



*The Save the Karori Campus Group seeks to protect the interests of current community users of the campus, and to achieve a repurposing of the campus land and buildings that creates the most benefit for the Karori community and the city.*

**Save the Karori Campus Group Update 14**  
**12 December 2017**

**Ryman Healthcare Buys the Campus**

We have circulated the press releases separately and apologies if you have already seen them. They record the sale of the site and the campus buildings to Ryman, but they are short on any detail. We still do not know when settlement is for example, nor anything about Ryman's plans despite pages of fine words about community consultation. Our best clue is from the University's press release which says 'Ryman.....plans to convert the land *and buildings* ..... into a retirement village .....

(italics mine). In fact, we have asked Ryman to contact us over the last three weeks but they failed to do so, and not even to say they would prefer not to talk, and we have heard nothing from them today so far.

Our main concern today is to try and find someone who can assist Fiona Haines' Dance Academy and the Taekwondo Club to regain access on an interim basis at least. Fiona was unceremoniously ejected by the University last week. They cancelled her access card without warning and then sent her photos of all the things she needed to come and get out - leaving her to contact security to gain access. I find these actions by the University - to a rent paying customer - completely unacceptable. Fiona runs a well-attended summer school and we hope we can re-secure interim access for her.

The community seems on the face of it to have lost as well the tennis and netball courts long-term, and we have also lost (just in case we don't forget this) the proposed technology hub for our senior primary children. The Min Ed's CEO's email (see Update 13) noted they would be looking at alternative options, and we will now be asking them about these.

We are actively trying to understand the situation and we will revert as soon as we get more details of what consultation Ryman are proposing and about what.

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