

Apology statement to Alaine Tamati - Aubrey

On behalf of Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Playcentre Aotearoa, the Trustee Board would like to unreservedly apologise to Alaine Tamati Aubrey.

The Trustee Board were informed of an incident in August 2021, whereby Alaine Tamati Aubrey was subjected to slanderous and hurtful comments circulated on social media. This breaches both confidential internal processes and Alaine's privacy.

The employee (and Playcentre member) responsible for posting comments containing confidential material on social media has refused to disclose how she received this information. The Trustee Board consider this to be a serious matter and are currently considering what consequences are available to ensure this behaviour is not repeated. This includes initiating more security around private and confidential information for members, staff and applicants.

It is an obligation and commitment of Playcentre philosophy that all members act with integrity and respect towards one other. When this is not the case, behaviour needs to be identified and named, to uphold our ethos, to show the empathy of those that have been hurt and to engender learning for all regarding what is appropriate conduct within our organisation.

The Trustee Board's expectation of all members within this organisation is to act with integrity and respect. The breach of privacy that was afforded to Alaine should be called out and displayed to the organisation as this behaviour is neither encouraged or supported under our philosophy or ethos of Playcentre.

Alaine is a long-standing valued member of Playcentre holding several portfolios over the many years of voluntary service to our organisation and we are thankful to the wisdom, guidance and honesty that she has continually given to Playcentre. The breach of her privacy should not have occurred and the Trustee Board, on behalf of Playcentre Aotearoa, acknowledge the hurt and humiliation that has resulted (of this situation for) Alaine Tamati Aubrey. We accept that as a Trustee Board we are responsible for all members under Playcentre Aotearoa and hope Alaine will accept our apology.

On behalf of Playcentre Aotearoa,

Avis Stewart, Michelle Hutton, Char Martin, Tiso Ross, Ranees Davies and Gill Morgan

Trustee Board members up to 27 November 2021.