

Who we are, and what we do for your community



Who we are



The Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust (KCFT), through a partnership with the Kaipatiki Local Board as their lead organisation, provides community development and a variety of programmes, events and projects for the Kaipatiki community. This community development model creates real change and promotes empowered and strong neighbourhoods in our community. This in turn creates value for our community partners in Beach Haven, Birkdale, Birkenhead, Northcote and Glenfield (Kaipatiki).



KCFT's role with the Kaipatiki Local Board provides effective community support, and the Trust is committed to serving and supporting sustainable communities because we know our role succeeds where communities thrive. Our work will always revolve around the Five Wellbeing's... **Connect, Give, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Be Active.**

KCFT recognises that by working together with regional and local community organisations, including central government agencies, we can do more to effectively support local communities and member organisations to achieve greater social well-being and more effective outcomes.



KCFT provides support around Tikanga Maori and all projects that increases Te Aro Maori, or shared outcomes and benefits. This is achieved through collaboration with mataawaka/mana whenua driven kaupapa. KCFT also ensures that local Māori are involved within the leadership of appropriate consultation/hui and projects. Therefore, KCFT continues to place a high value on Māori and Pakeha working together in partnership based on the Treaty of Waitangi, along with full engagement in our multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society.



KCFT was originally formed in 1983, (Birkdale College and Community Swimming Pool Trust) to deliver a community role within the local swimming facility operations, then in 1986 it developed into a variety of community development, community wellbeing and recreational services for the former Birkenhead City Council. In 1986 also, the Community Co-ordinator position was established on a contract basis. With the local authority amalgamation in 1989 establishing the North Shore City Council, the Trust's name changed to Birkenhead Northcote Community Facilities Trust. Again in the amalgamation in 2010 to Auckland Council, the partnership role continues with Kaipatiki Local Board and the name changed to the Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust to align itself with the new Kaipatiki Community.



Our vision and Aspirations

KCFT exists to add value for our communities on a long-term basis by building on partnerships that enhances the community. We do this through the development and implementation of superior programmes and activities that support community health and wellbeing. This in turn adds value to existing partnerships and builds and enriches the fabric of community life.

KCFT is committed to serving and supporting sustainable communities because our role succeeds where communities thrive. Areas of activity include:

- Identifying quality of life issues that concern residents and being the linkage, at the neighbourhood level, with the Kaipatiki Local Board
- Partnering with government agencies, businesses and education providers to achieve quality life programmes, especially for youth
- Collaboration and networking with local & government agencies and organisations on issues affecting residents' quality of life and to provide solutions at a manageable scale
- Mobilising under-utilised resources, skills, knowledge and networks
- Initiating sustainable processes of renewal and community change by placemaking
- Building resident ownership and shared responsibility for community issues through placemaking
- Informing policy making at a local level, i.e. Kaipatiki Local Board Plans
- Strengthening trusting relationships between neighbours to positively affect individual health and well-being.

Together, we will uncover inspirational ideas that build neighbourhoods such as:

- Mapping community assets and neighbourhoods
- Creating space and time for community conversations and family leisure and sharing
- Healthy aging plans that harness the wisdom and caring of elders and their own neighbours
- Festivals and events that showcase artistic talents in ways that foster a sense of connection and diversity
- Sharing initiatives that teach new skills, share resources and grow neighbourhoods.
- Strengthening local economies – increasing employment opportunities locally



Who we are (cont.)

Our Core Values

Roots identity – take strength from knowing who you are and are from.

Community add value and give more to our communities.

Inclusive we will engage all residents in all neighbourhoods.

Creativity to use our gifts and talents through innovation, design and arts.

Excellent all our activities will meet the highest standards and promote safe, sensitive and involved parenting.

Expertise our work will be based on the best evidence available.

Respectful all relationships between our practitioners, organisations, leisure and interest groups and stress the importance of collaborative partnering.

Sustainable we are Kaipatiki. Thinking sustainably and acting locally and we will assist our Kaipatiki Local Board to drive up the quality local resources and open spaces in local neighbourhoods that are accessible and meet the local needs.

Collaborative we will partner relevant organisations when that serves the best interests of the residents of Kaipatiki.

Accessible our activities, projects, events and programmes will be designed to be accessible for all and we will encourage participation and feedback.

Relevant we will design our activities, projects, events and programmes to meet the needs and priorities of all our stakeholders as far as possible.

Community Sustainability

KCFT works via a partnership model, whereby it supports initiatives that encourage people to be more sustainable in their homes and neighbourhoods while fostering greater cooperation. This in turn allows people to develop a sense of connection with their local environment and thus become more aware of opportunities they may not have been aware of.

