



NORTHERN REGION WEEKLY UPDATE

Week beginning Monday 19th of September 2011

Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs

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.

Pacific Languages Framework Consultations

A series of consultations were held in the North from Whangarei in the North to Hamilton south, were held. Feedback on the Pacific Languages Framework can still be submitted to the Ministry. To view the framework please go to www.mpia.govt.nz. Those interested can also make written submissions to the Ministry at plfeedback@mpia.govt.nz or by post to PLF Feedback MPIA, PO Box 833, Wellington 6140.

Community updates

Blueprint Executive Leadership and Management Programme – Mental health, addictions, social service sector

The Executive Leadership and Management Programme was established specifically to identify and support future leaders of the mental health and addictions sector. Due to its continued success it has been tailored and adapted to be more inclusive and meet the needs of the wider social sector. ELMP is recognised as one of only two programmes in the world that sees consumer, clinical and management professionals studying together. **Application form and timetable are now available!** [Application form](#) for the 2012 stream, running from February to December 2012 is now available on our website on the [Executive Programmes](#) page. The [full timetable](#) including class dates can also be found in this area. Please feel welcome to pass this information onto your networks and of course get in touch with us if you have any questions or need any further information. You can contact Sally Pitts-Brown the ELMP coordinator on (04) 237 6424 or sally.pitts-brown@blueprint.co.nz or contact myself on (04) 381 6382 or helen.teo@blueprint.co.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: 22 Sept, 7th Oct, 11th Nov, 15th Dec 2011

Hospitality Seminar

29th of September at ARMS Three Kings.

For more information, please contact us on 09 625 2440 or email: reception@arms-mrc.org.nz

Kiribati Independent

The Kiribati Independent is a new source for news website based in Auckland, and is owned and run by Pacific Micronesian Foundation Charitable Trust Inc. The Kiribati Independent also produces a newsletter along with its website with stories and information in the Kiribati language. To subscribe to their newsletter please contact the editor Taberannang Korauaba by e-mail at editor@thekiribatiindependent.co.nz. You could view their website TeKiribati Independent at: <http://www.thekiribatiindependent.co.nz/>

Pacific Pride One Tree Hill College

As part of the Pacific Pride programme at One Tree Hill College, 25 students are travelling to Samoa. They will visit several villages and schools. They would like to take items that will enhance young people's lives in Samoa, such as: **Stationery** – books, pens, pads. **Sports equipment** – shorts, socks, shirts, jerseys, balls, bats. All donations accepted – we will take anything that may help. The team will be leaving on the 13th October 2011. They will collect, or donated items can be delivered to One Tree Hill College 421 - 451 Great South Road, Penrose. Tel: 09 579 5049. For more information please contact. Andrew Brown 021761120 abrown@onetreehill.school.ac or Tea Ropati 0274724203 youthpride@xtra.co.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

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>

Fiji Independence Day Celebrations - Saturday 8th 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 1st Quarter Finals on Saturday 8th 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

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.



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
OR
Alessana Fa'asalele:
afaasalele@gmail.com

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

\$2 entry

The poster features three photographs of people participating in a hula fitness class, showing various dance moves and group formations. The background is a light-colored wood grain pattern.

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 ifalameteisi@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>

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 who 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

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

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**.

New Award to recognise intercultural innovation – Ethnic Affairs

The Office of Ethnic Affairs would like you and your networks to know about this significant new award to recognise intercultural innovation which is being launched by the United Nations for the Alliance of Civilisations, in partnership with BMW. The award will select highly innovative initiatives that are advancing cross-cultural understanding among different communities and cultures around the world. The first prize is \$50,000 USD. More details have been posted on our website www.ethnicaffairs.govt.nz you can contact ethnic affairs on 64 4 494 0546 or go to their website on www.ethnicaffairs.govt.nz or www.dia.govt.nz for more information.

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 between **1st August – 30th September**. The award will be presented to the successful applicant in October 2011.

Funding opportunities

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

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 or by contacting: Yasmien Khan 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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