

South Kaipara Community Development Officer: Ian Leader

The Helensville District Health Trust are the fund holders for the Department of Internal Affairs' contract for a Community Development Officer for the South Kaipara region. Ian Leader has been appointed to the role which reports to both the Department of Internal Affairs and a local Steering Committee made up of volunteers from the local community and representatives from the Health Trust. Originally from the south-east of England, Ian brings with him over 25 years' experience in community development.

He explains how he entered the field of community development. "I left school wanting to be a rock and roll star, and did a variety of jobs to support my music habit before stumbling across community development and corporate responsibility which have been a passion ever since." Ian went on to establish a career in the field and has worked as the Partnership and Advocacy Leader for Youth and Children at Waitakere City Council, Community Relations Manager at AUT University,

Community Engagement Manager at Westpac NZ and National Manager of Inspiring Communities Trust.

His new role has been eagerly anticipated by the Helensville District Health Trust and the wider community as a whole. The role was created to catalyse and facilitate a progressive community-driven movement towards making South Kaipara a better place to live and work, for all of its people. Ian will be working with local people, businesses and community groups to enable all to get involved in community progress. He says, "Over the next couple of months, I'll be meeting with people and organisations across the district to help me refine what this means in practice and to identify some key projects and opportunities."

For now, Ian is working remotely and out of the Trust offices, however he is hoping to one day occupy some of the renovated office space at Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai. Based in Henderson, Ian is familiar with the North West of Auckland but



Dianne Kidd and Ian Leader.

is eager to acquaint himself with the South Kaipara region. "As an almost pathological networker, broker and facilitator I'm really looking forward to getting to know people and organisations in the South Kaipara, learning about what's happening in the area and finding out how I can best contribute."

Ian is the proud father of two teens and currently volunteers his time as Chairman of The Storytime Foundation and as a Trustee at Bruce McLaren Intermediate.

If you would like to contact Ian to discuss your ideas for progress in the South Kaipara, please call or text him on 0275 10 20 91.

Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai Update

Plans continue to develop for our new community facility, Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai with Unitec appointing a Project Manager to ensure renovation and building works commence on time and to budget.

The Helensville & Parakai Farmers' Market has been suspended with winter approaching, but we look forward to reinstating a market again in the near future. We've heard so much great feedback about a local market from the community, and hope to include it as part of the South Kaipara Food Revolution that will operate from Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai.

Our steering committee meets monthly, so please do forward any ideas / suggestions / feedback you may have for them to michelle@noodlehq.co.nz

New doctors and a new look for the Kaipara Medical Centre

It's exciting times at the Kaipara Medical Centre with a full team of wonderful doctors on board now. Our new doctors include Dr Holly Shine, Dr Sherine Tobias and Dr Ivan Gannaway as pictured below.



The Centre is currently developing a new website and refreshing its branding, so expect to see more exciting developments from your local Medical Centre soon . . .