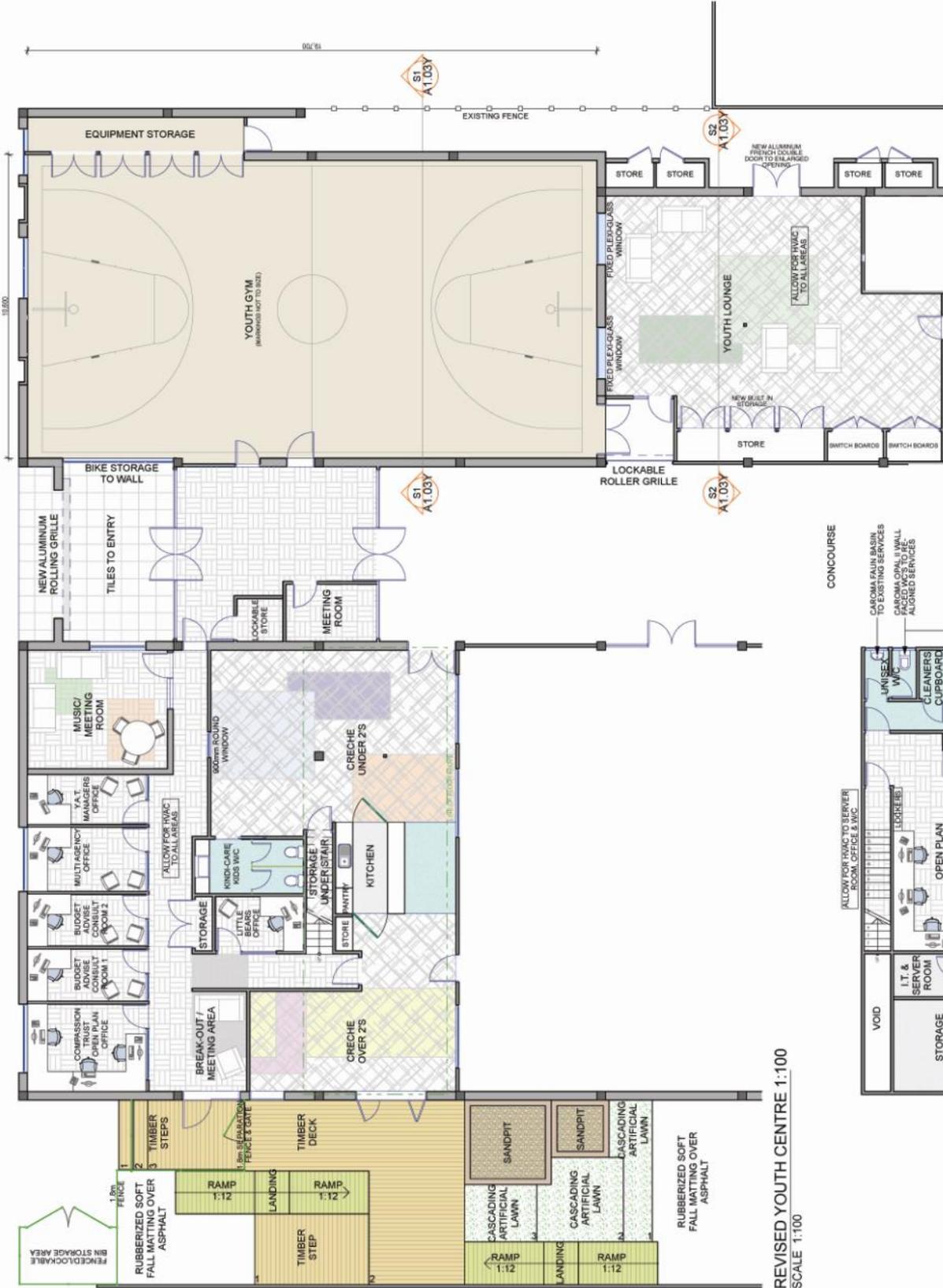
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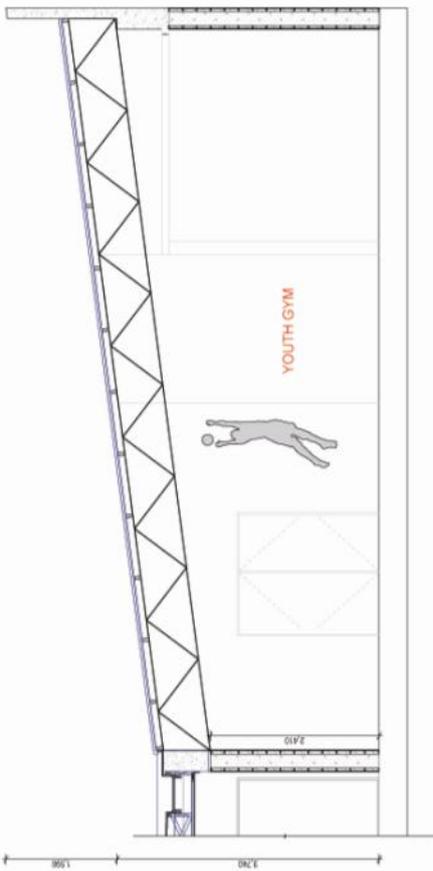
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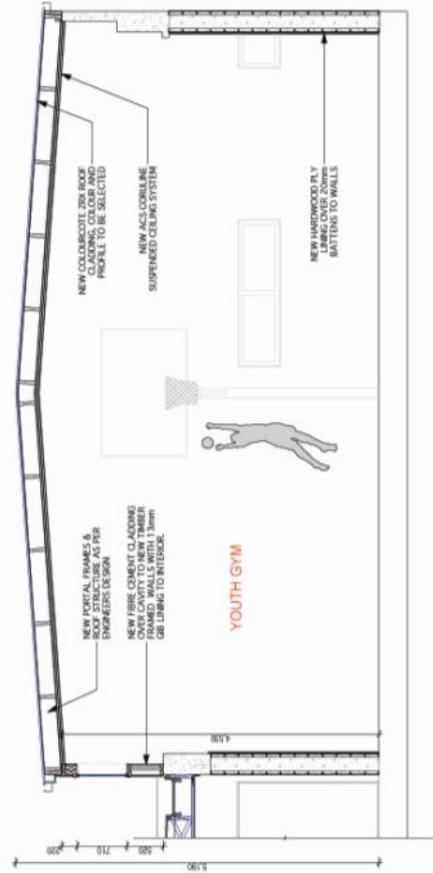


