

UPPER HUTT
Kindergarten



Upper Hutt
District
Free Kindergarten
Association

**CONSTITUTION
AND BY LAWS
HANDBOOK**

NEW ZEALAND FREE KINDERGARTEN MOVEMENT
BRIEF OUTLINE OF ITS HISTORY

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**BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UPPER HUTT DISTRICT
FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)**

- 1946**
SEPTEMBER Association formed.
Silverstream operating private Kindergarten.
Trentham and Upper Hutt Establishment Committees formed.
- 1948** Association affiliated to New Zealand Free Kindergarten Union
- APRIL** Upper Hutt opened in Red Cross Rooms
- OCTOBER** Trentham opened in Salvation Army Hall.
- 1950** Silverstream site purchased.
- 1953**
6 NOVEMBER Silverstream building completed and opened by Lady Norrie
- 1954** Trentham site (Crown Land) vested in the Association.
Site for Upper Hutt leased from the Borough Council.
- 1955** Mrs Irmgard Ritchie appointed as the Associations First Senior Director.
Cottle Committee inaugurated.
- 1956**
24 MARCH Trentham Building completed, opened by Dame Hilda Ross.
- 28 APRIL** Upper Hutt completed and opened by Hon. R. M. Algie
Site purchased for Cottle.
- 1957** Cottle opened Private Kindergarten in the Rose of Sharon Hall.
- 1959**
MARCH McLeod Committee inaugurated
- 1960** Trained Staff in all Kindergartens for the first time in Association History.
- 1961** McLeod Committee changed name to Irmgard Ritchie in Memory of our former Senior Director.
Mrs Amiria Johnson became first Maori Senior Director in New Zealand.
- 1962**
17 FEBRUARY Cottle opened by Mr George Cottle
- 1963** Mrs D. T. Nicholson (President) was elected to the Executive of the New Zealand Free Kindergarten Union.

- 1965**
1 MAY Irmgard Ritchie Kindergarten opened by former President Mr R. Beddow.
- 1966** Site purchased in Ruru Street, Heretaunga.
Heretaunga Committee formed.
- 1967** Negotiations in train to obtain a site for proposed Kindergarten North of Upper Hutt.
- 1969**
8 MARCH Heretaunga Kindergarten officially opened.
- 1971** Establishment Committee formed in Totara Park.
- 1973**
MARCH Land set aside in Denver Grove, Totara Park for a Kindergarten.
28 AUGUST Kindergarten North officially opened, named 'Doris Nicholson Kindergarten' by His Excellency The Governor General Sir Denis Blundell.
- 1974** Inaugural Meeting held for Kindergarten in Brown Owl area.
Land provided by Education Board under new policy.
OCTOBER Tenders called for Totara Park Kindergarten.
OCTOBER Brown Owl Kindergarten Plans under way.
- 1975**
JULY Establishment Committee formed in Pinehaven,
NOVEMBER Building commenced at Brown Owl.
Building completed at Totara Park.
- DECEMBER** Official opening of Totara Park Kindergarten by Her Worship The Mayor Mrs D. T. Nicholson OBE JP
- 1976**
JULY Building completed at Brown Owl.
Under the new Education Board policy land has been set aside for a Free Kindergarten adjacent to school in Birchville Akatarawa.
- DECEMBER** Birchville Establishment Committee formed
- 1977**
MARCH Site purchased for Pinehaven.