

Healthy Helensville

Our vision: To be the healthiest rural community in New Zealand

Respected Chairman Dianne Kidd retires

At our AGM in October our respected Chairman and founding Trustee Dianne Kidd delivered her 6th Annual Report at what was her final AGM after 26 consecutive years of service to the Trust.

Dianne's achievements have been too numerous to list in this short space, but have included the acquisition and incorporation of the Kaipara Medical Centre as a part community owned Medical Centre for the people of South Kaipara. The refurbishment of the former Parakai Tavern as the new community and food hub Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai is another highlight.

In her final address to the Trust, Dianne stressed the importance of a community being able to look after its own people in the true sense of 'whanau ora'. "As a rural community we have fought hard to retain vital services. Now we have ownership of these strategic assets and

local people to govern and direct primary health and health related services in the best interest of our local community."

Her commitment to the core purpose of the Trust to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes of our rural community has sat right alongside a determination to ensure the Trust is financially sustainable as a social enterprise. Dianne concluded, "I have enjoyed my time and experience on this Trust and have learned a tremendous amount along the way. I am confident that the Trust is in good heart with a full complement of experienced and committed Trustees to continue the important and rewarding work we do on behalf of our South Kaipara community."

Dianne will continue to serve as the Chairman of the Kaipara Medical Centre and also as a Director of the Helensville Birthing Centre.

PEOPLE'S CORNER

Keryn Reardon, Kitchen Manager



Keryn starts this month as the Kitchen Manager at Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai. Born and raised in Helensville, Keryn has travelled significantly – working as a qualified

chef on superyachts and in hotels and restaurants around Auckland including Cibo in Parnell. She now lives in Kaukapakapa with her husband and two children and is enjoying being back amongst the local community with friends and family. Keryn is looking forward to linking her role in with the monthly Harvest Markets and getting the community using the fabulous kitchen facilities at Te Whare. Keryn believes food doesn't need to be complicated or time intensive – just fresh!