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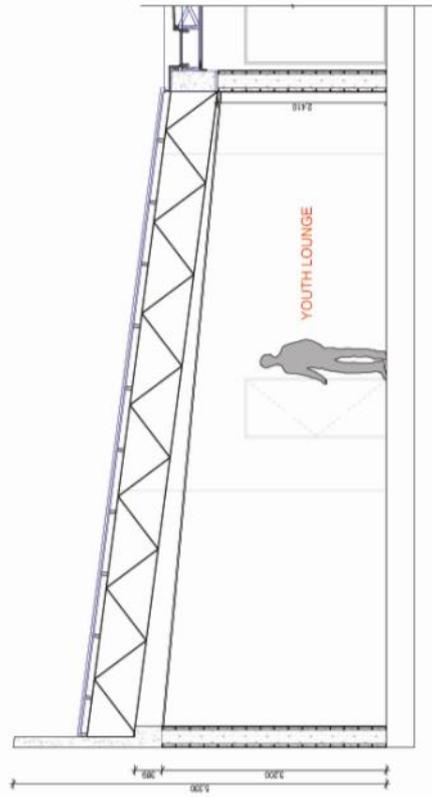
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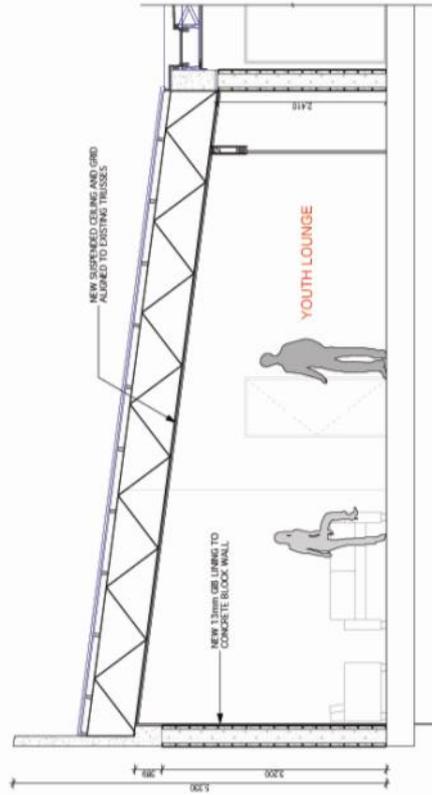
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AREAS EXPLAINED

Stage 1: Youth Gym

Brief: A multi purpose Youth Gym, large enough to play team sports, high enough to play ball games, warm enough for toddlers activities, and cool enough to do Dance Classes!

Our Games Hall has been very well used for the past 21 years and is in desperate need of renovation! This is the hall all our programmes use for a variety of activities, including ball games, sports, messy games, group activities and challenges. The February EQ made two of the internal walls unstable, and therefore one had to be demolished and rebuilt, the other has been stabilised with wooden framing. The floor is carpet on top of concrete, which currently has many rips in it and the concrete floor has also developed damage since the EQs. It is a cold room, as the heater that's been used for the past 15 years is very average and makes the room undesirable in the winter months. The roof has low bearing steel structures, which affect ball games, look very untidy and limits what activities can take place. The ceiling is damaged in many places and one corner of the room is damp, dark and cold, with broken windows. The youthworkers office and a storage room is built into a corner of the hall, so the room is an irregular shape. Yet there is SO MUCH potential and a renovation would open up so many more programme opportunities, and make it a more desirable place for people to attend and connect into. The plans include:

- Making the hall as large as possible by knocking out office and storage room, making it one large rectangle space.
- Raising the roof to the highest point on the current structure, allow for greater versatility of games such as basketball, netball, volleyball.
- Spring wooden floor, suitable for sports, games and dance.
- Cushioning the walls to make it safer if children trip or fall during games.
- New heating system and in built sound and audio system.
- Storage cupboards in the cavity area of the existing structure for large items.



AREAS EXPLAINED

Stage 1: Entrances, Reception & Information Office

Brief: An appealing building facade, entrance way and information office, welcoming to any visitor, parent or young person entering from the Beresford Street & Seaview Road sides.

We don't want a nice looking building for architectural awards! We want a warm and inviting entrance and facade that will attract people into the building - where the real work will be done! The entrance into the back of the building current has a rusty roller door, which can only be opened from the inside. The entrance from Seaview Road is hidden and it's easy to drive past without noticing it. The facade is the old supermarket banner, but with new signage for Grace Vineyard and Youth Alive Trust. We envision a modern facade that stands out to people going past and attracts people inside the building, with signage for all agencies using the venue.

The Beresford entrance way will be an area for bikes to be locked up - very popular for young people attending our programmes. There will also be an area where bags, scooters and other personal items can be stored and looked after while on programme. There will be a community noticeboard in the entry, for displaying posters and information of community events and programmes happening all over the eastside of Christchurch. There will be flyers and information people can pick up, while dropping off children or just walking past. This area will be vital for connecting locals with other services outside the building too.

The main office in the entranceway will be manned by the Youth Alive Trust Programmes Manager who will deal with enquiries regarding any programme, take registrations, speak to parents and give direction of other services. It will be a beacon of hope for young people, parents and loved ones, when they don't know where to go, who to ask or where to get help. The Programmes Manager will be regularly connecting with other groups and keeping information relevant and updated. The main reception for the building during office hours will be at the Seaview end of the building, therefore saving costs on two receptions and working together, with all the other agencies in the building.



AREAS EXPLAINED

Stage 1: Foyer, Roof & Structurally Tying

Brief: Structurally tie the two buildings together to meet building standards, fix leaking roof and drainage, refurbish and bring natural light into the long and multi purpose foyer.

Historically, the foyer used to be a road! It is the long concourse area between the two buildings, that used to be separated, but someone joined them together and built a roof over the top. It is a very versatile and useful area of the building that channels people into specific rooms. It is used as a meet and greet area, a serving area for the kitchen, the Pool, Table Tennis and Air Hockey area on youth nights, a information area, the parents waiting area, the noticeboard area, the sign in and sign out area for programmes, the area to have a little chat away from the main programme, the time-out area, the tug of war area, the long relay area & a bit more!

The fact that it used to be two buildings, is the main structural issue for the whole building. The separate buildings have not been tied together well enough, and during earthquakes, they resonate differently, and this puts the overall building at risk. The overall building meets 40% of New Building Standards across the building and 55% of the NBS along the building, according to our DEE. There are cracks down both sides of the main foyer and engineers made us do temporary strengthening work after the large earthquakes. The roof has been leaking for 10 years during heavy rain and snow, and there is water damage throughout the building. The drainage does not cope with the catchment of the roof and needs replacing. There is also no natural light in the foyer and asbestos in the roof.

A new foyer will raise the overall structural integrity of the whole building and raise the % of nbs dramatically. It will solve the leaking and drainage issues, provide natural light and remove the asbestos. The engineers and architects have stated that we cannot raise the roof of the Youth Gym without structurally tying the buildings together first. Therefore the Youth Gym cannot start until the Foyer work is underway.



AREAS EXPLAINED

Stage 2: Youth Lounge

Brief: A purpose designed Youth Lounge, for young people to relax, play games, do arts and crafts, listen to music, view activities in the sports hall and gather whole groups together. Includes double doors that lead into an outdoor courtyard and storage for equipment.

The building in its current format is constantly being rearranged to meet the needs of the programmes being ran. We spend a lot of time setting up and packing down activities like gaming stations, table tennis, board games, arranging rooms with seating, music and video - then packing it all down again. The room we often use is next to the Sandpit/Sport Gym, but it has no windows, a old angled false ceiling and is again in great need of major modernising.

