

Waimate Medical Centre Ltd.

What Do We Do Now?

Council operates Waimate Medical Centre Ltd. as a Council Controlled Trading Organisation, and is operated and accounted separately from all other Council operations. Council sees the appropriate number of Doctors for our Medical Centre as two full time equivalents.

Council's vision for Waimate Medical Centre is for a highly professional, comprehensive yet friendly, welcoming and affordable community health centre. It will be recognised in the District as the first place to turn for the entire spectrum of health needs including physical wellbeing, complimentary medicine, mental health, specialist care and relationship services. It will give new and existing residents the confidence that they can receive expert medical care here in Waimate.

Waimate District Council has a long-term interest in health. This vision may in time be supported by a purpose built medical facility bringing together all medical care offered in Waimate.

Tasks

Tasks are the routine matters that Council will attend to every year, in order to maintain service levels set in agreement with our community.

- Operate the Waimate Medical Centre Ltd., as a Council Controlled Trading Organisation.
- Support/maintain the PRIME Medical response system.

Why Do We Do It?

The community of Waimate, strongly indicated to Waimate District Council that preservation of the Waimate Medical Centre was a vital priority. Such signals were seen in newspaper letters to the editor, from discussions within Council's Community panel, and a petition presented to Council at the time of Annual Plan 2003/04.

Council's involvement in the Waimate Medical Centre Ltd. flows directly from the statutory directive that local government provides for the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of its community in a sustainable manner.

Our Service Levels

Waimate Medical Centre Ltd. provides a comprehensive medical service during the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Waimate Medical Centre Ltd. shares the after hours on-call and prime care responsibilities on a 50:50 basis with Oak House Medical Centre.

Waimate Medical Centre Ltd. has a business plan in place to establish financial targets and results of actual operations will be reported against business plan measures every six months.

Outcomes Supported By This Activity

This activity supports the following Community Outcomes as described in the second volume of this plan.

- The health needs of the District are adequately provided for.
- The governance provided by the Waimate District Council meets the needs of its citizens.
- The well-being of all age-groups is achieved.
- The security and safety of the community and its citizens meets their needs.
- The community is positive about its continued well-being.
- Increases in quality of life, well-being and prosperity are shared and accessed by all citizens.

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How Do We Get There?

The Council will play its part in achieving the above outcomes by continuing to conduct the relevant tasks that we do now and by extending into new projects as agreed with the community.

Projects

Projects are special works that are initiated by Council which by their development and ongoing maintenance will enhance community outcomes.

- Construct and maintain a single-location Medical Centre Building.