

## Q18: Support for initiatives for the establishment of a local health clinic

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A nice to have but not essential

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You want a small town feel yet add a big town service. Whitianga is a stones throw away. Most people in NZ would travel much further to get to a health service, even in urban areas. BUT please improve the service in Whitianga. The proposed initiative for Whitianga is small and seems to lack real buy in by the health providers in the area.

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I doubt that there is sufficient demand here to justify a local health clinic, certainly not with the facilities that are really necessary.

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Clear no. This is economically unthinkable, let's focus on what we have and try to improve this.

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Support services and Medical Centre located at Whitianga sufficient being just 20 minutes away

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As an extension to the ones in Whitianga yes

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I feel a higher level of Medical facility is required in Whitianga to cater for the greater Mercury Bay catchment and supplement the Westpac Rescue Helicopter service is much more important.

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I am already available for Counselling and Psychotherapy Services in Kuaotunu.

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would be nice

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A local health service would be beneficial especially folk who don't have transport and maybe for new Mums in the area

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We have good access to health services already given our location. More ambulance services could be helpfully as well as more AED machines

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Whitianga is 20 minutes away

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Whitianga is near enough.

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Whitianga provides these facilities and will be increasing in the future

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Whitianga reasonable close but hours are and issue there. However if population increases here maybe a summer clinic.

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I like the idea, but not sure it's a priority. Maybe a community shuttle to get people to existing services and do shopping etc etc etc might be simpler and easier?

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It would be great to have a Kuaotunu based clinic but I think we have excellent service from our existing medical centres (we all have to go over the hill for groceries so combine that with health clinic visits) and I appreciate the addition of the X-ray services. St John provides excellent service and keeping the Helicopter Base is a bonus. So I don't think we absolutely need a Kuaotunu based clinic (unless it means easier access to Dr Dan). However we have a growing base of retirees and this might be worthwhile in the future.

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Co-Op at extsing Local Store could facilitate same very well.

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Aging baby boomers will be the majority of full time residence

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Possibly not as important as some of other issues but worth considering. As petrol costs rise may become increasingly harder for some to afford to go in and out of /Whitianga. Hard for those who don't drive and rely on others. Increasingly older population where this is an issue

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Would be very helpful to have being a little further from immediate medical support - especially with young children and older people in our community

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Not sure if the population is big enough to support this?

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Whitianga not that far away....think it would be a loss making initiative...not something the community or council should champion, leave it to private enterprise...if it is viable someone will give it a go

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We have Whitianga

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Although we are getting older, we are happy to go to Whitianga or Coromandel for medical care. I feel it is more important to improve facilities in these towns to reduce the need to go to Thames or further.

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we already have very good health clinics in Whitianga, we are not big enough at the moment

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Do not feel the size of the community warrants this.

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Whitianga is very close and it would be a waste of resources.

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not viable- unrealistic

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we have 5 doctors surgeries within 30 mins and 3 within 20 mins, if we made a traditional (herbalist/holisitc etc) practice that other coromandel residents come here for then all good, but just another Pharmac outlet is not in keeping with the "village theme" IMO.

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We do have an aging population that would benefit

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I think the community's support of a good health clinic in Whitianga would be more beneficial. I think the cost to establish and maintain a clinic for such a small community would be prohibitive and Whitianga is not far away. Our investment might go further as part of the wider Mercury Bay Community.

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The population isnt big enough to support it. Whitianga is close enough

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I don't believe the current permanent population could sustain this concept.

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only if it is a combination of traditional and alternative practices.....witch it is the advanced way to go.

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Especially being such a family centric community

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I would be very keen to be involved in hui (Dan Asquith)

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A good if this is what the community wants.

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Most people can attend Whiti clinics but could we have an emergency doctor rota?

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I would be happy to be involved in further discussions about this.

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It would be convenient but not essential. Sometimes it's rather nice to be a little anonymous when visiting the medical centre, so it would be important to understand the patronage of the facility before anyone committed to it financially or otherwise.

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Could this operate from our Community Hall? This area no longer feels like our gathering space

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Development in Whitianga more important but if there are seen to be problems for some people to get to Whitianga perhaps some form of assistance with travel could be looked at.

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Whitianga is not far and health services will increasingly be delivered remotely so tech infrastructure is arguably more important.

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Sure natural health  
Plans and herb education  
Yep

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Do you mean in Whitianga? If so yes.

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Great idea, This would be cool.

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