



ETCH YOUR NAME IN HISTORY: Alpine View Children Services staff and volunteers (from left) Susan Anehagen, Sophie Gillham, Lenny Anehagen, Louisa Vale and Hayley and Leanne Gillham are hopeful families and local businesses will purchase a paver to inscribe their name on at the outdoor space at the new facility.

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Children's centre to pave the way

Uniting to prepare outdoor area for the young

By ALEX BAIRD

PAVING an important part for future generations can be made with the purchase of a tile to contribute to the completion of the outdoor space at the Alpine View Children's Centre in Bright.

A fundraising project is in full swing for families or businesses to permanently inscribe their names on a paver at the Deacon Avenue site that will be officially unveiled next month.

Alpine Children Services marketing and programs manager Susan Anehagen was hopeful for a positive response to the project and said it was a special way for locals to make

their mark on the impressive new facility which will align the early childhood development with a kindergarten, playgroup, childcare service, toy library and amenities for maternal and child health nurses all available on the one site.

"That's what we're hoping, people may come searching for it in the future," she said.

"We've sent it out to all our families and they are all aware of it, so now we are putting them around town at BANG (toy shop) and the Bright Newsagency and people can go in and complete them there and do a direct deposit into the fundraising account.

"There's a corporate one,

which is for businesses and there are logos...there's a couple of different options."

A number of local community groups have already given or promised their support for the project and Ms Anehagen hoped more contributions would be made available to ensure it would be ready in time when classes get under way next year.

"We are working with the Alpine Cycling Club, who is doing the bike tracks and the Men's Shed is building a lookout, but we are looking for other businesses, communities that have got something to offer.

"The call is to the wider business community that if they've got anything that they can

contribute and donate."

With services currently spread around town, Ms Anehagen said the new centre will hopefully allow future fundraising projects to become easier when they unite under the one umbrella.

"Now there's one fundraising body, where previously there was the kinder group and those sorts of things, now there's going to be one Alpine View Children's Centre Parent and Friends," she said.

"And that's for all people like the toy library, the playgroup and all the services."

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