



MAYOR'S OFFICE

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To our indispensable health teams

On behalf of our community, I wish to thank you for your incredible efforts that you have put in to keep our community safe and well over the past two years as we have fought COVID together.

As our first line of defence, our health workers have at times risked their own health, and that of their families to care for our community.

In the primary care and pharmacy sectors, I know that sometimes you have managed and cared for community members who have felt upset and nervous through these difficult times.

I want to also thank your families for enabling you to do this very important work and for supporting our health professionals through these tough times.

I also acknowledge the 'behind the scenes' teams who have enabled your mahi: technicians, cleaners, telephonists . . . everyone who has been involved in the health response.

I am so proud of how our community has worked together through the health and welfare response of COVID-19.

Please accept our sincere thanks. I know that without you, we might be in a very different situation than we find ourselves in today.

I hope that we will soon be through this chapter in our history, and that you are all able to resume to a new normal without the extra pressure of the pandemic.

My very best regards. Kia kaha!

Ngā mihi nui,

Sandra Hazlehurst
Mayor
Hastings District Council