

## MPIA NORTHERN REGION WEEKLY UPDATE

### Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2011

#### MINISTRY NEWS

##### Prime Ministers Pacific Youth Awards



#### Closing date is looming

The Prime Minister's Pacific Youth Awards were first offered last year with the three winners qualifying for prizes including \$6000-worth of tuition at the University of Auckland; a Cogita Business Systems-sponsored educational trip overseas to work on community-based projects; and a paid internship at WETA workshop. This year there is a fourth award on offer - aeronautical engineering training provided by the Air New Zealand Aviation Institute.

Entries open 16th of May and close on **4th July 2011**. The winners of the awards will be announced **10th August 2011**. For more information see [www.pacificyouthawards.org.nz](http://www.pacificyouthawards.org.nz)

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#### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

##### NZQA development of NZ ESOL qualifications

NZQA National Qualifications Services (NQS) is working in partnership with the sector on the development of New Zealand Qualifications in ESOL. Consultation on draft strategic purpose and graduate profiles for the proposed New Zealand ESOL qualifications, and proposed replacement information for existing qualifications are now open. The feedback received will inform the Application to Develop a Qualification as part of the mandatory review of qualifications process. Feedback form can be accessed at Consultation on proposed suite of ESOL qualifications <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/consultations-and-reviews/proposed-esol-qualifications/> feedback closes **23 June 2011**

### **Avondale community meeting with the Mayor Len Brown**

The Mayor is inviting Avondale locals to an informal community meeting on **Tuesday 28 June**. The 6.30pm meeting at St Ninian's Hall is one in a series of regular 'town hall meetings' Mayor Len Brown will be holding around Auckland to connect with different communities. There is no agenda – after a brief introduction for the Mayor, individuals and community groups are welcome to share their thoughts about their council and their community. Local councillors and local board members are also invited to attend the informal meeting. The meeting will be held at St Ninian's Hall, 17 St Georges Rd, Avondale from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. For media assistance contact: Melanya Burrows, press secretary office of the Mayor 027 239 0429

### **Mandatory Social Work Registration Discussion Paper**

The Social Worker Registration Board (the Board) is undertaking its five-yearly review of the Social Workers Registration Act 2003 (the Act). On completion of this review a report will be sent to the Minister for Social Development and Employment, as stipulated under the Act. As part of the review process the Board has released a discussion document on mandatory social worker registration.

The discussion paper is to help gain views from the public on whether there should be a move from voluntary to mandatory social worker registration. To ensure that any recommendation made to the Minister of Social Development and Employment is truly representative of the New Zealand population, the Board has opened the discussion up to as many people as possible.

A copy of this paper is available to download from the Board's website at [www.swrb.govt.nz](http://www.swrb.govt.nz) or people can request a hard-copy by: Email: [consultation@swrb.govt.nz](mailto:consultation@swrb.govt.nz), Fax: (04) 931 2651 Telephone: (04) 931 2650. Or by writing to the Board at: PO Box 10129, The Terrace, Wellington 6143.

Feedback on the discussion document will be accepted until **Friday 1 July 2011**.

### **Consultation on ECE Taskforce Report**

The independent Early Childhood Education (ECE) Taskforce, established by Education Minister Anne Tolley in October last year, released its report An Agenda for Amazing Children on 1 June 2011. The report outlines the ECE Taskforce's recommendations to Government on the future direction of ECE in New Zealand. The recommendations cover aspects such as:

- continued investment in ECE
- ensuring ECE services are high quality because investment in low-quality is poor value
- prioritising funding for groups of children with low rates of ECE participation
- improved performance and accountability arrangements, including much clearer reporting to parents, and
- Building a strong evidence base to guide future investment.

