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Picture: KIM EISZELE

the 5.235ha from her late father, said she was "surprised" by the decision and planned to fight it out.

In March 2004 she wrote to council requesting the subdivision.

Early April 2004, a develop-

more information and had me paying for test holes?"

Mrs Voss wants to divide the parcel of land into two, and retain the portion that includes her home.

The land is zoned as Primary Industries under the

tion to amend the planning scheme would be refused.

Meanwhile, a subdivision for 10 Dayspring Drive in Margate was rezoned from primary industries to residential for Maveric Builders early in 2005.

# Improved medical centre to fill gap

**CHARLES WATERHOUSE**

THE new owner of two medical practices at Kingston is planning to bring both together in new centrally located premises next year.

Independent Practitioner Network (IPN), which recently bought Channel and Beachside medical centres, is planning to collocate both in a new medical centre, with a pathology suite and pharmacy.

## News

IPN's head of corporate development, Scott Beattie, said collocation at new premises would provide better facilities including a medical treatment room for nurses to do, for instance, wound management, immunisations and pathology collection.

Mr Beattie said: "We may also have a couple of extra consulting rooms to cater for growth.

"We aim to build quality centres where we can."

He said the objective would be to get everyone comfortable working from the new centre and then hoping to attract more general practitioners.



**CHANGE AHEAD:** Kingston's Channel Medical Centre is set to merge with another local practice.

Channel Medical Centre now provided for training for new doctors and this would continue.

"We have people looking for doctors possibly relocating to Tasmania. We have done that with a couple of centres."

Mr Beattie said the recent closure of Channel Medical Centre at Margate had been necessary following the departure of the main doctor.

It had been the intention for this surgery to continue.

He said when IPN bought practices it worked with the doctors in them.

"We provide all the administrative side, employ the staff, do the buying, the rosters and all aspects of running the business but allow the doctors to run the medical practice.

"We don't influence how they treat patients, how much they charge or who they refer to."

He said both the Beachside and Channel practices were good medical centres.

However he said access was a big issue for patients, and a larger group of doctors together would provide better coverage for when holidays were taken.

"Our aim is to make no difference in the way patients are treated," Mr Beattie said.

"There will be better facilities and better nursing support, with a view to the patients having a better overall experience."

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