We are proposing to bring some light into the room with windows looking out into the sports gym and outside. This would also allow viewing of activities and greater accountability when programmes are running in a variety of spaces. Gaming stations would be permanently set-up, but in secure facilities, so they could be easily accessed but also easily locked up. There will be enough seating for a large group, which is needed for nearly all our programmes to bring the group together, give activity instructions and all-in activities, through a variety of couches, and bean bags, etc. There will be an area of tables and chairs for arts and crafts activities, group activities, games or even homework! There will also be a few PCs, which can be used for anything from movie making, information finding, website designing, music composing, games and even homework!

The room will lead to an outside courtyard, which will become a good place for young people to cool down after sport - but also within a secure area and not outside on the street. It is making use of the existing space, as this area is currently unused - but could be used as a separate meeting area and adds another dimension to existing building format.



examples



AREAS EXPLAINED

Stage 2: Ground Floor Offices & Level 1 Offices & WCs

Brief: A variety of offices to cater for staff from a number of agencies working with children, young people and their families. Also meeting rooms budget advice, for 1 on 1 counselling and storage and toilets.

This part of the plan will be the brains which make the body do the work! The planning, administration, meetings, empowering, evaluating, structuring and envisioning. There will be offices for a number of agencies, Compassion Trust, Youth Alive Trust Managers Office and open plan youthworkers office, Little Bears Office and a Multi Agency office. There will also be a storage room, a server room for all the computer equipment and a break out area for people to meet outside of the offices in a more relaxed environment. The plans for this area of the building do not involve structural building work, more renovations, moving internal walls and making better use the of the space. It has been used as an alternative education school for a number of years, therefore the large classrooms will be split into smaller, more efficient areas.

- Compassion Trust - see page 21
- Music practice room - see page 20
- The Multi Agency Office was developed from feedback received from other agencies in the city who liked the idea of having a base on the east of the city, but couldn't see anyway of finding the funding to put someone full time here. It would be a neutral office that could be used by 5 different agencies over 5 days. We don't have confirmed tenants for this proposal yet, but we do have verbal interest. We would envision different days involving a health advisor, a drug & alcohol counsellor, a parent training/support agency, a Maori liaison worker, and maybe a specialist mentoring agency. We completely recognise that we cannot do this work alone, and for a very small fee to help cover cost, eg: \$75 a day, we would be able to offer the community more support when transport is an issue for many.
- Youth Alive Trust currently has 5 full time members of staff, 2 part time and a number of key volunteers who make use of the offices. The open plan office upstairs will give space for both staff and volunteers and the Managers Office allows for private meetings, and away from the distractions of vibrant, energetic youthworkers!
- The Little Bears currently has 1 part time staff member, plus key leaders and plans for growth. Their office will be used for planning and organising more programmes, meeting key volunteers and doing the necessary paperwork.
- The Breakout area has a more relaxed and open feel compared to an office. It may be more suitable to meet with some clients or young people in this area than an office.
- Two unisex toilets and basins would replace old toilets in the upstairs area. This part of the building may be used independently from the rest of the building, but more toilets can be found in other areas of the building.
- The Server Room would be cooled to keep all IT equipment in optimum conditions. The servers and Wireless access will be able to be accessed by all agencies needing them.

AREAS EXPLAINED

Stage 2: Music Practice Room

Brief: A sound proof Music Room for young people to learn, play and explore different musical instruments, and develop new talents.

The Feasibility study confirmed our thoughts that there were very few places locally for young people to develop and express their creative talents, be this through amateur dramatics, arts and crafts and music. There are a lot of sports clubs and young people are heavily encouraged to join a team. There are children's theatre companies in the city and also private music tutors in most areas - but financially, most families in our area can't afford them, nor does their child have the basic knowledge to even explore that area. The local High Schools all have a music department, but none of the local primary schools do, and very few of them even offer private instrument lessons for a cost.

We propose to set aside a room specifically for musical instruments, where young people can practice, learn and explore different instruments, form bands, record themselves and learn from someone more experienced. It can work at all levels, from very beginners to more experienced musicians. The room will be sound proof, and have some instruments available all the time, a PC capable of making recordings and large enough for group performances. For example:

- A volunteer mentor works 1 on 1 with a 12 year old every week, teaching them basic drumming skills. They practice at home on pots and pans during the week, until they become competent enough to play alongside others at school in a band.
- A young person who played around on grandma's piano, wants to learn a bit more, and starts piano lessons every week for only a \$2 donation to a volunteer.
- A group of Xfactor wannabees borrow guitars from uncles and neighbours and come along to a weekly Guitar tutor session, aimed at either beginners or intermediates.
- A teenager Youth Alive Trust programme sets the challenge of making music videos. Some young people record their own voices singing in the music room onto a PC, some do a moc band performance and others do a rap, before using a camera to film footage and then editing it together to make the video.



AREAS EXPLAINED

Stage 2: Budget Advice Centre

Brief: Two rooms dedicated to offering free budget advice to locals, referred and self-referred, plus an administration office.

Established in 2003, Compassion Trust is a charitable trust that serves needy families and individuals living in the eastern suburbs. Initially they hosted community meals at the Grace Vineyard Church building in Ferry Road. Hundreds of guests attended regular community meals, they delivered school lunches to low income families and following the February 2011 earthquake, they undertook a community needs assessment project to fully understand the needs of the eastern suburbs. As a result, a staff of two and a team of dedicated volunteers established a free budget advice service based at the Grace Vineyard Beach Campus in New Brighton. They not only assist with budget and debt management but advocacy and insolvency too. While providing support and education to address debt, they help bring clarity and understanding around weekly budget planning. They journey with clients to address issues of poverty holistically, to help break the poverty cycle and empower the following generations.

Two rooms will be set up to meet with clients, where staff or volunteers meet clients in privacy, in a relaxing environment. They will be small rooms, for 2 or 3 people, a computer a few chairs, and sound proof. The administration office is where staff and volunteers will do the administration that comes with the role. When not used by Compassion Trust, they can be used by other agencies, counselling and mentoring of young people.

The location of the office means clients will walk past other agencies working in the same building and therefore connections will be made to other support they may need, such as Youth Alive Trust's children's programmes, Little Bear's mother and tots programmes or one of the agencies working in the Multi Agency office, for example, offering parent support to teenagers. They will also see posters and flyers of other community groups operating in the area, giving them every opportunity to get as much help as they need. Compassion Trust currently run from offices on the Beresford Street entrance, so would need to move to make way for the information and storage rooms.



AREAS EXPLAINED

Stage 2: Under 5's Crèche

Stage 4: External Playground

Brief: Modern and fully equipped Crèche with separate areas for under 2's and over 2's, childrens toilets, changing facilities and kitchen. With double doors which lead to a safe and fun outdoor play area for children including artificial lawn, asphalt, sandpits and decking.

