



NORTHERN REGION WEEKLY UPDATE

Week beginning Monday 8th of August 2011

Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs

Cook Islands Constitution Day celebrations

The Cook Islands became a self-governing nation on 4th August, 1965. This day has been celebrated ever since in the Cook Islands and was no different this year here in New Zealand. The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs gave support to Toku Reo Tupuna Trust in their celebration of Cook Islands Constitution Day 'Te Maeva Nui' on the **4th of August 2011**. Over 180 people were in attendance at Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate. The Theme of the day was Inanai, Teia Ra, Apopo, meaning Past, Present and Future. The emphasis of the theme was the maintenance of language and culture of the Cook Islands, to which the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs is in full support.

Signing of the Kia Tutahi Relationship Accord

The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs was a member of the steering group that supported the development of the new Kia Tutahi Relationship Accord. The Accord is an important step on the continuing journey to strengthen community-government relationships. Following the official signing ceremony of the Kia Tūtahi Standing Together Relationship Accord on 1 August 2011, there will be opportunities for community members to sign up to the Accord at regional meetings. You are warmly invited to attend the Auckland regional meeting.

Where: Papakura Marae, 29 Hunua Rd, Papakura, Auckland

When: **9 August 2011**, 11am to 12.30pm

At the meeting, an edited video of the signing ceremony will be shown, and an opportunity will be provided to sign the Accord and to share your ideas about implementing it, followed by refreshments. As numbers are limited, you need to RSVP to ocvs@dia.govt.nz by **3 August 2011**.

Pacific Languages Framework - Consultation

Helping New Zealanders of Pacific descent speak in their mother tongue is not just a feel-good initiative. We are engaging in a round of consultations throughout August on the Pacific Languages Framework. The Framework will revitalise, promote and maintain the use of Pacific languages in New Zealand and aims to provide leadership and direction. It also intends to improve the coordination between government and Pacific communities.

We need to be absolutely sure that what we are proposing, as a way of revitalising our languages, is something that will work for communities. This is why we have extended the timeframe for the work so we can consult more widely and thoroughly. A series of consultations is planned in August. Venues will be Whangarei, Central Auckland, Manukau and Hamilton. To view the framework please go to our website at: www.mpia.govt.nz

Those interested can also make written submissions to the Ministry at plffeedback@mpia.govt.nz or by post to PLF Feedback MPIA, PO Box 833, Wellington 6140.

Consultation dates for the Northern Region:

<p>HAMILTON Wednesday 24 August Celebrating Age Centre Victoria Street Hamilton City Council Meeting time 7:00pm – 8:30pm</p>	<p>WHANGAREI Thursday 25 August Northland Pacific Islands Charitable Trust 152 Lower Cameron St Whangarei City Meeting time 6:30pm – 8:00pm</p>
<p>WEST/CENTRAL AUCKLAND Monday 29 August Western Springs Community Hall 956 Great North Road Western Springs Meeting time: 6:30pm -8:00pm</p>	<p>SOUTH AUCKLAND Tuesday 30 August Manukau Civil Centre (former Manukau City Council) Gallery Kotuku House, Manukau Square City Centre Manukau City Meeting time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm</p>

MoneyPACIFIC calendars – Photography competition



All the information you need to send your money to the Pacific

The MoneyPACIFIC calendars are back for 2012 and we're excited to announce that there will be separate 2012 calendars for Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu. We are looking for photos depicting Pacific children and/or families within school, church or community settings in Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Australia or New Zealand. The competition is for photography which we will use for the months in each calendar and also the covers. Entry is free and the winning photos receive some great prizes. Check out the prizes via <http://www.moneyacific.org/competition.html>. Competition closing date is **29th August 2011**.

Community updates

Foundation Youth Advisory Panel meeting

When: Monday 8th August 2011 6.30-8.30pm

Where: Reception lounge, Auckland Town Hall, Queen St, Auckland Central.

This is an open meeting of the Foundation Youth Advisory Panel. The agenda will include discussion around youth voices in community and local board decision-making, discussion around long term plan, discussion on Council's Alcohol Framework (a policy that guides Council's actions around alcohol). There is a full agenda still being written up however, this is a basic overview of the topics that will be addressed. For more information or to request to speak in the public forum please email youthpanel@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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.