There is an eight week public consultation period on the recommendations made in the ECE Taskforce report. The consultation began on 15 June 2011 and will end on **8 August 2011**. Parents, whanau, employers and the ECE sector are being encouraged to take part in the consultation process so that Government can consider public feedback before working through the recommendations. For more information go to

<http://www.lead.ece.govt.nz/LeadHome/ManagementInformation/RecentAnnouncements/ConsultationECETaskforce.aspx>

Or e-mail: [ECE.TaskforceConsultation@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:ECE.TaskforceConsultation@minedu.govt.nz)

### **Auckland District Health Board's child Health Plan 2012-2017**

Please take the time to provide your views and ideas for the development of Auckland District Health Board's Child Health Plan 2012 – 2017.

Your input will help prepare a new child health plan to focus our efforts over the next five years. This plan will respond to the health needs of Auckland resident children and youth aged up to 15 years and their whanau. The online survey can also be accessed by visiting ADHB's brand new online community

panel at [www.healthvoice.org.nz](http://www.healthvoice.org.nz). This is the very first time the panel has hosted a community engagement activity so they would welcome your feedback about it. You can also choose to join the online community while you are there.

Other ways of participating and giving feedback include:

Email – Ruth Bijl at [RBijl@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:RBijl@adhb.govt.nz)

Letter – Ruth Bijl, Planning & Funding, Private Bag 92189, Auckland 1142

They may also be able to meet with you. If you would like to have a face-to-face hui, fono, or meeting, please contact Ruth Bijl as above.

## FORUMS, FONOS, ROADSHOWS

### Auckland Charities Forum



Join the Charities commission for a morning of insight and information to support you and your charity. Topics covered include: Profiling your charity, internal disputes, leading volunteers, leading organisations. There will also be one-hour 'opt-in' sessions in the afternoon covering: annual returns online, internal disputes, governance.

<p><b>West Auckland</b>  <b>27<sup>th</sup> of June 2011</b>                      Henderson Baptist Church, 321 Great South Road                      Henderson                      9.00 – 12.40pm with optional Q &amp; A workshops                      1.15 – 2.15pm</p>	<p><b>South Auckland</b>  <b>28<sup>th</sup> June 2011</b>                      The Dream Centre, 3 Lakewood Court, Manukau                      9.00 – 12.40pm with optional Q &amp; A workshops                      1.15 – 2.15pm</p>
<p><b>Auckland North</b>  <b>29<sup>th</sup> of June 2011</b>                      Bruce Mason Centre, 01 The Promenade                      Takapuna Beach                      9.00 – 12.40pm with optional Q &amp; A workshops                      1.15 – 2.15pm</p>	<p><b>East Auckland</b>  <b>30<sup>th</sup> of June 2011</b>                      City Impact Church, Mt Wellington highway.                      Entrance off Aranui Road, opposite Sylvia Park.                      9.00 – 12.40pm with optional Q &amp; A workshops                      1.15 – 2.15pm</p>
<p><b>Hamilton</b>  <b>12<sup>TH</sup> July 2011</b>                      Hamilton Central Baptist church, 33 Charlemont                      Street. Hamilton                      Please contact the charities commission for time.</p>	<p><b>Whangarei</b>  <b>14<sup>th</sup> July 2011</b>                      The Equip church, 33 Porowini Ave Whangarei                      Please contact the charities commission for time.</p>

Bookings are essential. To register visit: [www.charities.govt.nz](http://www.charities.govt.nz)

### NZ2011 Business Club

The NZ2011 Business Club is a national hosting initiative that will connect New Zealand businesses planning to expand through capital investment, exports or innovation with international visitors who hold key roles in similar industries or who have common interests. Membership is free and open to all businesses at [www.nz2011.govt.nz](http://www.nz2011.govt.nz)

Auckland-based businesses can access the Business Club at [www.auckland2011.com/businessclub](http://www.auckland2011.com/businessclub) . The website also offers a wide range of helpful information about preparing for RWC 2011 and how to make the most of the Auckland events.

### **Be. Accessible roadshow**

Invitation to join the Be. Accessible team on their 12-City roadshow throughout New Zealand. Be. Accessible will bring to our City, ideas, possibilities and an invitation to help form the vision of a 100% accessible society for us all.