The current crèche area is squashed into a dimly lit room, part of which obviously used to be the old supermarket freezer! It doesn't have separate areas for basic things, such as a place for changing nappies, or breastfeeding, and is in desperate need of bringing into the 21st century. We're proposing a larger under 5's area, with separate areas for the very different under 2's and over 2's. This allows for separate programmes, more specialist support and resources specific to their age. A kitchen in the middle is where much of the parent connections will happen, over a hot drink, while warming up babies milk or even doing some baking together while children play. There will be two child specific toilets - there are currently none of the current building, and a private area set aside for changing babies.

In accordance with child care requirements, it would then lead outside into an exciting play area, where children can ride bikes, play in the sandpit, kick a ball on the artificial grass or any variety of play equipment. There would be no public access to this child only area allowing parents to relax outdoors in a safe, supportive environment with their child.

Little Bears runs parent and tot groups during the week and they are also in advanced plans to start a new programme for young mums. The vision is to see programmes running everyday for under 5's, both by ourselves and by others. They will also be working with other under 5 specialist groups to bring health support, parenting advice and new programmes such as the popular music and movement classes. Plunket has ran programmes here in the past, and Toolbox Parenting Courses also run programmes from here. They would work closely alongside Youth Alive Trust and Compassion Trust when offering parent courses, seminars, and joint family events. It will also help with the transition of baby, to toddler, to child, to teenager - in a familiar, supportive centre.



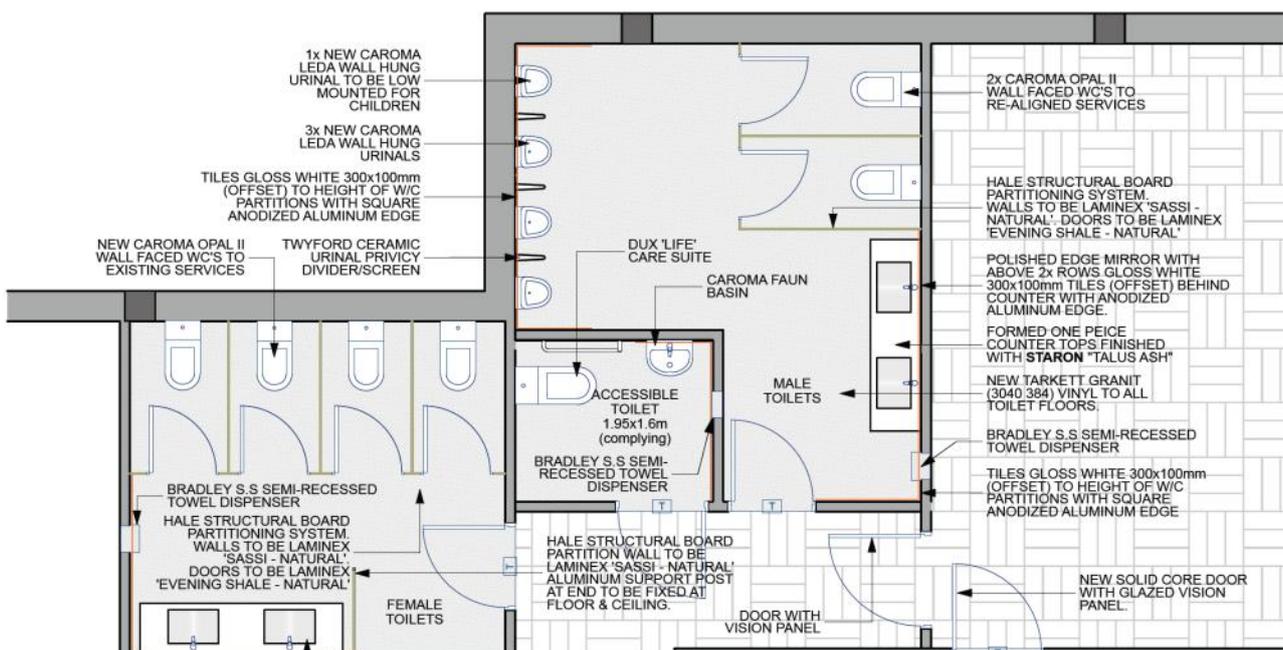
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Stage 3: Refurbishment of Toilet Block

Brief: A modern toilet facility including male, female and accessible toilets blocks, plus a shower that serves all agencies and users of the building,

The building has one main toilet block that has not been updated for around 30 years!! Gross!! It is in a central location to the whole building and used by hundreds of people every week. We are embarrassed when guests use the toilets, as they are in desperate need of improvements. There is earthquake damage to the walls and toilets, cracks in the floor and the accessible toilet does not meet modern building specifications.

We have plans to modernise and upgrade the toilet area to current standards. This includes new pans and sinks, new flooring, rearranging the set-up to make better use of the space, including separate urinals for the men – rather than the cattle feeding trough. The accessible toilet will be larger to meet current building specifications, including hand rails, new basins and hot running water - an issue we've been struggling with for a while. The ladies will also have more basins and more space to beautify themselves. A recent edition of a shower has been added to the plans, to take into account the varying activities and users of the multi use venue.



AREAS EXPLAINED

Stage 5: External Storage

Brief: Enclosed and weather tight storage containers for permanent agencies to store larger items, in the alleyway.

Storage is always a premium in a multi agency building that is used a lot! We have an alley between the building and our neighbours that currently has two tin sheds. With the building renovation, we are loosing storage spaces in other areas of the building, therefore we plan to build four stage unit just under 10 sq metres each, that permanent agencies using the building will use. This will be nearly 40 sq metres of extra space, that doesn't need to take up valuable space inside. Youth Alive Trust will use their unit to store their large games, sumo suits and event materials. Compassion Trust will use their unit to store food parcels, and possibly a fridge and freezer. Little Bears will use their storage for outdoor play equipment, which is ideal as it's right next to the outdoor play area. Grace Vineyard will use their storage for their events equipment, such as decorations, spare kitchen equipment, gazebo's and spare building resources.



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NEW-LOOK FACILITY: Youth Alive Trust manager James Ridpath in the current area used by young people for a gym. This space, plus a new creche, youth lounge and a musical suite are part of a 1.6 million refit for the Grace Vineyard Church.

Plans revealed for youth centre

A New Brighton community and church organisation has revealed a seven stage plan for developing a youth gym, creche, youth lounge and a musical suite.

The Youth Alive Trust, which is part of the Grace Vineyard Church, said they will do a \$1.6 million refit and renovate their current premises on 111-113 Seaview Rd. Included in the plans are a multi purpose youth gym to play indoor sports and specially designed youth lounge.

"This is really an exciting project.

"The site has become run down after 20 years and before that it was a supermarket," said Youth Alive Trust manager, James Ridpath.

The Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust granted \$408,000 to the project and talks are under way with other funders.

The seven stage plan will see the youth gym begin construction by the end of this year.

"We will be raising the roof on the current indoor area, to make it better for sports and have different areas for everything.

"At the moment we can't really do a drop in because people can get into everything, but with this we will be able to gate off areas," said Mr Ridpath.

Stage two will be the creation of a youth lounge, for young people to relax, play games, listen to music.