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

Local board Plans – Submissions

Auckland has 21 local boards representing local communities from Te Hana in the north to Waiuku in the south. Now is the time for you to take a look at the draft plan for your area and let your local board know if it is on the right track. Submissions will be open from 8 July until **8 August 2011**. Summary brochure in Maori, Simplified Chinese, Korean, Tongan and Samoan is available online.

Please visit

<http://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/AboutCouncil/PlansPoliciesPublications/localboardplans/Pages/home.aspx> to find out how you can contribute to the Local Board plans.

Tufuga Round Table

The Centre for Pacific Studies cordially invite you to the Tufuga Round Table Tuesday **9th August 4pm-6:30pm** at the Fale Pasifika. A panel of Māori and Pacific artists and writers will discuss issues surrounding the persistence of heritage art forms in Aotearoa. The keynote address will be delivered by Tufuga tatatau Su'a Suluape Alaiva'a Petelo the Centre for Pacific Studies Pacific Heritage Artist in Residence. For catering purposes please RSVP by Monday 8th August. Tyla Ta'ufu'ou Programme Administrator Pacific Heritage Artists in Residence Programme Phone: 09 649 373 7599 ext 84856. t.taufuou@auckland.ac.nz

Fit for life

8 week exercise & nutrition challenge. Weigh in and fitness test will be held on Saturday 13 August 2011 at Life South Montgomerie Rd, Mangere. Register by the **12th of August** please contact trainersnz@vodafone.co.nz phone 0216311781

Strengthening Families Workshop

Effective Communication & Facilitation Techniques Workshop. Gain new communication techniques and extend your knowledge about the Strengthening Families process and the ways you can utilise it effectively. Who should attend? New Strengthening Families Coordinators, lead agency facilitators & Agency representatives. If you have any queries about the training content, please contact Alison Hudgell Project Leader and Training and Development Alison.hudgell001@msd.govt.nz Ph: 09 9177767 or 021832072. Any other queries, please contact Phil Hodges Regional Administrator phil.hodges005@msd.govt.nz Ph: 0-9-9161795 or 029 660 0004

New Zealander of the Year nominations

The New Zealander of the Year Awards recognise, encourage and reward New Zealand's most vital asset - its people. The awards seek out and honour the incredible achievements of individuals, organisations and community groups who inspire us through their commitment, hard work and

achievements and create a sense of national pride, unity and inspiration through their example as mentors and role models to the wider community. To nominate go to: <http://www.nzawards.org.nz/Nominatingbr/NominateNow/tabid/36181/Default.aspx>

Knowledge is Power Community Information Days

Local community organisations, government departments and social service providers such as Viola PI Budgeting, Work and Income, New Zealand police, Consumer Affairs, Housing New Zealand, IRD, Christians against poverty and many more will be offering free information sessions in locations around South Auckland. For information on dates and times please contact Helen Amituanai Helen.Amituanai@mercury.co.nz on 09 5803666

FREE Home Ownership Workshop

Home ownership workshops in Central, East and South Auckland register now with Career works at Email: home@careerworks.co.nz, website: www.careerworks.co.nz/firststeps or phone 09 636 0921 Fax: 09 636 9077

Visa changes for religious workers

Visa changes have been announced by the Government today that provide a pathway for religious workers to gain New Zealand residency. For more information visit www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/general/generalinformation/news/religiouswork.htm

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. Outbreak status for the **1st of August** As at 9am the Auckland Regional Public Health Service has now confirmed:

- 94 confirmed cases of measles in the Auckland region
- 8 contacts are in quarantine. A contact is a person who has had sufficient contact with the person with measles to be at risk of developing measles.
- Five cases have now required hospitalisation during this outbreak.
- Most cases have occurred in West Auckland with some spread to Central Auckland, North Shore, and Manukau.

