

105-Year-Old Plunket Building Repaired Thanks to Valder Ohinemuri Charitable Trust Support

One of Plunket's oldest buildings, based in Paeroa, has had much needed repairs thanks to emergency funding from the Valder Ohinemuri Charitable Trust.

Plunket's Paeroa building has been supporting tamariki and whānau since 1915 and with extremely worn floor coverings it sadly faced considerable damage following a water heater flood at the start of the Alert Level 4 lockdown. The floor coverings had to be disposed of, so the team approached the Trust for emergency support.

After initial contact and application submission, the Trust approved it. The \$3,078 funding arrived during Level 3 allowing the Plunket team and Flooring Design Paeroa to get started on repairs.

Sharon Shirley, Paeroa Plunket Nurse, says, "Our Plunket team is incredibly grateful for this generous assistance by the Valder Ohinemuri Charitable Trust. Plunket is such an important part of the Paeroa community and this building has been supporting generations of tamariki and whānau."

"Without the support of charitable trusts like Valder Ohinemuri, we wouldn't be able to continue all of the fantastic work we do. This funding will go a long way in ensuring our buildings are fit for purpose while creating a warm and inviting environment for our Plunket whānau," she said.

The support from Valder Ohinemuri Charitable Trust, and the replacement carpet, came just in time for Plunket's 113th birthday on 14 May 2020 and is a great reminder that by working together we can help make the difference of a lifetime.

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