Be. Accessible is a brand, a framework for accessibility and a social change campaign with a vision for a 100% accessible society for all New Zealanders. Through an integrated social change campaign, Be. Accessible will inspire and inform New Zealanders of opportunities to provide better access to those of us who may be temporarily or permanently disabled or in need of additional support in order to contribute fully to society. Be. Accessible is managed by the Be. Institute - a social enterprise with a purpose to inspire and enable accessibility through innovation and leadership.

For more information and confirmation of Auckland roadshow please contact:

Minnie Baragwanath

Chief Executive

Phone: 09 309 8966

E-mail: [info@beaccessible.org.nz](mailto:info@beaccessible.org.nz)

Website: [www.beaccessible.org.nz](http://www.beaccessible.org.nz) also on Facebook and YouTube

### **Consumer Rights Day Forum**

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs would like to invite you to attend this forum on knowing your consumer rights.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> of July**

Main Hall Kelston,  
Community Centre Corner Awaroa Road  
and Great North Road, Glendene.  
time: 10am to 2.30pm

To register and for more information please contact:

Josephine Bartley Ph 09 970 4382

[Josephine.bartley@mca.govt.nz](mailto:Josephine.bartley@mca.govt.nz)

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## **NETWORK EVENING**

### **NZ Tonga business council after 5, new members evening**



#### **After 5 New members evening with**

Graeme Waters

Pacific Islands Forum Task Force

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Enjoy a drink and nibbles whilst hearing from our guest speaker, Graeme Waters Director of the Pacific Islands Forum Task Force and meet the Executive Committee of the New Zealand Tonga Business Council. Network with other likeminded business people who have an interest in building stronger business trade and investment relations between Tonga and New Zealand.

Date: Wednesday 29th June 2011

Time: 5.15pm to 7.00pm

Venue: New Zealand Trade & Enterprise Boardroom, Level 11, the ANZ Centre, 23-29 Albert Street, Auckland

RSVP By Monday 27th June 2011

To register email: [events@chamber.co.nz](mailto:events@chamber.co.nz)

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## **IMPORTANT**

### **Law change on Employment agreements**

Employment agreements have been a requirement in law since the introduction of the Employment Relations Act 2000. However from 1 July, changes to the Act will come into effect making it mandatory for all employers to retain a signed copy of individual employment agreements or current terms and conditions of employment. It is important that both employers and employees are aware of this new provision, as non-compliance could result in heavy penalties.

A written employment agreement is a must: negotiate it, sign it, and keep a copy. A clearly written employment agreement can help reduce the risk of misunderstanding. For more information go to the Department of Labour's employment agreement builder [www.dol.govt.nz/agreementbuilder](http://www.dol.govt.nz/agreementbuilder) or call 0800 20 90 20.

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## **VACANCIES**

### **Postdoctoral Position, University of Queensland, Women's Health**

The Centre for Research Excellence in Women's Health in the 21st Century (CREWH21) is a research program funded by the NHMRC in 2010. The Program, which is a collaboration between the University of Queensland and the University of Newcastle, seeks to examine how changes in the health system impact on women's health and how changes in women's lives impact on their health and health care needs. The four priority health issues of interest of the centre are: reproductive health, mental health, cardiovascular conditions, and musculoskeletal problems.

#### **The role**

CREWH21 is seeking a motivated and enthusiastic Postdoctoral Research Fellow. The successful applicant will be expected to undertake research in one of CREWH21's four priority health issues, but mainly: mental health or cardiovascular conditions. Publication in international peer reviewed journals, submission of grant applications, and presentations at conferences are important expectations of the position.

