

OK to \$18m Building Project

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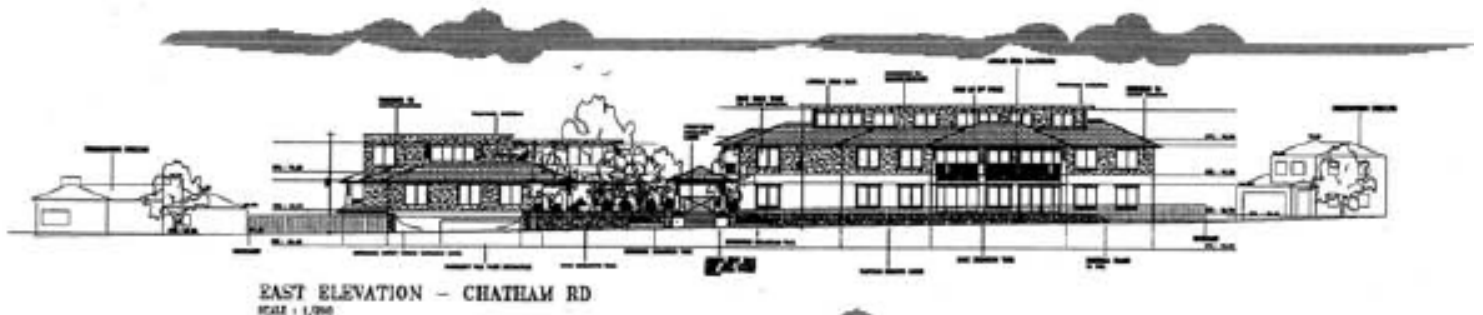
Boroondara Council last week gave BASS Care the go ahead to demolish the outdated Chatham Lea Hostel at 9-13 Chatham Rd and build an extension to Faversham House.

The project, estimated to cost about \$18 million, will add 60 beds to the current 156 beds at Faversham House, in addition to 41 one and two bedroom Independent Living Units.

BASS Care CEO, David Cotter, said there had been a “massive exodus” of affordable “pension-rate” beds from Boroondara over the past 10 years, with most of what was now provided aimed at the upper-socioeconomic bracket. “We’re delighted the council has decided to unanimously support the application and understood the efforts made by BASS Care to soften the impact on the local community.”

This will be the first development by BASS Care for independent living since the 1960s when it developed its 4 independent living sites in Canterbury and Surrey Hills.

BASS Care hopes building will be well under way by the middle of 2010.



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BASS Care (Boroondara Aged Services Society) is a proudly independent not for profit organisation providing a range of services to the local community since 1956.

The Society is one of the largest providers of social support services for the aged within the City of Boroondara. BASS Care's services are accessible by all, irrespective of their financial, religious or cultural status.