



Statement – Update on the Pā gym

Kia ora koutou katoa

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we wish to acknowledge and thank our dedicated CEO, staff of the Pā gym, maintenance and management who have had to deal with the dire state of the Pā gym over the past few months.

Whangaroa Health Services (WHST) is a charitable trust, with funding for the Pā Gym sourced primarily through Te Whatu Ora.

On 9 July 2025 a Community Hui was held at the Pā gym with 25 people in attendance - that evening we experienced bad weather which resulted in surface flooding, and the lights went out as the electrical tripping safety mechanism kicked in. The next day, WHST asked the landlord to fix and resolve the two issues.

Unfortunately, progress was very limited. This resulted in the Board making the decision for the service to end its lease and to exit the site until such time that the building was certified as being fit for use as the Pā gym.

As the Board, we have legal and ethical obligations to ensure the safety of both the staff and users, and to protect the financial accountability of our service and funder.

The Trust is also required to ensure the Pā gym is compliant with building regulations as governed by Far North District Council, and safe for the Community to access and use the service.

We acknowledge the strong Community voice and feedback received as well as the many offers of support, including those who are actively assisting the Landlord at this time.

We are committed to exploring ways by which we are able to re-open the doors and do recognize the frustration that the Pā gym closure has caused. We want the Community to know that we will continue to deliver classes and activities at alternative sites as we navigate this space.

Nāku noa, nā,

Jess Williams

Chair, Board of Trustees

Whangaroa Health Services Trust