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BCH Board Update – Eric Tolliday Units

In 2019, the Bellarine Community Health Board committed to redevelop the Eric Tolliday Units, which have been largely vacant for several years following decisions made by previous BCH Management.

That commitment was made in good faith and with the understanding that financial modeling would prove sustainable and funding to complete the project, secured.

In the past few months BCH, like the rest of the community has had to deal with the unprecedented circumstances of COVID-19. The forced closure of many BCH services and group activities for an extended period has had significant financial impact on the organisation.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, work has been undertaken to allow us to understand the potential costs of any redevelopment of the ETU's, various models of operation and potential funding sources.

A Community Engagement Reference Group (CERG) has been established to help guide the engagement process. That group is now reviewing the potential models of operation and planning for how we engage with the community as we move forward.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the BCH Community Advisory Group for their work in establishing the CERG as part of the engagement process.

Any decisions made regarding the Units must take into account the current arrangements and contracts for the existing residents with regards to their future health and wellbeing needs.

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