

# The Colville Project

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## Where do we go from here?

In our last newsletter we focused on Frequently Asked Questions. Your number one question now is probably... "the deadline has passed, where do we go from here?" The Colville Project team has always recognised the possibility of not meeting the goal, and while we are disappointed that we haven't progressed as hoped, we see missing the deadline as a setback, rather than a defeat, and we encourage the community to remain optimistic.

We are grateful to the landowners for the generous six month grace period they gave. Dr Kate visited them in early August to talk about our situation. As we were aware, they do wish to sell and aim to put the property up for sale in November. Our plan going forward is to continue fundraising in the expectation that if we raise the money within a reasonable time, we will be able to buy this piece of land.



We continue to strongly support the purchase of this site.

- The community have indicated they prefer a single location within 5 -10 minutes of Colville Village.
- It's large enough for the entire 4-Stage Project.
- It's centrally located within our region, so is easily accessible by all.
- It's conveniently close to other significant community amenities and potential employers, such as pre-school, school, shops, cafes, the post office and the fire station.
- It is above the floodplain, which is key to sustainability.
- The terrain is varied, with a gently sloping bowl out of sight of the main road and the bay, which would be perfect for the Project's main buildings, with the ridges making wonderful housing and recreation areas.

While The Colville Project team definitely prefer this site, we do have other options to review, if another individual or group buys the land before The Colville Project can. However...looking at other sites may mean having to compromise and move away from Colville Village as a location. What is most important to us is that the needs and interests of the community are met. These needs, and the drive behind The Project, are unchanged, and the sooner we can purchase land and progress the building, the sooner the community can reap direct benefits.

**What is certain is that The Colville Project will happen,  
and the land and facilities will be a community-owned project.**