

Property Link - a social enterprise supporting the community

Community Link Trust supports and strengthens our community by responding to needs, challenges and opportunities. They offer practical solutions for families and individuals facing challenging life issues. Their aim is to improve the quality of life for those within our local region. They do this through supporting people emotionally and practically towards a brighter future for them, their whanau and ultimately the community that they live in.

Community Link Trust assists over 500 people in the community through its various programmes and initiatives. They also work collaboratively with a number of local agencies that request and refer people to their services.

PropertyLink is a Community Link Trust social enterprise that provides property maintenance to businesses and home owners, while engaging in various charitable projects. PropertyLink was established in 2015 with the aim of generating income to support the many free services that Community Link Trust offers our community.

PropertyLink is for anyone that needs work done. A business or an individual could contract PropertyLink to do regular property maintenance and cleaning.

PropertyLink is a unique maintenance service as it has a huge community component. This heart driven operation is always on the lookout for ways in which they can spread positivity throughout the community. There are countless stories of lawns being cut, mail boxes being delivered or sections being cleared free of charge.

Allan Hall is the PropertyLink team Manager. Allan says that the PropertyLink team care about the wider community.

“The team like to encourage people in life, breaking down barriers and doing a little more than expected is what job satisfaction is all about” says Allan.

PropertyLink also provides job opportunities for those that need to broaden their skill base. Many community youth have been given on the job experience and references through PropertyLink. A man from the Congo is employed while he establishes himself and his family. Within PropertyLink he is progressing with a NZ licence, adding to his skill base and earning a wage.

“PropertyLink is about doing far more than what’s advertised, it’s about reaching into the community and making a difference for good” says Allan.

Allan leads PropertyLink with 28years experience in the building supply industry, 20 of those in management and leading large teams. He has a heart for helping people practically and in a mentoring capacity. His right hand man Geoff, has 30 years cabinet making experience, is very practically minded and has the ability to turn his hand to anything. Geoff also has a huge heart for youth, so sharing his skills and knowledge comes naturally. Aroha who carries

out the office and home cleaning side of PropertyLink often shares about the friendships made with various people, especially the elderly that enjoy weekly catch ups. There are also four other part time workers that make up PropertyLink.

The success of PropertyLink contributes directly to the sustainability of Community Link. PropertyLink enables more resource toward Community Link, who are then able to expand or add to their services that are currently in high demand.

PropertyLink will work anywhere in the Waikato. Community Link Trust provide services to the local community of Fairfield/Enderley and the wider Hamilton area when required. To find out more visit www.communitylink.org.nz

