

Healthy Helensville

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Alison McKenzie House to stay

The Helensville District Health Trust has announced Alison McKenzie House, the distinctive art deco building on the corner of Commercial Road and Porter Crescent will not be demolished.

It has been closed since May 2016 when engineers deemed the foundations unsafe.

Since then the Trust has engaged expert advice on the state of the building and considered whether to demolish and build again, or to renovate the iconic building and give it a new lease of life for the next 30 or so years.

Health Trust Manager Nicola Keen-Biggelaar says the renovation of the building will require significant investment and the Trust is considering it as part of a bigger master-plan of the entire health campus which includes the Kaipara Medical

Cooking up a love for food

“Indian food is pretty fun to make, but this is my first time having some,” said Helensville Primary’s Year 6 student Dezyre Phillips-Foreman at her weekly cooking class.

10 students each from Helensville and Parakai Primary Schools have been enjoying lessons with an Around The World theme at the Health Trust’s commercial kitchen at Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai.

Chef Keryn Reardon says, “we’ve been running these classes for a couple of years now and it’s amazing seeing the kids’ confidence grow and introducing

them to new flavours and ingredients they may not have had before.”

This term’s Helensville Primary classes have been sponsored by

Superb Herb, with the Parakai students receiving support from the Helensville Lions Club.



Jaimi Walters & Angel Clarke preparing a dough for roti

Centre and the Helensville Birthing Centre.

“We’re well aware that this is a big decision, so we’re taking our time to ensure whatever decision we make is the right one,” says Nicola Keen-Biggelaar.

“While it may not look like much is happening, there is a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes and we’re grateful for the community’s patience and interest in this project.”