

NORTH TARANAKI HEALTHCARE TRUST

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The year was marked by the death of Bob Mahy who was one of the founding trustees who initiated talks with the Waitara Doctors in 2000. Registered as a Charitable Trust in 2003 Bob held the position of Chairman 2005-2019.

The Trust was formed to ensure that Waitara and the North Taranaki community had a building that would provide space for medical services to be provided locally.

We can be very proud of the huge contribution Bob made over the 21 years.

Covid-19 has continued to keep everyone on alert even though New Zealand has been able to stop any major community outbreaks and therefore has not impacted the Trust to any significant degree. We did suspend mortgage principal repayments to the extent of \$7900.

The release of the TSB Loan guarantors was a significant milestone. We have also be able to increase our working capital.

After writing off \$39,000 in depreciation, we ended the year with a surplus of \$86,000. Our mortgage has reduced to \$123,430 and should be paid off within the next 18 months.

We are now in the process of investigating on going refurbishment of the building. We also await the changes being signaled for Health by the Government. But we have very good dialogue with Omni Health, the owners of the Waitara Doctors Practice to ensure we are able to provide suitable space for their ongoing needs.

This year the North Taranaki Healthcare Trust has set up a Founding Trustees Memorial Fund to recognize their contributions to the Trust. To build up the initial fund we transfer \$150 per month. The purpose of the fund is for the promotion of healthcare in the North Taranaki Ward of the New Plymouth District Council. This includes medical staff training, community welfare and scholarships. Grant applications will be considered by the Trustees on a case by case basis.

My thanks to my fellow Trustees. Gary Cleland for his oversight of the finances and other Trust issues. Ron Payne who looks after our maintenance doing many small jobs and ensuring we have someone doing the bigger jobs. Bill and Lyn Watson who are maintaining our gardens which look great. Thelma Luxton with her knowledge of the community. We welcome Sarah Burton who was appointed in July 2020. A special thank you to Sue Wightman our Administration Manager who is doing a great job.

Gay Andrews

Chair.