



Council and Community Working together on Housing in Kaipara

Grants from the Housing Innovation Fund are helping to secure the future of social housing in the Kaipara District (Northland).

The Kaipara Community Health Trust is taking over the management and eventual ownership of the local Council's housing stock, as the Kaipara District Council has decided that a community organisation is better placed to provide housing for those with special needs.

Thirty four units are involved in the programme, which is supported by a team from Housing New Zealand which is helping the Trust build its organisational capacity and basic Strategic and Business Plans.

An interest-free suspensory loan for modernization of the units - of \$30,000 per unit - will include redesigning kitchens and bathrooms to better suit the needs of elderly and disabled tenants. New decks will extend living space and pathways will link the units to a community hall and parking areas.

Debbie Evans of the Kaipara Community Health Trust says it is a very rewarding project, as the Trust is committed to providing quality social housing for the people of the Kaipara.

"We have found it invaluable to have close working relationships with key agencies."



Units before modernisation

Chief Executives Jack McKerchar, Kaipara District Council and Debbie Evans, Kaipara Community Health Trust