Stages three to seven include developing a creche on site, meeting rooms, music suite for young people and outdoor areas.

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Youth and community centre for east

A PURPOSE-built youth and community centre will be developed for the east of Christchurch in an old supermarket building.

Plans have just been released by Youth Alive Trust in New Brighton to redevelop a large part of its current building, which will include a multipurpose youth gym, youth lounge, a crèche, offices, meeting room, music room and an outdoor play area.

The Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust granted \$408,000 in February, 2012 towards the stage one cost of refitting the earthquake-damaged premises to provide a purpose-built youth gym. The \$408,000 was contributed by an anonymous donor, who gave \$5 million to the appeal to help fund projects for children in the eastern suburbs.

Youth Alive Trust is continuing discussions and applications with other funders to raise the estimated \$1.6 million cost for the whole project.

It has been based in the old Dollarwise supermarket for over 20 years and during this time Youth Alive Trust has adapted its programmes to the layout and design of the building. Now named 'Grace Vineyard Beach Campus,' and formerly 'Seaview Christian Centre,' the building has been a community centre for many years and was a key hub directly after the February, 2011 earthquake for many months, serving thousands of families. Damage caused to the building during the Christchurch earthquakes has been the catalyst to plan for the next 20 years, providing a facility to be used by pre-schoolers, children, youth, parents and grandparents from all over the east of Christchurch.

Manager James Ridpath said it had been a privilege to serve the young people and families in the community for over 20 years.

"Now it's time to provide a facility this community can be proud of."

Burwood Pegasus Councillor Peter Beck said the east of Christchurch was a lively and vibrant part of Christchurch.

"These plans are just one of many that will continue to make the east of Christchurch such a great place to live."

Over 200 young people use the facility every week taking part in the programmes, and staff work with hundreds more in the community and local schools. The supermarket has had its time, and the new design will allow more groups to use it, more programmes for young people and more collaboration between different local agencies.

Background work on the plans has been ongoing for more than two years with architects, engineers, builders and community leaders, and including a feasibility study, which highlighted the need for more performing arts spaces, adaptable activity spaces and partnership spaces.

New space: Artistic impressions of the purpose-built youth and community centre in New Brighton.



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EASTERN UPGRADE



Watch out: Children enjoy a game of dodge ball during a Wave after-school programme at Grace Vineyard Church's Beach Campus at New Brighton. Photos: JOHN KIRK-ANDERSON/FAIRFAX NZ

'Supermarket of social services' to be built

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An old New Brighton supermarket will be turned into a community centre for young people in the eastern suburbs, thanks in part to a generous donation from an anonymous benefactor.

New Brighton's Youth Alive Trust has unveiled plans for an ambitious redevelopment of the old Dollarwise supermarket it has used as its headquarters for the past 20 years.

The first stage of the redevelopment is building a multi-purpose youth gym. Work is due to start by the end of the year.

A creche, recreation lounge, offices, meeting rooms and a sound-proof music room are also planned and will be built as money allows.

Funding for the gym is coming from a \$408,000 grant from the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust. The money came from an anonymous donor who gave \$5 million during the post-quake appeal to help fund projects for children in the eastern suburbs.

Youth Alive Trust manager James Ridpath said the project had been two years in the planning and the overall estimated cost was \$1.6m.



Baker boy: Taine Turton, 10, mixes baking ingredients during a Wave after-school programme at New Brighton.

"It has been a privilege to serve the young people and families in our community for over 20 years, but it's now time to provide a facility this community can be proud of.

"Over 200 young people use our facility every week in our programmes and our staff work with hundreds more in the community and local schools.

"It's a vision for a supermarket of social services for our community."

Christchurch City councillor Peter Beck welcomed the plans for

the redevelopment of the centre, which served as an important hub for the New Brighton community immediately after the February 22, 2011, earthquake.

"The east of Christchurch is still a lively and vibrant part of Christchurch and these plans are just one of many that will continue to make the east of Christchurch such a great place to live," he said.

The Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust is also contributing \$126,000 over two years to other youth programmes run by the Youth Alive Trust.

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Big plans for youth space in east

By ANNA PRICE

A BOLD \$1.6 million plan to redevelop an old supermarket into a purpose-built youth and community centre for east Christchurch has been unveiled by Youth Alive Trust.

Trust manager James Ridpath hails the plan as "exciting". "It's a vision for a 'supermarket' of social services for our community," he said.

The multi-faceted development will be carried out in stages as funding allows.

The project can be kick-started with a \$408,000 grant from the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust.

This will go toward the Stage 1 cost of refitting the quake-damaged structure. Work is expected to start before the end of this year.

The money came from an anonymous donor who gave \$5 million to the appeal to help fund projects for children in the eastern suburbs.

Discussions would continue with other funders to raise the estimated \$1.6 million cost of the whole project.

The trust, based in the old Dollarwise supermarket for over 20 years, has adapted its programmes to the layout and design.

Now named Grace Vineyard Beach Campus (formerly Seaview Christian Centre), the building was a key hub immediately after the February 2011 earthquake, aiding thousands of families.



HAPPY DAYS: Youth Alive Trust manager James Ridpath, right, with a bunch of youth adventurers.

Quake damage was the catalyst to plan for the next 20 years, Mr Ridpath said.

"It has been a privilege to serve the young people and families in our community for over 20 years but it's now time to provide a facility this community can be proud of."

Over 200 young people turn up every week and staff work with

hundreds more in the community and local schools.

"The new design will allow more groups to use it, more programmes for young people and more collaboration between different

local agencies," he said.

Work with architects, engineers, builders and community leaders included a feasibility study showing the need for more performing arts spaces, adaptable

activity spaces and partnership spaces.

The seven-stage plan includes a multi-purpose youth gym, youth lounge, a modern fully-equipped creche and offices for staff from at least four agencies working with young people and their families.

It will also include meeting rooms for budget advice - and a sound-proof music room for young people to learn, play and explore musical instruments and develop their talents.

The plan includes an attractive, welcoming facade to be placed on the Beresford St entrance and a safe outdoor play area for children including sandpits and decking.

STABILITY

YOUTH ALIVE Trust has received a further \$126,000 from the Earthquake Appeal Trust to run additional youth programmes for two years in east Christchurch.

Trust manager James Ridpath says this has enabled youth workers to spend more time with young people living in changing circumstances and provide activities and programmes that bring stability and fun into their lives.

New programmes include Surge, a weekly club for years 9 and 10, more mentoring hours and a music programme for local teenagers.

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Youth centre hooks third big grant

WORK IS expected to start at the end of this year on a \$1.6 million project to convert an old supermarket into a purpose-built youth and community centre for east Christchurch.

Youth Alive Trust is delighted with a \$260,000 boost for the project from the city's capital endowment fund.

Trust manager James Ridpath says the vision is for a "supermarket" of social services for the community.

"We're very, very happy to be supported by our local council who have seen the results of many years of youth work here and are willing to invest in it for the future," he said.

This is the third lump sum for the project.