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>

Waikato Community Hub Facility Survey

For some time now there has been discussion about the possibility of community and volunteer organisations coming together under one roof. This survey is the first step to determine whether or not there is any interest from community and volunteer sector organisations in coming together and being housed within one facility and also what the facility could look like in terms of physicality, resource and service provision. After the survey has been completed by the **15 August 2011** and the data collated

the results will be made available on request to those who contribute to the survey.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SP8X3QQ>

Navigate – The 2011 New Zealand Youth Mentoring Conference

Youth Mentoring Network are proud to announce that Conference registrations are open. If you work with young people, then you can't afford to miss out on this valuable 2 days - so REGISTER NOW!

What: NAVIGATE - The 2011 New Zealand Youth Mentoring Conference

When: 16th & 17th August 2011

Where: Novotel Hotel, Ellerslie, Auckland, NZ

See website for further details. www.youthmentoring.org.nz

Consultation on new fees to support NZQF implementation

NZQA is seeking comment on proposals to introduce fees for two quality assurance activities for which there are currently no fees. These are a fee for qualification developers for qualification pre-approval and a fee for the approval of training programmes. Feedback is also sought on quality assurance approval criteria for training programmes. While NZQA will accept hard-copy responses, they would prefer that you respond via the online questionnaire. <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/fee-survey>. Please note the deadline for submissions is **19 August 2011**.

NZ Diversity Forum - Hamilton

As part of the NZ Diversity Forum are meeting once again at the Claudelands Convention centre. This programme gives us an insight into the treasures the museum brings to the community working with libraries.

What: NZ Diversity Forum librarians - Hamilton

When: Monday 22 August 11am -12:30pm.

Where: Claudelands Convention centre

Please register your interest and give an indication of numbers attending by emailing

Shivangi.Pradhan@Aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or Ada.Nally@wcc.govt.nz

For more information please go to: <http://www.hrc.co.nz/race-relations/new-zealand-diversity-forum/>

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>

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PEC Free computer courses

Free computer courses – no fees – enrol now, learn to use, Microsoft office 2007, internet & e-mail, word, and excel, access, PowerPoint, publisher, website & graphics design. For more information call 09 260-4042 or visit PEC at 4/17 Lambie Drive Manukau.

Youth work Qualifications Expo

Is the place to find out information on Youth Work qualifications? **Friday 12th August** AUT City Campus. Whether you are currently working with youth, want to work with young people, employ youth workers or are connected to the youth sector this is for you. RSVP now with your name, organisation details, email and session that suits you, free admission contact: josie.keelan@aut.ac.nz

Creative New Zealand is offering new grants to support Pacific heritage arts

KAVA grant of \$7,500 to support a mentoring proposal (up to 3 people can be involved in project) to learn from a senior heritage artist in NZ or in the Pacific Islands. 3 x MOANA Community Festival grants \$2,500ea to isolated groups outside of Auckland, Wellington & Christchurch. Deadline for both grants **12th August, 2011**. For more information go to Kava & Moana on our Creative New Zealand website <http://www.creativenz.govt.nz/en/getting-funded/find-funding-opportunities/artform/pacific-arts>

TeachNZ mid-year early childhood education scholarships

Applications **officially open on 1 August 2011** the application information and forms are live on their website now and can be found here: <http://www.teachnz.govt.nz/scholarships/mid-year-early-childhood-education-scholarships/>

There's also a video guide or 'Online Helper' to assist students with the application process here: <http://www.teachnz.govt.nz/scholarships/online-helper/>

Auckland Regional Youth Sector Network Free Youth Work Training

Thanks to the support from Auckland Regional Youth Sector Network (an Ara Taiohi Network) and COGS funding we are able to provide Free Youth Work Training for up to 15 people over four days, **Monday and Tuesday 29th & 30th August** and **5th and 6th September**.

The training will give information and knowledge required to complete the Level 3 National Certificate in Youth Work (40 Credits) and empower people working with Youth to know they are working safely and effectively. It is ideal for junior youth workers. Max 2 per organization.

To register please email shonaballigner@xtra.co.nz with your contact details, organization you work or volunteer for and your role. Or phone on 0274871715 for enquires regarding the training or enrolling onto the Youth Work Certificate Work Base programme. Only 15 spaces available so be in quick.

