



NORTHERN REGION WEEKLY UPDATE

Week beginning Monday 10th of October 2011

Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs

Leo Pasifika: MPIA magazine

The latest edition of Leo Pasifika (Pasifika Voice) is now available. Produced three times a year the magazine highlights the work of the Ministry and profiles Pasifika communities from around the country. Articles in this edition include;

- Prime Minister's Youth Awards 2011 winners ceremony
- Keeping language alive (Na Vuli Vosa Vakaviti)
- Rebuilding community spirit (update from Christchurch)
- Rugby World Cup Pacific style
- Navigating the dream – Leadership Development Course for Pacific managers

Check on line or email contact@mpia.govt.nz to receive a copy or to be placed on our mailing list.
<http://www.mpia.govt.nz/leo-pasifika-magazine>



MPIA on Radio

Over the next few fortnights MPIA with Key community leaders will be communicating key messages and work programmes of the Ministry on 531pi and Nui Fm. Interviews by CEO Dr Colin Tukuitonga will be held during weekdays, and Ministry staff will be interviewed on the community programmes in the evenings, programming started last week. Keep an ear out next week as we continue with our theme for the month Pacific Languages.

Community updates

Maori and Pacific Carpentry scholarship



The scholarship is open to Maori and Pacific students who are 18 years or over, (mature students -welcome) and who are interested in entering the building industry. The scholarship covers your tuition fees for the Certificate in Applied Technology (Carpentry) pre-apprenticeship training programme.

You will also have access to a new tool kit as part of the scholarship. If you pass the programme you will get to keep

these tools as you launch into your new career. Classes begin on **25 October 2011**. At Unitec. Go to www.carpentry.unitec.ac.nz for more information or contact the Pacific Centre for learning, teaching and research, Paua Saifoloi. Unitec Institute of Technology. 09 815 4321 ext 8222 or e-mail psaifoloi@unitec.ac.nz

Suni Man – Casting call

'Suni Man' is a touching, yet brutal story about betrayal, courage, faith and love; all centred around one small insular Samoan family. It's a coming of age tale, essentially driven by the relationship between a Samoan teen, his loving mother and younger brother, his delinquent friend and the challenges he faces growing up in such a difficult environment. Casting: Jay Saussey is the Casting Director and their first casting audition (which will act as a meet and greet, photograph and information gathering session) will be at the Onehunga Community Centre 83 Church Street, Onehunga **Sat October 15th (10am – 5pm).**

Main Characters

Suni: 14-16 year old Samoan male (Protagonist), Baby faced but with a slightly cheeky/dangerous appearance

Tama: 14-18 year old Maori male (Antagonist), Street hardened with a very sharp/dangerous appearance

Offie: 8-12 year old Samoan male (Suni's younger brother), Gentle, innocent, kind and loving appearance

Moana: 40ish Samoan female (Mother of Suni and Offie), A warm affectionate and loving appearance

Mose: 14-18 year old Pacific / Maori male, Cheeky and fun spirited but with a dangerous appearance

Loto: 14-18 year old Pacific / Maori male, Cheeky and fun spirited but with a dangerous appearance

Secondary characters

Bus Driver: 40ish Pacific / Maori male, Sluggish and tired appearance (Large build)

Male Teacher: 30-40 year old Pacific / Maori male, Sluggish and tired appearance (Large build)

Female Teacher: 30ish Pacific / Maori female, Attractive, warm and confident appearance

Suni's Father (Deceased): 45ish male (Father of Suni and Offie, husband of Moana), Fit with a friendly and affectionate appearance. For more information you can contact Hamish Mortland on 021 213 2134 or e-mail otftrust@gmail.com or visit their website at www.hamishmortland.com

Alo'a Fun Walk 2011

The fun walk will encourage family participation from all Pasifika and the wider community where they will be able to come together and take part in a physical activity by wearing their LOUDEST Alo'a (or pacific print) shirt. Saturday **November the 5th 2011** at Greenslade Park in Northcote from 9am-2pm. Registration fee of \$5 per family will be taken. Registrations will be donated to Pacific Heartbeat foundation. For more information please contact Sera on 0210311337 or Nicole 02102501733 or e-mail Pasifikaevents@hotmail.com.

