

Playcentre



Fundraising for a new Raglan Playcentre.

Playcentre is an iconic and unique New Zealand institution and is familiar throughout many communities and families.

Since 1941 the Playcentre philosophy has remained unchanged - focusing on child-initiated play and recognising that parents are the first and best educators of their own children. As such, each Playcentre is co-operatively managed by parents.

There are over 450 rural and urban centres throughout New Zealand and Raglan Playcentre is one of 23 within the Waikato region.

Raglan Playcentre has been operating out of the scout hall for the last five years but with an increasing number of families joining us and 60+ babies per year being born in Raglan, we have quickly outgrown the space!

Recognising this, we set ourselves a target of fundraising \$817,000 for a purpose-built and fully equipped facility and the Ministry of Education has approved our plans to build at the back of Raglan Area School.

We can proudly say half of the amount is already raised, a further substantial amount has been applied for and we have now set ourselves a target of raising the final amount of \$47,500 by the end of 2017 in order to commence building in 2018.

A purpose-built Playcentre will benefit the entire community of Raglan. For families, it provides that all-important network of confidence and support that we need when we have young children. The new building will allow us to facilitate SPACE sessions (a programme for first time parents and their babies), as Raglan residents are currently travelling for up to an hour to attend the nearest session. Playcentre also allows parents to gain NZQA recognised qualifications for the work they do during sessions.

For our children, Playcentre is invaluable. It is a place where children are encouraged to explore, create, jump, run, get messy and grow and the new building will allow us to facilitate up to ten sessions a week.

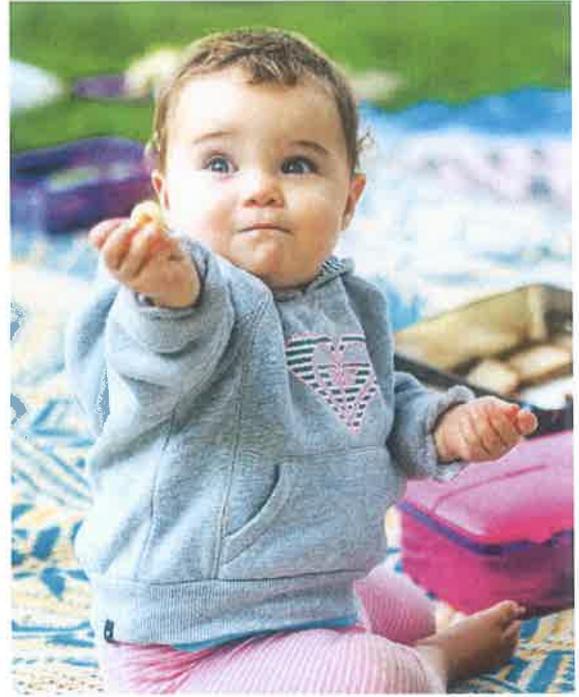
Kara Daly (Waikato Playcentre former president) agrees: *"It's really exciting for the community. At the moment they're running out of a hall and it's quite a lot of work for the families having to pack everything up and pull everything out every session. But once they have their own building it'll be a lot easier for them and they will be able to open every day if they want to."*

Andrew Walmsley (Playcentre Dad) supports the build: *"My family and I recently moved to Raglan and didn't really know anyone...after joining Playcentre we felt we had an immediate community and social circle for ourselves and our children. A purpose-built building can only be a good thing - more Playcentre sessions, more parenting classes, more socialising and engagement with other families resulting in a more developed and stronger community for Raglan as a whole."*

We have the support of local MP Barbara Kuriger, Plunket and the Waikato Playcentre Association and now we are asking for help and support from our community to raise the final \$47,500.

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"Whānau tupu nōpātahi - families growing together"



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Calling all Raglanites,

We would like to invite you to participate in a special event on May the 17th. This will be a unique night to fundraise for a special organization in our town - The Raglan Community House.

As most of you know, the Raglan Community House offers a place for individuals and families to get advice and support on many different levels. They are reliant solely on government grants and charitable contributions, which, at times, can stretch resources and prevent them from doing works that are so vital to the health and well being of our beautiful community.

To be more sustainable they are looking at developing new, and strengthening existing, income streams to fund the organisation and continue to provide valuable services to this community.

They are hoping to renovate the basement of the House to become a large meeting/training room for workshops, projects and courses, as well as continuing to offer services such as counseling & other essential support structures.

Rock-it Kitchen is holding a one night only, fresh 3-course menu, complimentary arrival drink and auction to fundraise for this very important cause. We are asking businesses within the community to donate something that can be auctioned off on the night, all proceeds from which will go directly to the Community House.

The event will be advertised in the Raglan Chronicle and everyone's support and donations will be mentioned. Anything big or small is worthy of this cause and we would love you to be a part of this community spirit.

If you cannot make this event but have something you would like to offer for the auction, please let us know via email as soon as possible, before May the 14th, and we can put your name and donation up for support.

If you have any questions, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Lets get together as a collective and raise some much-needed funds for such a vital part of our community!

Warm Regards,

The Fundraising Team & Rock-it Kitchen.

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RAGLAN COMMUNITY HOUSE FUNDRAISER EVENING

We would like to invite you to join us
@ Rock-it Kitchen on Wednesday 17th May 2017
for a night of beautiful food and a fundraising auction to support the Raglan Community House.
\$60 per head.

Complimentary drink on arrival at 6:30 pm

The auction will begin at 7pm with our one-off canapé style entrees consisting of

- Pacific Fish Ceviche
- Chicken Liver Parfait served on crostinis
- In-house Asian style Pork and Cabbage steamed dumplings
- In-house Asian Style Vegetarian steamed dumplings

Main Course will begin at 8pm with a choice of

- Butternut gnocchi with sage butter
- European style confit duck
- Pan-fried seasonal fish on a light seafood chowder
- Slow cooked beef cheek with garlic potato mash & seasonal vegetables.

Deserts to follow between 8:45 and 9pm which consist of

- Panacotta with autumn fruits
- Sticky Date Pudding & caramel sauce
- Lindt Chocolate Cheesecake.

Dietary requirements will need to be specified & all mains and desserts will need to be pre-ordered on booking, at Rockit prior to the 14th May.

There are only 50 seats available and tables will be booking fast, so please ensure you book as soon as you can to be a part of this special event.

We look forward to showing you a warm, heart-felt service from our amazing front of house team, and a stand out dining experience from our wonderful kitchen team, all who are volunteering their time and energy to make this night a memorable one.

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