Funding opportunities

Office for Disability Issues Making a Difference Fund opens.

The Making a Difference Fund - Round Two has opened. Applications are due by **2 September 2011**. The Fund is part of the campaign to improve attitudes and behaviours towards disabled people. The Making a Difference Fund gives priority to projects that are collaborative, have support from across the community and have a well-thought-out plan to effect local change. Seven projects were supported through the first round of funding in April 2011. Read more about the Making a Difference Fund, download the application form, or read about the first round projects at: <http://www.odi.govt.nz/what-we-do/improving-attitudes-and-behaviours/index.html>

EOI/Vacancies/Volunteers

Change Makers Refugee Forum – Communications Advisor

Want to make a difference? If you have, A minimum of 2-3 years communications experience, Experience in producing newsletters and content for the web, The ability to summarise and simplify complex information and communicate it to different groups. Then apply by sending a covering letter and CV including the names of two recent professional referees to Tim O'Donovan General Manager, Change Makers Refugee Forum P.O. Box 9186, Wellington 6141, tim@crf.org.nz Applications close 5pm **10th August 2011** for more information go to www.crf.org.nz

Engineering trades' staff wanted



Hayes International specializes in the manufacture of roll forming equipment to meet the metal forming needs of our customers in international markets. Having machines in 72 countries around the world Hayes is a truly "International" business. Hayes International is seeking to recruit motivated people to join their existing dynamic engineering workshop teams based in our Rotorua manufacturing facility.

Applications are invited for the following positions:-

- CNC Machinist - with experience in the operation of both CNC Turning & Milling equipment as well as experience in operating other conventional turning / milling machinery. Work would primarily involve the machining of new components to support our production needs.
- Machinist – with experience in the operation of manual turning and milling machinery.
- Welder / Fabricator – experience with both heavy and light welding using mig and stick.
- Mechanical Fitter – Trade qualified with sound mechanical engineering knowledge who is eager to learn and grow their skills. Hydraulic and Pneumatic knowledge advantageous.

Apply with your current CV to: Marion Clarricoats, HR Manager www.hayesint.co.nz Email: marcla@hayesint.co.nz Phone: 07-3431930

Project leader: Pacific stroke prevention project

Established in 1980, the Stroke Foundation of New Zealand is a not for profit organisation that works to reduce the risk and incidence of strokes, improve stroke outcomes and help stroke survivors regain the best quality of life. The new position of Project Leader: Pacific Stroke Prevention Project has been created to address the high rates of stroke amongst Pacific peoples. Based in Auckland, and reporting to the Health Promotion Manager at the national Stroke Foundation office in Wellington, the Project Leader will be responsible for working with Pacific communities to:

- increase their understanding of stroke
- raise awareness about stroke and stroke risk factors
- reduce the risk of stroke amongst Pacific peoples
- Empower Pacific people to increase control over their health and the health of their families.

For further information and a job description please email heather_kizito@stroke.org.nz. Applications close at midday, **Wednesday 17 August 2011**.

Foster Carers/Caregivers for CYF

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It takes all sorts of people to care for children and teens - you may be surprised that you're just the right person

Right now Child, Youth and Family are looking for foster carers who can open their homes, in particular to; challenging teens and sibling groups. You'll make a great foster carer if you:

- can **deal with their behavioural challenges**
- have a **non judgemental**, engaging style of parenting
- can **build trust** quickly and easily with them
- have an **understanding** of different backgrounds
- can **work as a team** with CYF, other professionals and families
- can offer care when they need it, but are **able to let go** when it's time for them to return home

If you are interested in becoming a foster carer or know someone else who could be, please get in touch.

Contact: Frank Hunt phone (09) 917 3257

WWW.CYF.GOV.T.NZ



Vacancies: Clinical Psychologist and Social worker - CMDHB

To apply online for these opportunities please visit our website www.countieshealthjobs.com or for more information please contact Natasha Peters in the recruitment centre (09) 276 0044 ext. 8079. For more information on mental health services please visit www.leadingmentalhealth.co.nz Closing Date: **24 August 2011**

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