

Brave Hearts

An Exhibition

The New Zealand Cardiac Story



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Thank you to all our supporters and to those who have left comments on our website.

If you haven't left a comment yet please do - this exhibition is about stories, lots of stories and we want to add the stories you would like to see recorded.

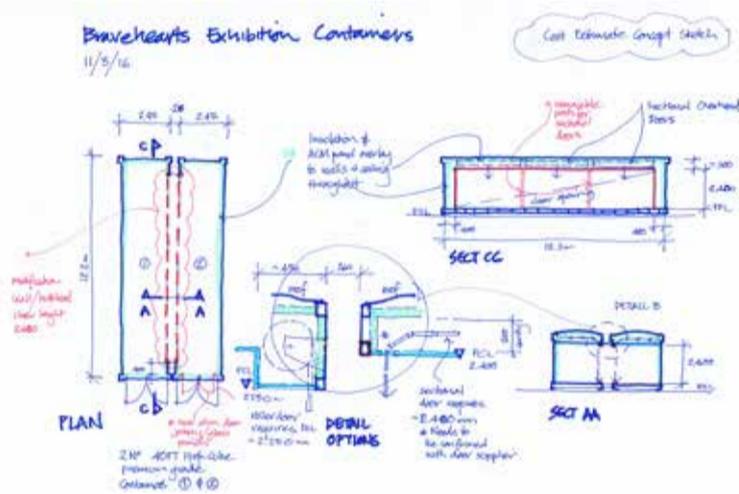
How are we progressing? We have been awarded a grant from the Lottery Grants Board to help us bring 'Brave Hearts' to the public. This is fantastic news but we can only pick up the grant if we can show the Lottery Grants Board in January that we have secured the remaining 20 percent of the funds we need. So we are nearly there. Please help us with your ideas on how we might secure the rest of the money to ensure we meet our deadline of opening 'Brave Hearts' to the public in May 2017.

Warren Smith and Alan Kerr are working with Rick Pearson, John Ringer and Kaaren Hiyama on the exhibition text, distilling the stories around people and objects to be featured. Professor Martyn Nash from the University of Auckland Bioengineering Institute has developed with his team 3-D models of the heart which can be manipulated to show what happens with a heart attack, heart failure and fibrillation. Kylie Sullivan, an AUT honours student working with the ADHB community rheumatic fever team is working with us - Kylie has developed animations of normal heart and valvular function together with depictions of valvular dysfunction associated with rheumatic heart disease. Kylie has now gone on to expand her work to depict congenital heart defects and show how these can be surgically repaired. Her dissertation is about digital communication and we are thrilled that she agreed to help us. Kylie's work has been tested with young people (our target audience) and she has been able to make modifications in response to their feedback. We now know how well medical science and technology with these animated graphics will excite young visitors to the exhibition.

Dr Miriam Wheeler, ADHB cardiologist has joined us and is helping Warren and Alan and Rick to select auscultation, X-ray, 3-D echo, MRI and other images for the exhibition. Miriam is also helping getting our social media presence underway with Facebook and such.

We would love to hear from you with any ideas. Please forward our website link and other details to anyone who may be interested to know about Brave Hearts. We are especially keen to make this information available to former patients. (Privacy legislation prevents us from contacting former patients directly).

Exhibition design and planning is proceeding and we are excited about how things are shaping up. Rick Pearson has met with CSL Containers and they have the plans for the actual modification of the shipping containers well underway. We will post some photos as the modifications are made. The two shipping containers will be lined with appropriate lighting and climate adjustment and need to be sealed at the join when we separate the two containers to shift them. A lot of innovation and clever design work. Watch the video on our website to see what is envisaged



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