

NORTHERN REGION WEEKLY UPDATE

Week beginning Monday 3rd 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**.

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

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.

Pacifica Women Auckland Breast Cancer Walk and Breakfast

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month & as part of our contribution to creating greater awareness, PACIFICA Auckland is hosting a Breast Cancer Walk and Breakfast on Saturday 8th October. They would love to have you join them with family and friends. Start your weekend with a relaxed 3km walk around the base of beautiful One Tree Hill, and then enjoy a delicious cooked breakfast at Sorrentos. At breakfast they will have guest speakers and auction of some great items – return trip for two to Samoa (courtesy of Pacific Blue), a weekend at the Sinalei Hotel in Samoa, beautiful Pacific artwork, personal training fitness sessions and more. For more information and tickets for the breakfast please contact Noa Moore 021 445682 or email acb.pacifica.branch@gmail.com

Youth Health – Auckland training sessions

Auckland Training Sessions: Round one of 6 Open to Auckland, Waitemata and Counties Manukau* DHB staff at Parnell Community Trust - Jubilee Building 545 Parnell Rd. (Upstairs in the Titoki room). To register, email alice@collaborative.org.nz

General Practice Reception staff - how to communicate to young people in a friendly environment
Tuesday **4th of October 6pm-9pm.**

General practice clinicians – How to communicate with young people, how to breakdown barriers,
Wednesday 5th of October 6pm-9pm.

PHO managers, practice managers & primary care policy managers – if we want healthy young people what policies do we need? **Thursday 6th of October 6pm -9pm.**

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

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.

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.

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. As of this morning, the cumulative totals were:

- 179 people have been confirmed as having measles since May 30, 2011.
- 17 people are in quarantine.
- 2 people were in hospital over the weekend, bringing the total number of people hospitalised since the outbreak began to 26.

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

Free immigration legal clinic



Manukau Counties Community Law Centre

Nga Ture Kaitiaki o Te Roko 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

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.

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/>

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

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

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

Objective Art Awards 2011

Create a piece of object art and be in to win. Emerging and established artists and designers are invited to submit new works of object art – whether it's jewellery or furniture, from the handmade to the highly designed, we're looking for works in ceramics, glass, jewellery, wood, metalwork or textiles. Your entry should demonstrate this year's whakatauaki: *Kia tupu, kia hua, kia puawai. To grow, to prosper, to sustain*. Entries close **9 October 2011**. For more information, please email objectiveartawards@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or phone 09 262 5789.

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.

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

West Auckland Voluntary Organisation Awards

<http://cst.org.nz/r/topic/Qi0W55OSWkKE0YZoyLJw>

Auckland Council-Infratil Voluntary Organisation Awards

<http://cst.org.nz/r/topic/66XOO0dgSj20vK0NRjVgB1>

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

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

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