



**COLVILLE**  
COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST

Kia ora koutou,

As many residents in our community are aware, rural healthcare in New Zealand faces unique challenges in ensuring access to quality medical services for our remote communities. Limited access to services, long wait times and increasing distance to healthcare facilities are key issues affecting us all.

Many rural areas struggle with a shortage of healthcare professionals, including doctors and nurses, leading to difficulties in meeting the healthcare needs of residents. This can result in delayed diagnosis and treatment, impacting the overall health outcomes of rural populations.

Community health initiatives and outreach clinics play a crucial role in our community today and by investing in healthcare infrastructure, and supporting community health initiatives, we can help improve the state of our rural healthcare and enhance the well-being of our rural communities.

Thank you to our St John volunteers and our FENZ volunteers who are spending hours training and bravely attending callout's to our community members and visitors in emergencies. They are the real local heroes and we are so lucky to have them.

Please contact Nicole, [colvilletrustmanager@gmail.com](mailto:colvilletrustmanager@gmail.com) if you want to support your local community health trust to continue to grow and evolve its infrastructure and enable our community to be as prepared as possible for the future.

Planning for community resilience.

Kate Armstrong

CCHT Chairperson

Ngā mihi nui

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