More information:

<http://uqjobs.uq.edu.au/jobDetails.asp?sJobIDs=492062&ICategoryID=671&IBrandID=1740&IWorkTypeID=1471%2C+1468&ILocationID=&stp=AW&sLanguage=en>

Or phone Christina Lee (Aus.) 07 3365 6830

E-mail [c.lee@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:c.lee@psy.uq.edu.au)

### **Growing up New Zealand Research fellow**

#### **Two roles one senior research fellow and research fellow**

Fixed term until June 2012

Growing Up in New Zealand is an exciting and ground breaking longitudinal study that is following approximately 7000 children and their families from late pregnancy until they are adults. It aims to understand developmental pathways to health, education, identity and aspirations in the context of our evolving society and environment. This study will provide evidence to help build better policy for all

families in New Zealand today. More information regarding Growing Up in New Zealand is available at [www.growingup.co.nz](http://www.growingup.co.nz).

This is a fantastic opportunity to join Growing Up in New Zealand in the role of **Research Fellow**. This position joins a team of Research Fellows within Growing Up in New Zealand that support the achievement of the aims of this study.

Please apply at <http://www.uniservices.co.nz/Workforus/Careers.aspx> to send your CV and covering letter to Growing Up in New Zealand no later than **Friday 1 July 5pm**. A copy of the job description is attached. For further information, please contact Florence Falconer on 09 373 7599 ext. 84451.

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## WORKSHOP

### Franchise Workshop

Migrants to New Zealand are buying franchises as a way into business. Many do this without sufficient knowledge or advice on franchising and some don't choose their businesses wisely. Auckland Regional Migrant Services/Settlement Support is running a free workshop on Franchising on the **1st of July** from 10 – 12:55pm, at 6 Osterley Way, Manukau, covering: How franchising works, History of franchising in NZ, Advantages and disadvantages of franchise business, What to look for, Business Taxation System in New Zealand and Where to find information and support. To register please call 263 5490 or email [Manukau@arms-mrc.org.nz](mailto:Manukau@arms-mrc.org.nz).

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## CALL FOR

### Looking for YES Young Enterprise Trust Alumni, for 30 year celebration of inspiring and educating young New Zealanders

Later this year Young Enterprise Trust celebrates 30 years of inspiring and educating young New Zealanders in enterprise and business. Youth Enterprise Limited was incorporated in 1981 and they are proud that 50,000 students have completed the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme since then. As part of our 30 year celebration we want to connect with past Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) Participants.

YES need your help to find and engage with our alumni! Please spread the word through your organisation and networks or provide connections to others who can assist us in the search for YES alumni.

You can help by:

- If you are a YES Alumni - [sign up now](#)
- Forwarding this update to your network
- Joining YES on Facebook and LinkedIn

For more information e-mail: [alumni@yetrust.co.nz](mailto:alumni@yetrust.co.nz)

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## CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE

### Relationship services

Relationship Services Whakawhanaungatanga (<http://www.relate.org.nz/>) is partnering with the Ministry of Social Development, Department of Labour and the Office of Ethnic Affairs to get the message out to Pacific communities and individuals who may be suffering as a result of the Christchurch earthquakes. If you need someone to talk to in Samoan and Tongan languages, there is a free service that can help. Throughout June Relationship Services is providing counselling with Language Line interpreters so you can speak in your own language about how you are feeling and find ways to cope. To make an appointment, call 0800 735 283. These are trained counsellors whose job is to listen and help us all find ways to cope. The service is confidential.

What you can do:

**Donate to Red Cross:** Free phone: **0800 754 726**

**Donate to Salvation Army:** Freephone: **0800 53 00 00**

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## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

### **Fellowship in youth health leadership: The Vodafone New Zealand Foundation**

The Vodafone New Zealand Foundation, in association with SYHPANZ (Society of Youth Health Professionals Aotearoa New Zealand) is proud to offer the second **Fellowship in youth health leadership** and is calling for applications from Monday **18 April to 8 July 2011**. The Foundation's vision is to promote the health and wellbeing of young New Zealanders.

The Fellowship has been established for promising mid-career researchers or practitioners with proven leadership in the youth sector to complete study, research or undertake a sabbatical. It is worth \$90,000 for a 12 month period (although the period is negotiable).

