



## **NORTHERN REGION WEEKLY UPDATE**

**Week beginning Monday 12th of September 2011**

### **Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs**

#### **MPIA on Radio**

Beginning last week 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 weekdays, and Ministry staff will be interviewed on the community programmes in the evenings. Keep an ear out next week as we continue with our theme for the month Pacific Languages.

#### **Pacific Languages Framework Consultations**

Thank you to everyone who attended the consultations held in Whangarei, Hamilton and Auckland as well as youth seeking input. Your feedback and thoughts were greatly appreciated and will contribute towards the framework. Feedback on the Pacific Languages Framework can still be submitted to the Ministry. To view the frameworks please go to [www.mpia.govt.nz](http://www.mpia.govt.nz). Those interested can also make written submissions to the Ministry at [plffeedback@mpia.govt.nz](mailto:plffeedback@mpia.govt.nz) or by post to PLF Feedback MPIA, PO Box 833, Wellington 6140. No later than the **30<sup>th</sup> of September 2011**

### **Community updates**

#### **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 theses 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 **13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011** 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](mailto:info@livingworks.org.nz)

#### **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination – government report**

The draft government Report on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) has been released. The Ministry of Justice is seeking feedback from the public on the text of the draft report. Submissions are due by **30 September 2011** <http://www.justice.govt.nz/policy/constitutional-law-and-human-rights/human-rights/consultation>

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## Fiji Independence Day Celebrations - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011

The Fiji Independence Day Celebration 2011 Committee is nominated to co-ordinate, prepare and organize the Fiji Day Celebrations to coincide with the Rugby World Cup 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Finals on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011 to be held at Netball Waitakere Tepai courts - 31-35 Tepai Place, Henderson Auckland. For more information please contact: Pastore Josua Tavaga on 0210370467 or Pio Wong [0212407922wongpio@yahoo.com](mailto:0212407922wongpio@yahoo.com)

## More accessible and affordable health care after hours in Auckland

The three District Health Boards across Auckland announced a landmark change for those needing urgent health care after hours. From Monday 5 September, Aucklanders will be able to access a network of Accident and Medical (A&M) clinics that will be open in evenings, weekends and public holidays until at least 10pm. Four clinics will be operating overnight covering North, West, South and East Auckland. Many will also have better access to health advice over the phone after hours. For those who need it most, their care will now be more affordable. For more information on location and hours of clinics please contact: Margot Bawden, Auckland Regional after Hours Taskforce, communications, 0210 240 4234.

## Marmot Symposium Podcasts

The New Zealand Medical Association (NZMA) now has podcasts from both Wellington and Auckland Symposium available on their website <http://www.nzma.org.nz/>. The symposia aimed to increase the focus on health equity among policy makers, professional groups, and the public and to learn about 'what works' from the extensive research undertaken to date. The NZMA will continue to take a leadership role to call for urgent action to address the range of social factors that contribute to poor health outcomes, particularly among our most vulnerable groups. Additional information on the link above includes the NZMA Health Equity position statement and the fact sheets on health inequities including suggestions for the next top 10 actions needed to move forward.

## Hot Hula Fitness

**HOT HULA fitness**

Join us for a **HOT** core intensive workout!

**HOT HULA fitness**

**5-6pm**  
**Wednesday's**

20 Wynyard St  
**Fale Pasifika**  
University of  
Auckland

For More Info go to:  
[www.anna-rita.com](http://www.anna-rita.com)  
OR  
Alessana Fa'asalele:  
[afaasalele@gmail.com](mailto:afaasalele@gmail.com)

BRING...  
Lavalava, Towel, Water bottle and a  
Friend. See you there xx

**\$2 entry**

## Our Way – Navigating the Mainstream Wānanga Information - Mangere Youth Providers Network

Pasifika Injury Prevention Aukilana Inc invites Mangere Youth Providers Network members to a free introductory wānanga called Our Way – Navigating the Mainstream. This wānanga has been developed to help you in your work helping our Pacific youth and their families. This wānanga will discuss the harm we inflict on ourselves and each other, or Lateral Violence. This wānanga will discuss the origins of lateral violence and how we can stop the harm it creates in our communities and workplaces. There are two wānanga. Teams are invited to attend either one. Contents of both workshops will be the same.

**Monday, 19 September 2011** and **Tuesday, 20 September 2011**. Nga Tapuwae Community Centre, 253 Buckland Road, Mangere 10am to 2pm, 4 hour workshop followed by lunch. For bookings please contact Natia Tucker (Pasifika Injury Prevention Aukilana Inc) [pipainc@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:pipainc@vodafone.co.nz) 09 2788076 021 02661221

## Visa Scam targeting Pacific Community - Department of Labour

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) is concerned about reports of people exploiting unlawful and potentially vulnerable people within the Pacific community. The link below will provide accurate and correct information to Pacific communities following the recent alleged sale of immigration visas to the Tongan community in south Auckland. INZ aims to ensure Pacific families are well informed about immigration policy and, in particular, the options available to those who are in New Zealand unlawfully. The over stayer factsheet can be found in this link:

<http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/general/generalinformation/media/>

## Taulanga U Career and Health Day

**Saturday 24 September 2011**, 10am – 2pm, 47 Favona Rd Mangere, Auckland. You are invited to promote your training programs or employment opportunities or services for free at the Career and Health Day of the Free Church of Tonga on the Saturday 24 September 2011, 10am - 2pm. 47 Favona Rd, Mangere, Auckland. Please rsvp to Rev. Ifalame Teisi at email [ifalameiteisi@hotmail.com](mailto:ifalameiteisi@hotmail.com) or phone (09) 256 0908, mobile 027 361 5470, as soon as possible and by Saturday 17 September 2011 to ensure that we are well prepare for the Day.

