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Generous gift supports a health and wellbeing hub in Ocean Grove

A family-owned development company has donated a large area of land in the Kingston Estate Development in Ocean Grove for the establishment of a health and wellbeing hub.

Kingston Ocean Grove owned by the Corless family has generously gifted Bellarine Community Health (BCH) a parcel of land in Goodwell Drive.

The transfer of the three thousand square block of land will allow BCH to further pursue its plans to establish a community health and wellbeing centre.

“My father, Ed Corless, had a vision of contributing to public health outcomes by gifting a parcel of land. The Corless family, along with Ed’s wife, Win, are proud to be able to honour his vision. We are pleased to give back to the community where we have planted our roots. It brings us great joy to donate this land on behalf of Kingston Ocean Grove to Bellarine Community Health. This new facility will provide a resource for locals to access quality healthcare. By investing in the well-being of our community, we can create a more connected, caring, and supportive environment where everyone can thrive,” said Kingston Ocean Grove Managing Director Jason Corless.

BCH has \$4 million in funding from the Commonwealth Government through the Department of Health’s Community Health and Hospitals program to develop Stage One of the hub.

“We are so grateful to Kingston Ocean Grove and the Corless family for gifting this land parcel which is integral to our plans to further support the health and wellbeing of our local communities,” said BCH CEO Garry Ellis.

“Ocean Grove is a growth corridor with a high proportion of young families moving into the area so the hub will have a focus on child and youth services,” said Mr Ellis. “We have already established a headspace service in Ocean Grove so this hub will enhance the services we can provide for young people in our community.”

Community engagement around the service need for the area has been undertaken, however progress on the development project has been delayed due to the pandemic.

“Now we have a location we are delighted that we can move forward with progressing this development for the community,” said Mr Ellis.

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