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IMG response to formation of Rototai Trust

The formation of the Rototai Trust was discussed at a scheduled meeting of the Interim Management Group in Takaka today.

It was the first meeting attended by Rhoda McDonald, who started work today as the new Service Director of the Integrated Family Health Centre, and was earlier welcomed to Golden Bay with a powhiri at the Onetahua Marae.

“Members of the IMG are aware of the formation of the group and we have been working to find a time to meet with the Rototai Trust members to identify any areas of common ground,” said Andrew Swanson-Dobbs, who chaired today’s meeting.

“We want to learn more of their plans and to provide them with an update of our progress. Rather than duplicate efforts we would like to work with this group to work for the benefit of the people of the Bay.”

IMG will continue to focus on maintaining the momentum on this exciting project to provide an integrated family health service at an enlarged facility at the hospital site. This continues to make good progress, with a completion date expected by December 2012.

Recent milestones include:

- ❖ The appointment of a sixth GP for Golden Bay
- ❖ Lodging a resource consent application for construction of the new facility
- ❖ Agreement by the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board and Nelson Bays Primary Health to join with the Golden Bay Community Health Te Hauora O Mohua Trust to establish a formal alliance to support the project – reflecting the high degree of cooperation that has evolved through the development of this project
- ❖ Further progress in integrating the hospital staff with those of the medical centre in preparation of becoming one team once the new facility is open
- ❖ Formal approvals from the Ministry and Minister of Health for the project to progress.

Members of the community have been invited to attend an Open Day at the fire station rooms in Takaka next Monday to get an update of progress on the various facets of both the service and the building project. This will include presentations by the architects of more detailed plans at 12.15 and 3.30 pm, up to date plans, a three-dimensional model and an electronic “fly-over”.

- Issued by IMG on behalf of its constitute members – the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, Nelson Bays Primary Health, Manawhenua Ki Mohua, Golden Bay Community Health Te Hauora O Mohua Trust, the Golden Bay Medical Centre Trust, St John and Tasman District Council.