## 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. 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>

## The Nancy McCartney Pacifica Award

To provide support to a Pacifica person who is committed to working with children and families in South Auckland The value of the award is \$2,000 Barnardos New Zealand wishes to recognise and remember the unique contribution Nancy McCartney made to her community during her 30 year association with Barnardos. The award will provide financial support to a student in either education or social work who is from a Pacifica background.

Eligibility to apply for this Award:

- Applicant must be of Pacifica ethnicity.
- Be enrolled in a recognised training course with a South Auckland training provider.
- Be committed to gaining a qualification in either early childhood education or social work.

The Award will be granted annually. Applications are to be submitted by the **30th September**. The award will be presented to the successful applicant in October 2011. Please see over for conditions of application. For more information please contact. [northern.office@barnardos.org.nz](mailto:northern.office@barnardos.org.nz)

### Localist Karma Fund

Localist is giving \$20,000 away again from their Karma Fund. You may recall they ran the first round earlier this year. They are looking for FIVE community based projects or organisations across Auckland that really need a hand (\$4,000 per organisation). If you know of any groups or projects within your ward that could do with \$4,000, please feel free to nominate them - or forward the link below to the groups themselves. For more information please contact Mark Thomas on 021 417 416 or go to:

[http://www.localist.co.nz/karma\\_fund\\_applications](http://www.localist.co.nz/karma_fund_applications)

### Faiva Ora National Leadership Group

We are looking for two members to join the Faiva Ora National Leadership group – set up to provide quality advice to the Ministry of Health that will benefit Pacific people with disabilities, families and their carers. If you fit the bill and are interested or know somebody that may be, please forward them this email. For more information and to apply please go to [www.leva.co.nz](http://www.leva.co.nz) Closing date is Thursday **15th September 2011**

### The NZQA website has been updated.

Recent items on the site include, New NCEA resources, NZQA initiatives for Christchurch, Detailed 2012 Qualifications Review Schedule announced, Changes to University Entrance for 2014, Proposal for offshore education quality assurance requirements, Refreshed NCEA subject pages. For these updates, please go to <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/news/>

### 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>

### Tongan Netball

On behalf of the Auckland Tonga Netball committee we would like to thank all the trialists who attended Auckland Tonga Netball trials for this year's Pacific Challenge 2011. A huge thank you to the umpires who again took time out of there already busy day and nights to officiate, and to the selectors, and the many helpers who also gave up their time to assist with ensuring our trials were run smoothly and effectively. For information on selection please go to: [Aucklandtonganetball@gmail.com](mailto:Aucklandtonganetball@gmail.com)

## Education and careers / scholarships / awards / residencies

### State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Pacific Research Colloquium - Developing Pacific Scholarship

Australia National University Campus 30 January - 10 February 2012. The Research Colloquium is envisaged as a training opportunity for younger Pacific Islands researchers and we are offering a Pacific Scholarship Award for eight places to graduate students and scholars from universities, research institutions and professional bodies in the Pacific Islands to attend. Full travel costs to and from Canberra, plus accommodation, will be paid to successful Pacific Islander applicants. For more information see the following: [http://ips.cap.anu.edu.au/ssgm/documents/SSGMCall\\_for\\_Applications\\_ANU\\_2012.pdf](http://ips.cap.anu.edu.au/ssgm/documents/SSGMCall_for_Applications_ANU_2012.pdf) and for more information about SSGM see <http://ips.cap.anu.edu.au/ssgm/>

## Funding opportunities

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### 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](mailto:enquiries@pacificgrantfund.org.nz)

### Request for Applications for Fonua Mo'ui Pacific Community Healthy Lifestyles Grant

Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) invites Pacific community groups in the Counties Manukau district to apply for community action funding through the Fonua Mo'ui Pacific Community Healthy Lifestyles Grant. This funding is administered through CMDHB's creating a Better Future strategy and will be available for initiatives commencing February 2012. Applications open on Friday 19 August 2011 and close at **9am on Monday 26 September 2011**. A community workshop to assist potential applicants will be held on the evening of Wednesday 7 September. Please contact Yasmien Khan by Friday 2 September if you wish to attend. The Fonua Mo'ui guidelines and application form are available to download at [www.betterfuture.co.nz](http://www.betterfuture.co.nz) or by contacting: Yasmien Khan [yasmien.khan@middlemore.co.nz](mailto:yasmien.khan@middlemore.co.nz) Phone: (09) 262 9574

## Capacity building grants for organisations working with high needs youth

Youth focused organisations working with high needs young New Zealanders (aged 12-24 years) are urged to apply for capacity building grants with The Vodafone New Zealand Foundation. Capacity building grants, worth \$20,000, have been established to support not for profit organisations working with high needs youth. The types of initiatives suited to the capacity building grant include; training and development, strategic planning, programme evaluation, reviewing structures, processes, and systems and piloting new projects. Established in November 2002, the Vodafone New Zealand Foundation has supported over 150 charitable community projects and donated over \$11.5 million to charitable organisations, primarily in New Zealand. Details around programme criteria and the online application process can be found at <http://foundation.vodafone.co.nz/what-we-fund/grant-making-programme/>. Applications close on Friday **23 September 2011**.

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