

St Columba Centre

*"A PLACE TO MEET *TE TUTAKI"*

Business Plan

Mission Statement/Purpose:

The Saint Columba Centre is a meeting place owned and operated by the Catholic Church and as such is governed by its values.

The St Columba Centre can be used by all groups who promote that mission of bringing the Good News to the Catholic and wider community, through religious, pastoral, community and educational endeavours.

History:

The St Columba Centre "A Place to Meet - Te Tutaki" is an historic building first built in 1913 as a school. During 1919 and the early 1920s it served as an emergency hospital before reverting to its original role as a school. The building was restored in 2000 and opened on 18th February 2001, by Bishop Patrick Dunn, as a high quality meeting centre. It contains extensive meeting accommodation and is centrally situated in Auckland with adequate parking. Since 2001 it has gained a reputation as a centre of excellence and as such has become a location of choice for many organisations. Annually over 2000 meetings are held among the five large rooms, plus the main hall and two consulting rooms. The centre is available for meetings to a diverse range of organisations who bring benefits which promote the Gospel values to all sectors of the community.

Governance:

The governance of the Centre is the responsibility of the Board of Management. The Board has as its intended purpose the promotion of Gospel Values through the financial viability and the sound stewardship of the assets of the Centre.

Operations:

The effective and efficient operation of the centre is the responsibility of the Manager appointed by the Board of Management. The Manager role is to promote the centre to maximise the occupancy, maintains all reservations and subsequent billings, together with the ongoing maintenance of the centre.

Resources:

The large meeting rooms have tables, chairs and some visual equipment. Those hiring the centre have hire access to more audio visual equipment if needed. There are kitchen, dining room and toilet facilities. There are numerous parking spaces and outdoor tables for recreation. It is centrally situated close to the main commercial area and yet removed enough to provide a quiet and pleasant environment. There is a high standard of daily maintenance.

Reservations :

Reservations may be made in advance by telephone, letter or email. The fair pricing of the centre makes it very economic for the diverse range of organisations utilising the quality facilities for meetings.

Funding:

Applications for funding from charitable groups, to support the financial viability and improvement to the physical structure of the St Columba Centre, have been successful.

Business Plan:

This Plan has been compiled with the assistance of the Board and Manager of the Centre.

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St Columba Centre