The trust has received \$408,000 from Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust and \$626,000 from Lotteries. The earthquake trust money came from an anonymous donor who gave \$5 million to the appeal for projects for children in the eastern suburbs.

"We've been operating for 25 years next year, worked with thousands of young people and run programmes in four local schools, Mr Ridpath said.

"It is all about building a legacy for the future.

"The bricks and mortar are not going to make a difference, it's the youth work that happens within the bricks and mortar. Our bricks and mortar are very run down and we're ready for a big makeover."

The project is still \$400,000 short of its \$1.6m target.

Stage 1 sees the dilapidated



YOUTH BOOST: Some of the happy bunch in Youth Alive Trust's youth programmes in New Brighton say a large thank you to the council for investing in their future.

building redeveloped into a purpose-built gym - "large enough to play team sports, high enough to play ball games, warm enough for toddlers activities, and cool enough to do dance classes".

The eight-stage project will proceed as funding allows.

This includes a youth lounge,

budget advice centre, music room, under-5 creche, outdoor play area, and offices for youth workers and other agencies.

Part of Grace Vineyard church's beach campus, the building served as a hub after the February 2011 earthquake, aiding thousands.

Councillor Glenn Livingstone

had high praise for the outreach.

"We're very happy to give our support. This is pro-active youth work in the community.

"Grace Vineyard church was wonderful to the community at the time of the February quakes. They worked in with local elected representatives and Senior

Sergeant Roy Appley, resourcing the community and running children's programmes. They kept a cool head.

"James (Ridpath) and Sam (Harvey, Grace Vineyard pastor) were inspiring. This was the church being the church and doing what it does best," he said.

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Helping young people in east Christchurch

The Youth Alive Trust in New Brighton is seeking funding and partners to finish a major upgrade of its premises and offer Christchurch young people an even better service.

The Youth Alive Trust was established in 1989 to service children and young people in New Brighton through offering a range of fun, safe and innovative programmes. It aims to support them holistically; socially, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

Manager James Ridpath says the trust supports hundreds of young people every week through a large variety of programmes. It runs programmes within four local schools - Central New Brighton Primary, North New Brighton Primary, South New Brighton Primary and Aranui High School, as well as running six weekly clubs and programmes on site at its premises in Seaview Road.

These weekly clubs are for children from 5-18 years. They are led by volunteers and include



▲ Baylie Hape enjoys the water as part of Youth Alive Trust's weekly intermediate club, Rock Solid

fun activities, challenges, outings and team building exercises. There are also three school holiday programmes, camps, youth worker library support, large community events and youth leader training and support.

Ridpath says being part of a community is a major benefit for children, who develop many skills including leadership. "The Youth Alive Trust is a place where they can feel connected and can try new things," he says.

"It's a place where they can socialise with children outside of their normal school environment. Brighton is unique because there are so many primary schools but there's no high school and kids are all split up and sent to different high schools."

The Youth Alive Trust also offers individual mentoring support to young people and will refer them to other agencies if required.

Exciting upgrade to premises

The Youth Alive Trust is currently working towards upgrading and refurbishing its premises in an old supermarket in New Brighton, which it shares with the Grace Vineyard Beach Campus church.

Ridpath says the trust needs a total of \$1.6 million for the upgrade. It has already received \$408,000 to develop a new youth gym and an additional \$126,000 towards extra youth programmes from the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust. It has also just received \$626,000 from New Zealand Lotteries.

Other parties have also chipped in their support, with the Department of Corrections organising a large art auction on October 18 in aid of the youth and community building development.



▲ Youth Alive Trust volunteers at an I Love New Brighton event.

With just under \$600,000 still needed, the trust is keen to talk to any agencies or philanthropic donors about funding.

Rick Mardon, one of the trustees of Youth Alive Trust, says "We are also keen to start conversations with generous businesses about donated or discounted building supplies. The less money we need to spend on a building, the more money we can spend on youth workers and programmes to use that building to positively change lives."

The multi-faceted development will be done in stages as funding is obtained. Ridpath hopes the first stage will be underway by the end of the year and is optimistic that the whole project will be completed by the end of 2014.

The stages of the development involve:

Stage one: Refitting and developing a multi-purpose youth gym suitable for team sports, toddlers' activities and dance classes

Stage two: Refitting and fixing a multi-purpose youth lounge for young people to relax, play games, do arts and crafts, listen to music and watch activities in the sports hall

Stage three: Developing a fully equipped crèche with separate areas for under twos and over twos, children's toilets, changing facilities and a kitchen

Stages four and five: Developing a range of offices and meeting rooms to cater for staff and other agencies that use the facilities, including a budget advice centre, as well as a sound-proof music room for young people to learn, play and explore musical instruments

Stages six and eight: Developing a new façade, entrance way and community information office

Stage seven: Building an outdoor play area.

Multi-agency office

The Youth Alive Trust is keen to support other agencies working with children once its large upgrade is underway. James Ridpath says a multi-agency office will be established and other community groups will be welcomed into the refurbished New Brighton premises.

"Other agencies might like to come in one day a week or one morning a week," he says. "It might be someone who wants to offer a drug and alcohol programme once a week or a parenting course."

"With four agencies already committed to the development, we don't have a permanent office available for others, but we're looking for people and organisations who might want to be part of the multi-agency office."



▲ Jackson Cotton enjoying one of the many great experiences offered by the Youth Alive Trust in New Brighton.

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MEDIA REPORTS

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NEWS

Prisoners' art helps youth succeed

IMPRESSIVE ARTWORKS by Canterbury prisoners have fetched \$15,000 at auction to advance the development of Youth Alive Trust's youth and community centre in New Brighton.

Trust manager James Ridpath is stoked.

"We are so privileged they've chosen us."

Some of the 210 artworks fetched as much as \$200 to \$500 apiece.

Over 400 visitors came throughout the day to view the "amazing" collection, he said. These included paintings, drawings, collages, wood carvings, bone carvings and Oamaru stone sculptures.

"Prisoners got to showcase their extraordinary talents and give something positive to the community. People bought good quality art at a much better price than retail, the profile of Corrections and Youth Alive Trust was increased, money was raised towards a project that will bring positive benefits to generations and everyone had a great night out. We were thrilled."

Arts Access Aotearoa executive director Richard Bengé hailed the venture.

"This alignment of programme and purpose between a government department (Corrections) and community organisation (Youth Alive Trust) is one of the finest we have in New Zealand at the moment. It's also a clear model that can be replicated," he said.

The theme of the auction was Care for our land. Care for our people. Go Forward: Manaaki mai, Manaaki atu.

Organised by a committee of prison staff, the auction was led by principal corrections officer Jason Carlyle with



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art tutor Corina Hazlett, curator of the exhibition and auction, and supported by Arts Access Aotearoa.

Men, women and youth inmates worked on their pieces for more than a year.

The cause – supporting young people in New Brighton – inspired two men in Matapuna Special Treatment Unit at Christchurch Men's Prison.

"It's about giving something back to the community and trying to help some of the kids," Dave (name changed) says.

For John (name changed), it is about the next generation.

