



Jane Newbury, pictured, took up the role of Howick Village Manager in March.

We visited Jane to find out how she's settling into her new position out east.

Howickite takes the helm

A proud 'Howickite', Jane Newbury and family have lived and shopped in Howick for more than 30 years.

From having supported local schools, sports and community groups over the years, her new role as Town Centre Manager is a natural and logical progression.



"My working career has always been in administration, initially in government departments then the education sector," said Jane, who thrives on variety and challenges.

Jane spent the past 11 years working for the Manukau Beautification Trust where she helped administer beautification projects and murals in the Howick area.

"I was also involved in the myriad of events hosted by the Trust, but my main focus was managing the removal and prevention of tagging and graffiti for southern Auckland, under the Auckland Council contract. This involved maintaining a close network with council staff and local BID managers," she said.

She knew Tracy Shackleton, now Papakura Town Centre Manager, when Tracy worked at Keep NZ Beautiful. Tracy is currently mentoring Jane, sharing her BID programme insights and experience.

Another mentor is Howick's former long serving manager Jenny Foster. Jenny still manages the Howick Village Markets and is also a member of the business association's executive committee.

"I have been lucky to have wonderful mentors, including Jenny and Tracy, who have given me invaluable advice and support in my first months in this role," Jane said.



Jane is arranging governance training for the nine-member committee in late August.

"This is to ensure all committee members are fully aware of their governance roles and responsibilities and my responsibilities as manager," she said.



Boutique Shopping
Delightfully Different



Howick Village, *pictured left*, prides itself on being “delightfully different”. But what does that mean?

“Visit the quaint seaside surrounds of Howick Village. As well as boutique shops, great dining and coffee, and all of the essentials - there are professional business services and healthcare experts. Add the market every Saturday and you have a *delightfully different* place to visit.”

We asked Jane what difference she plans to make.

“I am settling in to my new role and focussing on meeting with the businesses in the Village to determine what challenges they face and finding solutions to achieving these.

“I’m looking forward to bringing my experience in collaborating with many different partners to deliver some significant and memorable events to Howick Village.

“I am looking forward to reviving the Howick Business Awards amongst the other regular calendar of events hosted by HVBA.

“I would also like to put energy into raising Howick Village’s unique profile through updating and redesigning our social media and website profile,” she said.

The Howick Local Board Plan 2017 highlights BIDs as key to a thriving economy.

Outcome 6: A prosperous local economy	
Objective	Key Initiatives
Growth in local business activity which will provide increased employment.	Work with businesses, Business Improvement Districts, ATEED and others to coordinate the approach to our economic development. Support projects that will facilitate young people into work.
A popular place to do business.	Promote our area as a popular place to do business.
Our area is an attractive tourist destination.	Continue to implement the Howick Ward Tourism Plan and monitor its effectiveness.

[Implementing the Howick Heritage Plan and the Howick Village Centre Plan](#)