

# PROJECT FACT SHEET

MAY 2022



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**Project:**

LifePak 15  
Defibrillator /  
Monitor

**For :**

Aotea Trust

**Aim:**

\$41,000 (item full cost)

**Project close off:**

30 June 2022

# FAQS



## WHAT IS THE SPECIFIC NEED?

The Lifepak15 defibrillator/monitor is a mobile medical assessment and monitoring device used by clinicians to record vital signs such as ECG, blood pressure, blood oxygen and breath carbon dioxide levels. The 12 lead ECG function can be used to help diagnose heart attacks and other cardiac problems. The machine is also an advanced defibrillator that can be used to restart or reset various life-threatening heart rhythms, and it can also be used as an emergency external pacemaker.

By purchasing a defibrillator/monitor that is the same model as used by St John Ambulance on the island (and throughout NZ), this will help to provide seamless healthcare in an emergency on Aotearoa. The current cost is \$41,000 and we have identified this is an urgent need on the island as the current model that the Aotea Health Centre is using is coming to the end of its operational life.

# WHY DO WE NEED TO FUNDRAISE FOR THIS ITEM?

## ➤ Isolation

Firstly it is important to understand the context: Great Barrier Island / Aotea is home to an isolated rural community spread across a rugged, bush covered main island and several offshore islands. Year-round residents' number about 1200, while tourist / bach owner / boaties numbers over a busy summer season can peak at 15,000 on any one day.

The island has no reticulated power or sewerage. There is no bank or ATM. There is no High School, Early Child Care facility, Cottage Hospital, Rest Home, medical laboratory, physiotherapist, or undertaker. Transport to and from the mainland is expensive and weather dependent.

There is no public transport on the island and freight charges increase costs across all categories of consumables; particularly petrol / diesel, and food / cooking gas.

## ➤ The Trust

Secondly, it is important to understand how healthcare works on the island: The Great Barrier Island Community Health Trust (The Trust) was formed as a response to this unique situation; a creative island-based solution to its social / health needs. The community run the Trust. It consists of nine trustees: six representing the community (each elected tri-annually) and one each representing Ngati Rehua – Ngati Wai ki Aotea, the practising doctors, the practising nurses. The Trust is not contracted to provide health services, but rather is a community based charitable trust.

The mission of The Trust is simple but concise:

*To equip and maintain excellent health related buildings, vehicles and equipment on behalf of the Aotea/Great Barrier community – thereby enhancing community potential to access healthcare.*

See more at:

<https://greatbarrierislandcommunityhealthtrust.org.nz>

## WHY DO WE NEED TO FUNDRAISE? (CONTINUED)

### ➤ Leasing Equipment

Thirdly, it is important to understand that The Trust effectively leases this equipment to whichever private healthcare provider (in this case a provider called Aotea Health) offers the island's healthcare. So, if this system did not exist to support a private healthcare provider such as Aotea Health, islanders (whether full-time or part-time or holidaymakers) would have to fly to the city for health care needs including a simple GP visit. If the private healthcare provider only did simple GP visits then all other healthcare needs including emergency healthcare would have to be done off-island.



## SO, WHAT IF THIS ITEM ISN'T FUNDED BY AOTEA PHILANTHROPY?

### ➤ Other Funding

The Community Health Trust would try and access funding via other avenues such as the local board, ASB, lotteries grants etc. Indeed if the target amount is not reached the Trust will endeavour to top up through this avenue. But whatever is raised enables funding of other equipment needed to operate an appropriate health care service for the Island.

## WHAT IF WE DO NOT REACH THE GOAL OF \$41,000?

The Community Health Trust would apply for funding to meet the balance.

# CONTACT

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