Key concepts include:

- Resourcefulness in dealing with waste as a resource and creating good outcomes with neighbourhood recycling or shared projects
- Identify and seek ideas on what residents consider to be unique about their neighbourhood
- Taking responsibility to be part of the solution, and showcasing neighbourhoods that are working towards waste solutions
- Identify the current level of sustainability practices in neighbourhoods
- Utilising the energy and vision of young people to ensure they are leaders in future sustainability initiatives



Placemaking

KCFT has taken a leading role in promoting the concept of “Placemaking” for its community. Placemaking means local communities engaging in shaping the look, function and feel of the places in which they live. It covers a wide range of activities that improve the look and feel of places, and builds a sense of community, local pride, identity and connection.

Ideas that have been considered, and acted upon include:

- Public art
- Traffic calming
- Walking and cycling
- Streetscapes and verge planting
- Clean ups and beautification

The key concept we are promoting is empowering communities to shape the places they live in and have local government be the enabler rather than the controller.



Community Networks

KCFT facilitates various networks which bring local organisations and community groups together to share their aspirations and ideas for their particular area of interest. For instance various restoration groups have been formed for the many bush and reserve areas in Kaipatiki, but often they can be isolated and KCFT enables the groups to meet and share ideas, problems, etc. as a network with shared goals and motivation.

The idea of volunteering in the community has been promoted strongly, as it not only helps with local projects, but it also encourages a sense of ownership and connectedness with the environment we all share.



Kaipatiki Youth Navigator

KCFT's Youth Navigator acts as a mentor, providing various opportunities and pastoral care for youth. Initiatives undertaken by the Youth Navigator include:

Jobs4Youth

Jobs4Youth connects schools and youth with opportunities in employment, education and training. This project works in collaboration with local schools, youth programmes, employers and central government – connecting key parties to create opportunities for youth. It provides local leadership and solutions to local issues, empowering both youth and employers alike.

Youth often require pastoral care when entering the workforce. This care assists them in navigating into employment - ensuring their success and the creation of a strong workforce. Pet Therapy (Willow) is an indispensable aspect of the mentoring and pastoral care which is provided. Willow breaks down barriers through promoting and assisting in open communication. Willow provides a therapeutic presence in what can be a challenging transition for youth.



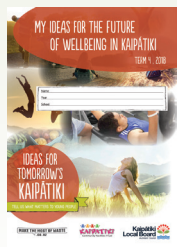
Kaipatiki Local Youth Board

Providing opportunities for youth to become involved within the community and have a voice in local decision making processes. This is through being part of the consultation process with the Kaipatiki Local Board and other local and central government agencies. The Kaipatiki Local Youth Board allows youth to engage with each other, elected officials and politicians at a decision-making level.

The Kaipatiki Local Youth Board works with elected officials and politicians to provide events or projects for youth, led by youth. One example is the new Kaipatiki Youth Development Trust Youth Space – in Marlborough Park. This is specifically for youth orientated events and programmes and benefited from the intensive input of our youth.

Children's and Student Panels

These panels provide an opportunity for youth to have a voice in specific topics each school term. These panels work in collaboration with agencies and/or our Local Board. A snapshot of the issues covered include: Pest Free Kaipatiki, Youth Health, Transport, Safety in the Community, Watersafe and Connected Kaipatiki.



Events and Community Activities

KCFT provides a variety of free events throughout the year that are aimed at meeting community needs and to encourage connecting with other people who share the places we live in.

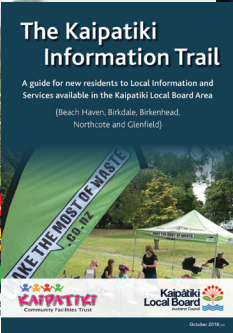
Some of those events include:

- Summer Fun & Winter Fun
- Families in Parks & Preschool mornings
- Community Workshops
- Community Events



Community Publications

KCFT publishes a range of informative brochures and flyer's that can assist the local community in accessing the wide range of leisure, educational and council resources that are available in Kaipatiki. For example the **Kaipatiki Explorer** is a guide to exploring the walkways and tracks through our parks and bush reserves, while the **Kaipatiki Information Trail** provides information for new residents about the region and services available. Other flyer's inform the community on specific community events.



Sponsors



The Kaipatiki Local Board is our major funding partner as their lead service provider for the work we do in the community, as well as providing our office space.



The Birkenhead Licensing Trust is our major event and project funder.



The Birkenhead RSA provides the KCFT with a significant contribution which is very much appreciated.



The Lotteries Grants Board have provided funding for various individual community development projects.

We also acknowledge the help of a huge range of volunteers who assist us in all the projects and events undertaken by the Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust.



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