Details around eligibility and the application process can be found below:

<http://foundation.vodafone.co.nz/what-we-fund/youth-health-fellowship/>

### **AMP Scholarships**

With more than \$1.2 million worth of AMP National Scholarships awarded across the country since 1998, more than 112 Kiwis (and counting) have been doing outstanding things in their fields, with some extra help from the AMP Scholarship Programme.

Anyone can apply, and there's no age limit or restrictions - AMP National Scholarships are open to any New Zealand resident. So whether your thing is a community project, business idea, education, or a dream to represent your country, you could be in line to get some extra help. All you need to do is apply!

As well as financial support, each of our winners will get the chance to meet up with an AMP Adviser for some financial and planning advice. Are you up for it? **Apply now!** Or go to

<http://www.doyourthing.co.nz/choose-your-scholarship/national>

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Lottery Community**

This committee makes grants to encourage or enable community self-reliance, capacity building and stability, or opportunities for social, civil or cultural participation and reducing or overcoming barriers to such participation. Grants are made to create benefits for New Zealand communities. Lottery Community consists of 11 regional committees and one national committee. Funding is available for projects, activities, resources or services that have a community/social service focus, for example developmental or preventative projects, welfare and support services, or projects that help improve the wellbeing of people in the community. For more information go to: [http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/available-grants/downloads.aspx#ApplicationType\\_23](http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/available-grants/downloads.aspx#ApplicationType_23)

### **Lottery Community Facilities Fund**

The Lottery Community Facilities Fund (LCFF) makes grants to organisations for projects to build or improve community facilities. Funding is provided for community facilities that support participation in community activities and social interaction, to foster cohesion and strengthen communities. The Fund's main emphasis is support for facilities open to use by the wider community or that can be used for a range of services and activities. For more information go to: [http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/available-grants/downloads.aspx#ApplicationType\\_23](http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/available-grants/downloads.aspx#ApplicationType_23)

For more go to the Department of Internal affairs grants online at:  
[http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/available-grants/downloads.aspx#ApplicationType\\_23](http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/available-grants/downloads.aspx#ApplicationType_23)

## EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

Month	Date	Event Details	Venue	Contact
June	May 26-18 June	<p><b>The Brothers Size</b>            Taut, rhythmic and playful drama from the leading voice of the African American theatre, Tarell Alvin McCraney. Starring Pua Magasiva, Jarod Rawiri and Te Kohe Tuhaka. The show is part of Silo Theatre’s 2011 programme, one of Auckland’s leading theatre companies.</p>	Herald Theatre, Aotea Centre Auckland Central	Tickets available through the edge: <a href="http://www.buytickets.co.nz">www.buytickets.co.nz</a> for more information contact: Joanna Lee Kelly at elephant publicity 09 3684180 or <a href="mailto:elephant99@paradise.net.nz">elephant99@paradise.net.nz</a>
	4 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<p><b>Ease up on the drink show</b>            Entertaining game show with an important underlining message.</p> <p>Host John Pulu and 8 teams of contestants navigate their way through questions, skits and role playing.</p> <p>It's a new concept, it's different, and it's a great opportunity to test your own knowledge.</p>	Started on the Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> of June and continues for several weeks: Saturday 7:30pm on Stratos (sky) and on Triangle TV on Tuesday 7:30pm	For more information contact: Setita Millar <a href="mailto:setita@pasifika.tv">setita@pasifika.tv</a>

Recommend the ‘Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs’ to your friends and networks and help spread the word about the work of the Ministry. [www.mpia.govt.nz](http://www.mpia.govt.nz)

**Contact** Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs, 7 Springs Rd East Tamaki **Send event news details or information:** [subscribe.akld@mpia.govt.nz](mailto:subscribe.akld@mpia.govt.nz) to **Unsubscribe** - return email with ‘unsubscribe’ in the subject title.