

# Bayleys sponsors housing trust

Bayleys has jumped on board as the principal sponsor of the Waiheke Community Housing Trust.

A shortage of affordable long-term rental housing on the island has been a significant issue for years, and Mary Curnow, principal of Bayleys Waiheke is looking forward to supporting the trust's goal of establishing a portfolio of land and housing owned by the Waiheke community.

The housing will be designed for low-income households - in particular, young families and people over 55.

Mary feels that the trust's objectives are a great fit with Bayleys' culture and values.

"There's a real shortage of decent and affordable housing on the island," she says.

"The Bayleys' team and I are thrilled to partner with the Waiheke Community Housing Trust, and we will support the trust's goal to create a good pool of affordable housing on Waiheke."

The annual sponsorship will help the trust to develop cost-effective housing at their site on 80 Waiheke Road, as well as other ongoing community housing projects.

Trustee James Davies says the trust has enjoyed being able to work with Bayleys and admires and appreciates their knowledge, as well as their commitment to the Waiheke community.

"Waiheke is a special place and there are a lot of community-minded people



Bayleys' principal Mary Curnow (right) and Waiheke Community Housing Trust trustee James Davies.

here," says James.


"I have to say the local community has been extremely supportive, in terms of sponsorship and support. Mary is a great example of that, and we're very grateful to her."

In his most recent progress report, chairman of the trust Paul Carew said a Lifemark assessment of the Waiheke Road design was obtained and an architect incorporated floor layout adjustments for the proposed units to improve access and usability for elderly and disabled residents and guests.


The resource consent process is nearing completion, and James says once consent has been given, the building project will be full-speed ahead thanks to the generous support of Bayleys and other sponsors.

• *Sophie Boladeras*

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