

PROJECT FACT SHEET

— AUGUST 2025 —



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Project:

Aotea Ambulance
Fund

For :

Great Barrier Island
Community Health Trust

Goal:

\$150,000

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FAQS



WHO FUNDS ST JOHNS AMBULANCE SERVICE?

Emergency ambulance services for medical patients are funded by Health NZ and services for injured patients are funded by ACC. The rest is funded through donations and fundraising, and Hato Hone St John charges a small part of the cost to medical patients who use an ambulance. Approximately 80% is funded by Government.

HOW MUCH DOES AOTEA GREAT BARRIER RECEIVE?

St Johns pay for ambulance, building equipment, uniforms, and medication used by the paramedic. There is NO funding for wages. The local paramedics are all voluntary.

WHY DO WE NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING?

Funding is urgently required to fund 2 extended care paramedics who come from off island to cover for the times that Adam Johnson, the lead paramedic, and his local team is having a break or away. Remember these people are on call 24/7 and this can not be managed with one person. Extended care paramedics can work in the community on non-emergency care, such as assisting at Aotea Health.

HOW DID WE PAY FOR IT BEFORE?

The island has benefitted from the unstinting volunteer commitment from Adam and his team. This is no longer sustainable personally or financially.

WHAT SUPPORT IS AOTEA HEALTH COMMITTING?

To ensure that Adam has some income Aotea Health is employing him 3 days per week. He will continue to volunteer for the Ambulance service.

WHY ISN'T THE LOCAL BOARD PAYING FOR THIS?

The Local Board, with Auckland Council funding, focusses on supporting local groups to carry out our social, health, and environmental services. Aotea St Johns is not a separate entity to St Johns NZ and any fundraising that is carried out by the main body is for national distribution. The Great Barrier Community Health Trust is well supported by the Local Board and is offering its support to the Aotea St Johns by administering this fundraising specifically for the island service, creating employment for the paramedics, and to utilise its charitable status for tax purposes.

WHAT IF WE DON'T RAISE THE FUNDS?

The ambulance service will be limited and possibly not available when you need it.

HOW DO I GET A RECEIPT?

Please email office@gbicht.nz for your receipt.

CONTACT

If you have any other questions
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