Learning Better Together Seminar Manukau

IEAG, in partnership with IHC, is running a seminar in Manukau on **27th October** on inclusive practice in education. This is the second in of a series of workshops that IEAG and IHC plan to hold around the country in the coming year. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to hear from leaders in the field of inclusive education and to meet and collaborate with others interested in inclusive practice. Please register your interest today and forward this information to others in your networks that you think may be interested. Register now with danette.wilson@ihc.org.nz register by **20th of October 2011**

Draft Auckland Plan released

The Auckland Council has released its 'Draft Auckland Plan' which aims to define the character of the Super City and will have direct



implications for the performance of the New Zealand economy and for the people and businesses which live and trade within the greater Auckland area. Pacific peoples' futures are tied up with Auckland's future, so it is important that Pacific communities, leaders and organisations are engaged in the Draft Auckland Plan submission process. The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs strongly recommends Pacific communities, leaders and organisations to start planning your response to the plan now. You can see a copy of the plan and other reports by going to this link:

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/AboutCouncil/PlansPoliciesPublications/theaucklandplan/DRAFTAUCKLANDPLAN/Pages/home.aspx>

Provide your feedback and have your say

Check out this link to see how you can have your say:

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/AboutCouncil/PlansPoliciesPublications/theaucklandplan/haveyoursay/Pages/home.aspx>

You can have your say in various ways.

- Give your feedback through the online submission form.
- Attend one of the public road shows
- [Download a printable submission form](#) (PDF 160kb) complete and return it by either; scanning it and [emailing it to The Auckland Plan](#), or drop it off at one of our libraries, council service centres or local board offices, or post it to:

The Auckland Plan
Auckland Council
Freepost Authority 237170
Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142

Submissions must be received by 4pm Tuesday 25 October, 2011

i3 Dream Conference Labour Weekend 2011

In May 2011 the Families Commission hosted the 50 Key Thinkers Conference that looked at new and innovative models and paradigms for providing social and economic services to families, whanau and communities. The i3 Conference was birthed out of the many discussions that flowed from that forum with a particular focus on the three 'i's namely innovation, inspiration and intention. The i3 Dream Conference is about reshaping how we deliver social, economic and faith services to our communities. It will focus on three key strands – innovation, inspiration and intention. i3 Dream conference **20-22 October 2011**. 3 Lakewood Court Manukau. For more information please contact the dream centre. info@thedreamcentre.co.nz or phone 09 2612623 or go to www.i3dreamconference.com

Pasifik Christmas – interested performers wanted

A free concert on the 3rd of December in Onehunga, a call for interested performers to contact Amo leriko (Performers co-ordinator) amo@polynesianentertainers.com mob 02102300599 www.polynesianentertainers.com.

Electoral enrolment



Enrolling to vote is the first step to participating in the election, which gives voters their chance to have their say on who runs the country. The Electoral Enrolment Centre sent out enrolment update packs to everyone on the roll at the end of May, to let them know that the election is on its way and to check their enrolment

details. Those who didn't get one aren't enrolled to vote, and should freetext their name and address to 3676, get a form from a PostShop or call Freephone 0800 36 76 56.

The EEC encourages everyone to spread the word about the need to enrol amongst whanau and communities. More information about enrolling and voting is available at www.elections.org.nz.

MAI Journal call for papers

Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga is pleased to call for papers for MAI Journal: A New Zealand Journal of Indigenous Scholarship. MAI Journal is an open access scholarly journal to be launched by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga in 2012. We are now calling for papers for the inaugural issue. MAI Journal publishes multidisciplinary peer-reviewed articles around indigenous knowledge and development in the context of Aotearoa New Zealand. MAI Journal has grown from MAI Review, the journal of the former Capability Building programme of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga. For more information on MAI Journal, visit www.journal.mai.ac.nz. Feel free to contact Kimiora Brown Journal Coordinator. Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga New Zealand's Indigenous Centre of Research Excellence DDI: +64 9 923 2376 Email: k.brown@auckland.ac.nz www.maramatanga.ac.nz

New2Hamilton - Migrant Expo

Living, working, learning & more. **5 November 2011, Saturday** WINTEC Atrium City Campus, Tristram, Hamilton 10am-4pm Free Entry. Who should attend, New Migrants & Refugees, People who have relocated here, NGO's, members of Community Groups, Have family, friends planning to migrate, International students, home stay parents, Job seekers, those changing career paths, Employers, recruitment agencies, Government officials, School principals, staff and students. www.migrantexpo.co.nz email migrantexpo@xtra.co.nz mobile 0274958477 phone09 8381221

Tino Lelei Fono 2011 - The Pacific Islands Food and Nutrition Action Group Pacific Fono

Leading change: Sharing strengths: **Thursday 17 November 2011**, Sorrento in the Park, One Tree Hill Domain, Auckland. Time 2pm-6pm (meals provided). A free forum for anyone with an interest in working with Pacific communities. A full programme will be circulated soon, but for now register early and save. For further information please contact: Tai Faalogo 09 6234600 ext. 27094, pifnag.secretary@gmail.com. Emma Davidson 09 306 5813 emma.davidson@networkpr.com.

