



Te Whai Community Trust Mangawhai

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Dear Sir,

It has been brought to our attention that the lease on the Rose Cottage next to the Mangawhai Domain is soon due for renewal and we would like to be considered as tenants for this building.

We are a charitable trust that has been operating since 2015 to bring social services that are lacking into the Mangawhai area and to provide support groups and education programmes on issues as required. Our ideal has always been to establish a Community House in Mangawhai where we can provide a space for social service providers to operate. With the recent population growth in the area has come an incremental increase in the need for social services, and so the need for a Community House is now urgent to ensure a co-ordinated and sustainable base.

See below our Vision, Mission statement and goals (NB Goal 2 in bold):

VISION

Just as the Stingray in the logo breeds and nurtures its young within the safe harbour of Mangawhai, this is also the vision of the Te Whai Community Trust Mangawhai. The Trust will act as a beacon lighting the direction towards safe harbour for all who seek help and advice.

MISSION

Te Whai Community Trust Mangawhai will provide a centre to act as the first point of contact directing people with specific needs to the services they require.

GOALS

1. To identify the needs of the community and collaborate in the delivery of safe and effective services
2. **To provide a facility to allow local and regional support services to deliver their services in Mangawhai**
3. To provide appropriate advocacy, educational programmes, information, and responsive support to the wider Mangawhai community and environment
4. To promote and advocate values of non-violence and equity in all relationships
5. To provide opportunities for all people to make positive changes to develop their full potential

We work in a collaborative model with a wellbeing focus and have already established relationships with the following organisations and agencies:

- Coast to Coast Health
 - SCOPE nurse
 - Geneva Health Care
 - Strengthening Families
 - Fostering Kids NZ
 - Hospice Whangarei
 - Alzheimers Society Northland
 - Age Concern Rodney
 - Parent Port
 - Te Uri o Hau Family Start
 - Otamatea Community Services
 - NZ Police
 - Mangawhai Beach School
 - Mangawhai-Kaiwaka Kindergarten
 - Before 6 and Mini Whai Daycares
 - Te Puna Reo o Te Mangawhai
- And others

Our clients are either referred by one of these agencies, are self referred, or referred by a family member. We have recently contracted a Services Co-ordinator who is maintaining and expanding our networks, and she has also developed a data base of all social services available to residents of Mangawhai that will be on our website to be launched this month.

The mahi of our organisation is concentrated in the Mangawhai area to benefit the local community. Our focus is on those who are vulnerable, isolated and have needs that are not presently being met by the limited social services available. Social services have not kept pace with the recent and anticipated population growth in the Mangawhai area and there is a lack of support for our more vulnerable citizens.

Specifically we have initiated, or are in the process of developing, projects to support:

- children and families at Mangawhai Beach School to access counselling to promote better mental health
- young families who have limited whānau or family support;
- grandparents who are raising grandchildren;
- older people who are isolated or lonely or have a change of circumstance through illness that prevents them from participating fully in the community;
- widows and widowers who are coping with a sudden change of circumstance through bereavement;
- those with disabilities

We provide Aroha baskets (food parcels) on an ongoing basis to needy families (over 100 over the past 12 months) and have a growing group of willing volunteers, known as the Te Whai Sages, to whom we provide targeted training by professionals from reputable agencies, to work in the community. This year this training has included Establishing Boundaries by Age Concern Rodney; Living with Dementia from The Alzheimers Society Northland; Building resilience in children who have

suffered trauma from Fostering Kids NZ, and all our Sages and Board members are undergoing First Aid Training later this month.

We also facilitate Te Reo Māori language classes and have 2 qualified tutors who are now running 5 classes with a wait-list for next year.

We are not a Lead provider for the Ministry of Social Development but have been successful in funding applications from Northland Grassroots; Northland Lotteries; Foundation North, COGS and MCOST. We have also received funds from Tara Iti (from their charity golf tournament), a number of local community groups, individual sponsors , and we hold a bi-annual Sculpture in the Garden event in conjunction with the Mangawhai artists. **We have started a building fund and once we have a secure tenancy on a building, we are confident we would be able to generate enough funds to maintain and improve it.**

To this end we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss a proposal to tenant the Rose Cottage. We would be very open to an arrangement for the present tenants to continue using the building, but feel we can offer a much more inclusive community access and usage.

We are able to provide references from agencies with whom we work if required.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Your faithfully

Sue Poynter
Secretary
Te Whai Community Trust