

Consultation underway

It's hoped preliminary plans for a new look Alison McKenzie House site will be available by the end of the year.

The Helensville District Health Trust has applied to the Lottery Environment and Heritage Fund for funding for the next stage of the project. This will involve six months of talking with the community about its ideas for the site, as well as employing specialist architects to create concept plans.

Alison McKenzie House on the corner of Commercial Road and Porter Crescent has been closed since May last year when engineers deemed it unsafe. The Trust and other tenants have been in other accommodation ever since, while many conversations have been held with council representatives, heritage architects and structural engineers about the best way forward.

Trust General Manager Sue Miller says "this next stage is exciting because in consultation with the public we will be able to create a facility that will meet the community's needs for the next 30 years."

The community will likely be asked for its thoughts from June, with preliminary plans ready to put to council by December.

Healthy appetite for Tuck Shop



The new menu at the Kaipara College Tuck Shop is proving a hit with students. Since the beginning of the school year the food has been prepared and served by the kitchen team at Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai.

Here's a taste of the students' reactions:

"The tuck shop staff are really friendly."

"Having an Eftpos terminal makes life heaps easier."

"The smoothies are great and the food is a good price."

If you'd like a taste of what the kids are enjoying, then the kitchen team is also available for catering. To find out more email kitchen@thrivekaipara.org.nz or phone Keryn on 09 420 9983 (probably easier than going back to school!).