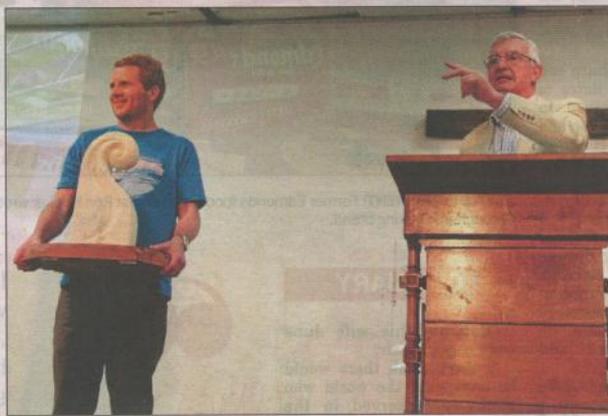
"I want kids to succeed and not come down the road I have. But I'm on the road out of here and I'm never returning."

John also likes to get his work "out there" so it can be seen even though all the artists' contributing work to the auction are anonymous.

"If people buy my art, I think it's a win-win. It's money for the kids in New Brighton but it's also good for me to be able to share my art with the outside world."



BLOW IT: Sounding it out.



DON'T DROP: Youth Alive Trust manager James Ridpath with auctioneer Bryan Andrews. The auction of impressive works of art by Canterbury prisoners raised \$15,000 toward the development of the trust's youth and community centre in New Brighton.

1 March 2013

Re: Youth Alive Trust

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in relation to the Youth Alive Trust and their seeking funding for an extension to their facilities.

The trust, through James Ridpath, has continued to provide a valuable service to the community prior to, during and following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes.

They have been an invaluable part of the social infra-structure of New Brighton and the surrounding community. Immediately following the earthquakes in New Brighton, Bexley and surrounding areas, the Trust swung into action, adding to its already busy programme, recognising it had an important role to play in providing routine and care for young people amidst social chaos. The Trust was an integral part of literally feeding and resourcing the community in tandem with the neighbouring New Brighton Police, local elected members and volunteers at the Roy Stokes Hall. For their work, the trust received a Civic Award.

Now, as the community begins to recover, an emerging social need according to CERA surveys is a desire for community facilities. Further funding for the Trust will enable them to expand on their work and go some way towards meeting this need. The Youth Alive Trust literally brings most of the traffic into New Brighton now, with parking regularly full outside their community centre. Many community meetings are held on their premises and they are an essential part of the 'glue' of the community.

I commend their work to you and fully support any funding application to extend their premises to enable them to assist this community, of which the East of Christchurch has been the hardest hit, in its recovery.

Kind regards

Glenn Livingstone
City Councillor
Burwood/Pegasus
Christchurch

21 February 2013

To whom it may concern

Youth Alive Trust - Youth Centre Proposal

I am a City Councillor for the Burwood Pegasus Ward representing the area most damaged by the earthquakes. As well as the physical damage and loss of community facilities, the emotional trauma experienced by so many of all ages and the social issues which have been exacerbated by the quakes, continue to be a serious concern. The impact on young people has been profound. At the same time there is considerable energy within the community to deal with the underlying social issues and to increase the well being and health of all the people of our ward.

The Youth Alive Trust has since 1989 been at the forefront of youth work in New Brighton and surrounding area. The annual report records a truly encouraging success story which has grown over the years. My personal experience of the work of the Trust, the quality of the leadership and the inclusive values that guide it, has demonstrated to me at first hand the very worthwhile work of the Trust and its staff.

The Trust plays a most valuable role in our community. I am most impressed with the proposals for the development of the Youth Centre and see these as adding even more value to the work of the Trust and the on-going growth and development of young people.

I do encourage those who are invited to support the proposal to give it your most positive consideration. I can be contacted for any further information on 021 6554445 or peter.beck@ccc.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



Peter Beck
Christchurch City Councillor
Burwood Pegasus Ward



Lianne DALZIEL

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Spokesperson for Earthquake Commission
Spokesperson for Consumer Rights and Standards
Associate Spokesperson for Justice

4 March 2013

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to you in support of the Youth Alive Trust's application for funding. The Youth Alive Trust was established in 1989 to serve children and young people in New Brighton, Christchurch. Members of the Church had a commission to serve children and young people in their community through a "practical Christian service".

The dedicated staff and their faithful & enthusiastic volunteers make the Youth Alive Trust programmes an exciting, vibrant and healthy place to be by running a variety of programmes for young people.

Some of the many programmes organised by the Youth Alive Trust are the "Safer Streets Programmes", which offer weekly activities full of fun and challenges, outings and team building exercises, "Holiday Programmes" which are CYF and Oscar affiliated and covering year 1 – 13. They also hold various camps, which involve a weekend away or overnight stays'. They have "Library Support" where they have a contract with the Christchurch City Council to place youth leaders in New Brighton Library every day and after school, on weekends & school holidays.

The Youth Alive Trust also offer "Youth Leader Training and Support" attracting, training and building-up volunteers to work in their community has been one of Youth Alive Trust's biggest strengths. Seeing young people striving for responsibility, then becoming junior leaders, and then sometimes staff members is an awesome privilege. Volunteers are placed on different Safer Street Programmes

They hold "Community Events" where they support local big events and work with partners such as Christchurch City Council on events like "I Heart New Brighton", South & North Beach Blasts, The Thomson Park Skate Jam and other youth initiatives. They organise an annual "Family Fun Night" on 31st October yearly, an annual EPIC Dance Party for local intermediates and also host dance groups, bands, speakers, and partner with groups such as Wynton Rufers Wynrs.

The Youth Alive Trust has made a very positive contribution to the local community in so many ways by helping so many youth in the area and wider city region. I believe the Youth Alive Trust can make further progress by adding a purpose built youth and community facility so they can expand to further accommodate the current needs of youth in this area.

I fully support the Youth Alive Trust in this application for funding. If you wish to speak to me personally regarding this funding application please do not hesitate to contact me via my Electorate Office on (03) 382 0288.

Yours sincerely

Lianne Dalziel
Member of Parliament for Christchurch East



February 20th 2013.

To whom it may concern

Youth Alive Trust has been a member of the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective since 1999. They have been and still are a very significant youth service in the New Brighton area.

They provide Youth Work support to the local schools in the area and the library plus run many after school activities including holiday programmes and camps. Their venue is used extensively for a variety of activities.

They have grown out of their venue to meet the needs of the activities they run for young people. It is imperative for them to be able to sustain their growth to do this they need to expand their current youth space. The new space will be able to be inclusive to a variety of groups so it can be used 7 days per week with large range of different activities meeting the needs of children and young people, plus others who can use the various meeting rooms and community spaces.

The Canterbury Youth Workers Collective endorses any funding sought for the expansion of their youth venue as Youth Alive Trust play such an integral part in the positive development of young people in the New Brighton area.

Yours faithfully

John Harrington
Coordinator

25 February 2013

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing in support of the Youth Alive Trust, who provides a valuable source of recreation, guidance and support for scores of young people from East Christchurch.

