



Cedarwood aims to serve

THREE and-a-half years in the planning and now opened for a month, Graeme Rolston hopes Cedarwood will become a community hub for Waikanae.

Cedarwood is the name given to the lounge and the auditorium area of the new Waikanae Funeral Home, which opened in the totally remodelled former Mite 10 site on Parata St, after nearly 40 years in its former Kapanui Rd premises.

Rolston, who owns the company with wife Loris, says the much larger area offers plenty of options, not only for the services there, but for other groups to use it.

“We want the community to embrace the Cedarwood building so if someone wants to have a function or a weekend conference they can utilise that end of the building. There is nothing in Waikanae like we have now got.”

He says it is a large building that has been designed for maximum flexibility. The auditorium area can seat up to 180-200 people and any overflow can be catered for with a “massive” entry foyer where people can be inside and out of the weather.

“We also have two viewing rooms back to back that form into a little chapel so we can have a small funeral going on in those rooms as well as having a large funeral being held in

the main auditorium.”

Out from the lounge is an alfresco area housing a granite sculpture donated from the estate of late NZSO violinist Clare Galambos-Winter.

The building has already picked

up a highly commended award for Paraparaumu’s Ben Gilpin, of Gilplans Architecture, at the Wellington/Wairarapa Regional ADNZ awards and comes with all the latest technology for recording services and playing audio visual presentations. There are 50 onsite carparks as well.

Rolston says Mulholland Construction, Colour Options, and top landscape designer Ben Hoyle, along with other coast contractors, all contributed to the award winning design.

A grand piano is next on the list to be purchased for the auditorium, which Rolston says will make it a good concert venue.

Waikanae Funeral Home is holding an open day at Cedarwood on July 31 from 1pm – 4pm to allow the public a chance to see the new facilities with a gold coin entry fee. Proceeds will go towards funding a Rotary Shelter Box, which can house families in disaster relief situations.

For more information go to:

www.shelterbox.org.nz

www.kapitifunerals.co.nz



Graeme Rolston, of Waikanae Funeral Home, with the signage on the Cedarwood area of the company's new premises on Parata St in Waikanae.