



We are aware there is some confusion in the community regarding the relationship between the Colville Community Health Trust (the Trust/CCHT) and the Colville Community Health Centre (the clinic) and the role of the Trust.

The Health Trust was set up in 2008 to make local health care possible in a small community. The population was not high enough to support a financially viable clinic, but with Trust and community assistance we've been able to ensure the clinic, over the past 20 years, has been able to provide high quality medical care in our community.

**What the Trust does:**

We contribute to costs of the Health Centre - rent, power, phone/internet, repair and maintenance - reducing expenses to ensure the community gets quality health services for the lowest possible cost. These health services include the clinic, acupuncturist, naturopathist, counsellor and Contact Care specialist.

We rent a property to provide housing for medical students and visiting practitioners.

We obtain funding and liaise with donors to acquire medical /clinical equipment for the service providers. All items remain in community ownership, ensuring a smooth transition between clinicians and during times of structural change . For a full list of our funders, please visit our website : [www.colvillecommunityhealthtrust.com](http://www.colvillecommunityhealthtrust.com)

We participate in The Colville Project, raising money through fundraisers for the new Wellbeing and Education Centre, which will house the health services in the near future, and we have trustees in TCP governance roles.

While we rely heavily on our funders' continued support, we are also reliant on all members of our community. As highlighted in the clinic update in this issue of the Panui, the clinic is going through a period of change, as are many health care providers in New Zealand. If as a community we want a viable local health service to continue, we do need the support of our whole community to make this happen.

**In addition, we are supporting the community response in this time of pandemic by:**

Providing our immunity-supporting Manuka Honey - Kumarahou tonics to help keep our community well.

Working on communication pathways to ensure people are connected and informed.

Exploring possible housing options for community members who become ill and need accommodation close to medical assistance.

**How you can support this community pandemic response:**

Make a plan for your family/whanau and reach out to neighbours. Please read and share the Covid Response Plan included in this Panui.

Donate funds to help with accommodation and other costs for our ill community members.

Donate your time to check up on the vulnerable in your area, or deliver supplies to those in need of help. Contact Emily at [colvilletrustmanager@gmail.com](mailto:colvilletrustmanager@gmail.com) to sign up or offer any other ideas you have.

Contact the Trust if you have portable self-contained accommodation such as a caravan that could be moved close to the clinic to provide additional accommodation for the sick.

**To donate funds in support of our pandemic initiatives:**

**Account: Colville Community Health Trust 38-9007-04844941-00**

**Particulars: Donation**

**Code: Your name**

**Reference: Community**