



# COLVILLE

COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST

Kia ora koutou

We had a fantastic turnout for our community meeting back on October the 4th,( which we counted was around 60+ individuals). Our meeting provided an opportunity to talk about the provision of health services at the Colville Community Health Centre and a chance to meet the new GP service providers, including Nurse Practitioner Sonya Wirihana-Tawake, Dr Alex McLeod, Practice Manager Tiana Morrisey and receptionist/Healthcare assistant and Colville local Krystle Dabb. Attendees made good use of the question time with this team and we sensed the general feeling in the room was pretty positive. A big thanks to the team from Coromandel for coming up and spending time with our community - We do believe this was quite a unique but valuable experience for all present.

We also had an opportunity to meet the funders from the two Primary Health Organisations (PHO's) that are involved with managing funding in our area. They left with improved information and a lasting impression of how important locally based health services are to this community. A big thanks also to the Hauraki and Pinnacle PHO's for making this trip to join us.

Finally, a huge thankyou to everyone in our community who turned out for this meeting, it was so great to provide an opportunity for people to truly have their say and to connect with others on this very important issue.

The Colville Community Health Trust had its AGM on the 11th of October. We had our quorum (plus some) attend, which always ensures a successful meeting. Health Trust Trustees now include: community elected Kate Armstrong, Nicole Brighthouse, Richard Campbell, Jackie Saul and Larisa Webb. St John have appointed Robyn Vinten to the Health Trust and Gavin Jeffcoat has been appointed by the Coromandel Colville Community Board. Krystle Dabb has been appointed by Coromandel Family Health Centre as one of the Colville Community Health Centre representatives. There is space for two more from the Health Centre, when the time is right. Jo Herbert stood down this election, and plans to work on her retirement skills, having completed 6 years with the Health Trust.

The Health Trust is about to employ a new manager and this will help immensely when working with our new provider and keeping the community up-dated with how things are progressing.

Till next time, keep safe and enjoy the start of the summer, weather

Best wishes form the Colville Community Health Trust team