Public consultation – Community Assistance Framework

Auckland Council provides various forms of support to community groups working for their communities. This assistance comes in a number of forms including, but not limited to: capacity building and governance support, funding, provision of subsidised leases, partnership with council to develop facilities. Auckland Council is undertaking stakeholder consultation on a new **Community Assistance Framework** and related policies, including: Community funding policy, Community lease policy, Facility partnership policy. The long-term approach to community assistance is expected to become effective from July 2012, contingent upon political and consultative processes. Members of the public, key internal and external stakeholders and community organisations will be asked to participate fully in these processes. As a community group in the region, the new framework and policies may affect your organisation and we welcome your views. You can register interest in being involved in consultation by emailing communityassistance@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Women's personal safety seminar

A 2.25 hour information seminar will teach you important, empowering self-protection strategies, with 100% of profits going to support Rape Prevention Education (formerly Rape Crisis).

When: **Wednesday October 26th, 6.30pm-8.45pm**

Where: Property Tutors Conference Room
Level 2, 128 Broadway, New Market, Auckland

Cost: \$25

To book: www.protectselfdefence.co.nz ('events' page) or (09 5334181). Here's a video link if you would like more information on what the program covers.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSlopJqWm4c&feature=share>

Auckland Measles Outbreak

The Auckland region is now in its second and largest measles outbreak for 2011. It began in mid-May and, two months later, the number of people infected with measles continues to rise. Measles is a serious and highly infectious disease that can make people very sick. We urge anyone showing signs of measles to call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 611116 for more advice. For information on the latest Outbreak Status please go to. <http://www.arphs.govt.nz>. Measles Fact Sheets <http://www.arphs.govt.nz/notifiable/measles.asp>

Mental Health Awareness Week 10 - 16 October 2011.

There are posters and flyers available free of charge for your workplace. Below are different ways you can order any of the resources from the Mental Health Foundation. e-mail: resource@mentalhealth.org.nz, phone: (09) 300 7030, fax: (09) 300 7020, Post: Mental Health Foundation, PO Box 10051, Dominion Road, Auckland 1446, Visit: Resource & Information Service, Mental Health Foundation, Level 1, 81 New North Road, Eden Tce, Auckland. Open 9am – 4.30pm weekdays



Youth 07 Factsheets

YOUTH'07 Survey Factsheets on Nutritional behaviours of Pacific Youth and Sports Participation of Pacific Young People. These are available on website www.youth2000.ac.nz. Please distribute as needed. Print copies of the FactSheets will be made available later this month for community dissemination. Youth'07 was the second Youth2000 national survey of the health and wellbeing of secondary school students in New Zealand. The aim was to update and extend the original survey conducted in 2001 by tracking trends and investigating new issues for young people.

Free immigration legal clinic



Manukau Counties Community Law Centre

Nga Ture Kaitiaki o Te Rohe o Waikato Ki Tamaki

Legal clinic is held at Manukau Counties Community Law Centre, Level 1, 6 Osterley Way Manukau, To make appointment to see Simon Greening – Immigration Lawyer please ring 09 2622007 for Franklin residents only they could phone 0800 685 529. Or e-mail ina.croft@ntklaw.org.nz

Auckland regional migrant services - Migrant Employment Assistance Programme

For migrant Job seekers, ARMS provides valuable information, advice and support through our Job Search Workshops and Specialist Seminars. Please feel free to forward the details of the workshops to your networks and newcomers. Job Search Seminar Three Kings: 25th October; 8th, 22nd November; 6th, 20th December 2011, Manukau: 26th October; 9th, 23rd November; 7th December 2011, North Shore: 12th October; 10th November; 8th December 2011, Waitakere: 7th Oct, 11th Nov, 15th Dec 2011, For more information, please contact us on 09 625 2440 or email: reception@arms-mrc.org.nz

ASIST Workshop

ASIST is a 2day interactive workshop in suicide first aid that trains you to recognize when a person may be at risk of suicide and intervene to keep them safe by linking them to help networks and services. Not only is it a workshop for these with a commitment to suicide prevention but, more importantly, it enables you to recognize suicidal thoughts and know what to do to keep a caller safe until other services are engaged. Sound like you. Dates for this workshop are from the **13th – 14th October** for more information please contact the suicide prevention education office at lifeline Aotearoa on 09 90 9211 and or 09 909 9206 and reserve your place you can also e-mail info@livingworks.org.nz

Talanoa Oceania 2011 Conference

Pasifika@Massey of Massey University will host the Talanoa Oceania 2011 Conference. The designated theme for the 2011 conference is 'Niu-flavours'.

