

Experts report on Alison McKenzie House

A number of experts have had their say about the state of Alison McKenzie House, the pink and blue art deco building on the corner of Commercial Road and Porter Crescent, which has been closed since May when it was deemed unsafe.

The building's owner, the Helensville District Health Trust, now has four completed reports to consider as it decides what the building's future may be.

The completed reports include:

- An assessment of the site and a cost estimate for remedial works by Pinelea Builders.
- A structural condition assessment by Hutchinson Consulting Engineers.
- A specialised report from Dave Pearson, Heritage Architects, looking at community benefits and heritage factors.

- A review by planning consultancy, Planning Focus, to determine if Alison McKenzie House is afforded any official protection through Heritage New Zealand.

The Trust is currently considering all the information it has received and is working closely with council to determine the best way forward. It remains committed to keeping the community informed about the process, but in the meantime Alison McKenzie house remains closed, in the interests of community safety.

For any further information please contact the Helensville District Health Trust General Manager Sue Miller on 021 421 262 or smiller@helensvillehealth.co.nz.

Xmas Harvest Market

Make a note in your diaries – as well as the usual November market on the last Sunday of the month, there will be a special pre-Christmas South Kaipara Harvest Market on 11 December 10am–1pm, at Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai.

The Kids' Kitchen cooking classes will be on as usual, as well as all your favourite stallholders, selling artisan breads, exquisite cheeses, fudges, donuts, and barista coffee.

