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Dear Hunterville Community Committee

Update from St John Post Covid -19

Firstly, thank you to all the donors who have already donated and or pledged money to the new ambulance station build in Hunterville. We are so appreciative of your support and the community spirit you have expressed. We acknowledge the wonderful donations that we are receiving and every little bit counts. To date the pledged donations are in circa of \$215k, with an additional offer of the shortfall being underwritten. However, a number of pledges including the underwriting offer are subject to further discussion around the ownership/leasehold of the station and how St John is able to work with the community in this space. These discussions are yet to be had, but will happen as we move further along the building process. It is our intention to write to all interested donors to provide an update once we have a clearer picture of the future.

The Rangitikei District Council have received our lodgement for resource consent for the garage where the ambulance currently is to allow us to operate within a residential zone while the project is underway. Many thanks to Helen Neilson-Vold who helped facilitate getting the affected parties forms completed.

Also, a big thank you to Kelsey Smith who has been at the forefront of this project both from a community and St John perspective. Her energy and enthusiasm is second to none, and she is a hugely valued asset to St John feeding back community information to us and managing the donor interests.

By way of a formal update St John is under significant financial distress due to a combination of Crown funding deficits and economic impacts of COVID-19 on the forecast 2020/21 financial year. As part of the financial mitigation strategy, the Priory Board has prioritised 14 of our 38 property projects for continued project management support. These are largely projects that are already underway or in the final detailed design stages and/or about to be tendered and contracted for building. These projects are typically 100% funded. For other projects as per Hunterville, we are encouraging communities to continue to fundraise. All projects will require a new business case (mostly a refresh of existing information) to be input into a new prioritisation matrix which compares all projects across the country. This prioritisation matrix together with full funding from community fundraising may assist projects outside the current top 14 to progress.

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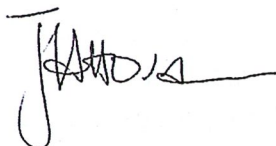
This pause in project management support will be short lived. We hope this does not unduly delay fundraising and project timelines.

We are committed to support the Hunterville Community to build a fit for purpose facility to attract volunteers and support the town's first response unit.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me and call and I will be happy to answer them, or direct you to the most appropriate person to respond.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to the day that we can all celebrate the ambulance station opening.

Best regards



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