What: Talanoa Oceania 2011 Conference

When: **28 to 30 November 2011**

Where: Albany campus, North Shore, Auckland, New Zealand from

Massey University will be taking on-line registrations until **22 November 2011**. Please go to:

<http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/pace/services/conference-services/upcoming-events/talanoa-oceania-2011-conference.cfm>

Education and careers / scholarships / awards / residencies

New Zealand Pacific Scholarships – Niue

Up to 5 New Zealand Pacific Scholarships are available to Niuean applicants (who are New Zealand citizens) for undergraduate study. This includes the Niue High School Dux Scholarship recipient. These scholarships are only for study at one of the ten eligible New Zealand education institutions located in New Zealand. Applicants from Niue must meet the general eligibility criteria outlined in the Niue Government website www.gov.nu/wb. They are also required to meet the Niue Government eligibility and selection criteria, available from the Training and Development Unit. Please visit Niue Government Website.

Samoan Sports Association Youth Scholarships

Nominations now open for 2011 Samoan Sports Association Youth Scholarships - Nominations close Monday **17 October 2011**. Outstanding young sportsmen and women of Samoan descent under the age of 21 living in New Zealand can now apply for the 2011 Samoan Sports Association Youth Scholarships. Since 2003, the Association has awarded over 135 junior sportsmen and women scholarships totalling more than \$100,000, with a number of recipients going on to represent New Zealand on the international arena in rugby, swimming, softball, martial arts, touch and gymnastics. Application forms can be downloaded from the website - www.samoansports.co.nz. Entrants must provide evidence to support their application including certificates, photos and letters of endorsement. Applications close **Monday 17 October 2011**.

Fulbright NZ-US exchange awards for 2011

Fulbright New Zealand invites applications for its final round of NZ-US exchange awards for 2011. The following awards are available for short-term exchanges to the United States of America by New Zealand academics, artists or professionals:

Fulbright New Zealand Travel Awards

These awards, valued at up to NZ\$5,000, are for New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to visit the US for 12 to 90 days in order to present their work to American audiences. Approximately twelve awards are offered each year. Recent grantees have included academic experts in information technology, film history, greenhouse gasses and blended secondary/tertiary education, who will present their work at conferences and lectures in the US.

<http://www.fulbright.org.nz/awards/nz-travel.html>

Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Travel Awards in Indigenous Development

These awards, valued at up to NZ\$5,000, are for New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to visit the US for 12 to 90 days in order to present their work on a theme of indigenous development to American audiences. A small number of awards are granted each year. Recent grantees include Pefi Kingi from Auckland, who will present her work on developing a quality assurance framework for Pacific cultural practices in healthcare at a conference in Hawai'i.

<http://www.fulbright.org.nz/awards/nz-npotmtravel.html>

Fulbright Specialist Awards

These awards, valued at up to NZ\$8,400 plus travel expenses, are for New Zealand academic institutions to host US academics, artists or professionals for two to six week programmes of lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences or symposiums. Up to six awards are granted each year. Recent recipients of awards to host visiting Fulbright Specialists include the New Zealand School of Dance, who are currently hosting American dance tutor Richard Chen See; and Wintec, who will host youth suicide prevention expert Hatim Omar from the University of Kentucky.

<http://www.fulbright.org.nz/awards/nzinstit-senspecialists.html> **Applications for each of these awards close at 5:00pm on 1 November 2011.** See www.fulbright.org.nz/awards or contact Kameswari Vanka at Fulbright New Zealand for further information - kameswari@fulbright.org.nz / (04) 494 1500

Funding opportunities

KAVA New Leaders & MOANA Community Festivals proposals

Creative New Zealand is calling for the second round of KAVA New Leaders & MOANA Community Festivals proposals – deadline **5pm 28th October, 2011**. Both grants support Pacific heritage arts in New Zealand. **Kava grant:** \$7,500 for a heritage arts mentoring proposal. Up to 3 people can be involved in the project which can take place in NZ or in the Pacific Islands. **Moana grants:** \$2,500 grants offered to isolated Pacific communities (outside of main cities Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch) For a festival/gathering supporting heritage arts. Projects for both Kava and Moana must take place between January – May 2012. <http://www.creativenz.govt.nz/en/news/call-for-applications-to-preserve-pacific-heritage-arts>. Also regular updates on all opportunities on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/pacific.arts.CNZ>. For more information contact Makerita Urale 644473 0880, 0272857303 www.creativenz.govt.nz

Pacific Grant Fund

The Pacific Grant Fund is a Ministry of Health initiative intended to support the Government's goal of achieving better health outcomes for Pacific people, families and communities. The funding will be used to obtain evidence to demonstrate initiatives that work for Pacific peoples so that successful practice can be applied across the health sector. Applications to the Fund will **open on 30 September 2011**. We expect to release a comprehensive package of supporting information including guidelines, application forms, and the results of a literature review of recent initiatives in early September. If you would like more information about the Pacific Grant Fund, please contact the Pacific Grant Fund project team by email at enquiries@pacificgrantfund.org.nz

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