In my role as a Strengthening Communities Advisor in New Brighton, I have seen Youth Alive staff and volunteers active in a number of different ways throughout the Brighton community. Their professionalism, enthusiasm and genuine care for the young people of the East is always very evident.

My association with this organisation has always been very positive and I am very impressed with the commitment that the Trust demonstrates to the local community.

Their Manager, James Ridpath, actively participates in local network activities which indicates a genuine desire to work alongside other agencies.

I wish this group well in their work.

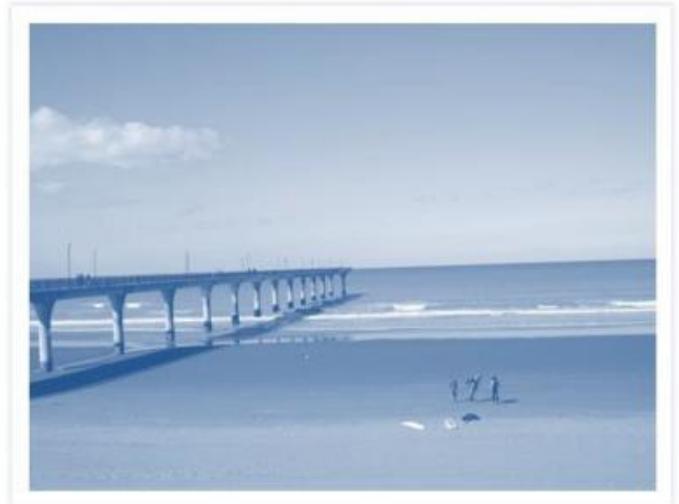
Yours sincerely,



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STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ADVISER
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7th March 2013

To whom it may concern,

Re: Letter of support for Youth Alive Trust

We have been working with Youth Alive Trust in a series of ventures and youth programs in New Brighton, we have been impressed at the level of commitment that they shown towards our youth and community in New Brighton.

We would like to show our support to Youth Alive Trust in their endeavour to seek further funding; we believe that they are an invaluable asset to our youth and to our community as a whole. They have been operating for over twenty years in our community and have always provided great service.

The Trust runs a variety of events, workshops and group sessions for our youth in this suburb and I cannot emphasis how much this is appreciated by the community as a whole, the New Brighton Business and Landowners Association would like to show our commitment and support by assisting where we can and ensuring a great working relationship exists between our organisations to help with our youth and community.

We can only wish the best for Youth Alive Trust and if you seek any further reference or information please do not hesitate to make contact.

Kind Regards

Paul Zaanen

Manager NBBLA

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Youth Alive Trust
James Ridpath

RE: Letter of Support,

Dear James,

It is with absolute pleasure that I have the opportunity to write a letter of support for Youth Alive Trust and the proposed Youth Centre refurbishment in New Brighton.

As the Feasibility Study suggests, Youth Alive Trust are the most significant providers of youth programs and services in New Brighton. The recommendations of the Study would be of huge benefit to the youth in our community, especially with Youth Alive Trust at the helm.

Renew Brighton values community development, inter-agency partnerships and positive youth engagement, all of which would be realised with the development of this Centre.

I wish you luck and would welcome the opportunity to work alongside you at any occasion.

Nga mihi,
Rebecca May
Community Co-ordinator
Renew Brighton



RAWHITI COMMUNITY
sports inc.

25 February 2013

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This statement is in support of the Proposal by the Youth Alive Trust to renovate their current building to upgrade the youth gym/sandpit, youth lounge, an updated crèche and outdoor play area, budget advice center, music practice room, youth worker offices and a multi-agency office.

Rawhiti Community Sport Inc is a sport partnership organisation representing five sports clubs in the New Brighton area with membership in excess of 2000 members.

We have been following the progress of the proposed developments by YAT and fully support the direction they have taken to focus on new and innovative activity space and support services for young people. We see the need for quality facilities and have our own plans to develop improved infrastructure for sport and recreation for our clubs, ancillary sport and physical activity programs.

Our two organisations have worked together in the past and we as an organisation would welcome the opportunity to connect with YAT and potentially utilise some of these spaces (particularly the proposed youth gym/sandpit) for some of our community based activity programs.

We believe this is a worthwhile initiative by an organization that has a long history of delivery to youth and we would encourage funders to support it.

Peter Burley

Chairperson
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01/02/2013

To whom it may concern

On behalf of the **24-7YouthWork** I would like to commend the work of **Youth Alive Trust** who have been providing a holistic wrap-around support for the young people in the New Brighton / Aranui area.

Youth Alive Trust have been a part of the 24-7 YouthWork Network for the last five years and I have been impressed at the high standard of youth work service they provide, especially in schools.

Youth Alive is built on creating a place of belonging, which is safe and engaging for the young people. They have been leading the way with youth work in Christchurch for more than 20 years and I look forward to hearing many more stories of transformation in the lives of young people through their good work.

I have no hesitation in putting forward my recommendation and support for Youth Alive Trust and the work they are doing. James and the team do a fantastic job and are seeing some astonishing results in the lives of the young people

Yours faithfully

Jay Geldard
Network Coordinator

BUDGET

Stage 1: Youth Gym, Foyer, Entry, Reception & Structural tie together buildings	Budget: \$1,364,000
Stage 2: Youth Lounge, Crèche, Ground Floor Offices, Level 1 Offices & WCs	Budget: \$515,559
Stage 3: Refurbishment of Toilet Blocks	Budget: \$78,295
Stage 4: External Playground for Under 5's	Budget: \$78,295
Stage 5: External Storage Units	Budget: \$18,000
Professional Fees: Architects, Engineers, Consents	Budget: \$225,000 tbc
Total	\$2,271,397 <small>exc gst</small>

Stage 1

In February 2012 we were granted \$408,000 towards the cost of the new Youth Gym from the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal Trust. The architects and engineers soon told us that the Youth Gym roof could not be raised unless the two buildings, between the foyer, were tied together by modern building standards. This changed the initial plans, and also increased the scope of works and budget too. In July 2013 NZ Lotteries granted \$111,302 towards this Stage, in October 2013 the Christchurch City Council granted \$252,000 and in March 2014 The Lion Foundation granted \$450,000. The architects and engineers have complete all their work, and we now have Council Building Consent and a signed Building Contract. We have a \$142,00 shortfall so we're looking for further funding and speaking to suppliers and businesses about donations and discounts.

Stages 2

In July 2013, we were granted \$515,559 from NZ Lotteries. This is the full cost of completing Stage 2. As of March 2014, the plans are going for Council Building Consent.

Stage 3, 4 & 5

No funding has been granted for Stage 3, Stage 4 or Stage 5 yet. We will be seeking out new funding sources and are always interested in talking to generous benefactors who want to make a long lasting impression with families on the east of Christchurch.

Professional Fees

Some of our funders have specifically stated their funded cannot be used for professional fees. We are struggling to find the funding for costs we have already spent. This has only been possible with an interest free loan received to date. We'd be very interested in speaking to a philanthropist or funder to help with these very necessary costs.