



## NORTHERN REGION COMMUNITY UPDATES

### Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011

#### MINISTRY NOTICES

##### Pacific Languages Strategy

The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs is currently working on the Pacific Languages Strategy. The Pacific Languages Strategy is being developed as a framework to protect and promote the use of Pacific languages in New Zealand.

We are currently looking at what government and Pacific Island groups are doing in New Zealand that protects and promotes Pacific languages.

We would like to know what **you and your community groups** are doing that relates or contributes to protecting and promoting Pacific languages. This could be involvement in but not limited to:

- producing a resource in a Pacific language
- comment on a local council policy or guidelines/best practice for Pacific communities
- providing translation services in a Pacific language
- research/evaluation project that has all/some part focused on Pacific language promotion
- a local Pacific community production/event(s)
- a service for Pacific communities elderly/children/youth
- a community or agency programme/resource/initiative/working group

#### Let us know:

1. What are you doing in your community to protect and promote Pacific languages?
2. What is the name of your initiative/event?
3. What is the name of your group/organisation and your contact details?

**Send us your feedback by Thursday 21 April.**

You can send your feedback by email to [theresa.fabricius@mpia.govt.nz](mailto:theresa.fabricius@mpia.govt.nz) or by post to:

**Theresa Fabricius  
Pacific Languages Strategy  
Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs  
PO Box 833  
Wellington 6140**

Your input will benefit and add value to the work of the strategy.

For further information please telephone Theresa Fabricius on (04) 495 0028.

#### GET INVOLVED

##### The Auckland Plan Community Summits

The Auckland Plan is a bold 30-year vision and strategy for Auckland underpinned by the Mayor's vision of making it the world's most liveable city. This is a plan for better co-ordination and better investment.

This is the first plan of its type in New Zealand and as the draft plan is prepared for detailed and formal consultation later this year, the mayor and councillors are looking for as wide a range of views and comments as possible.

The Auckland Council would like to involve you in the process of developing the Auckland Plan. A series of stakeholder workshops are currently being held. Information on these sessions will be updated at [www.TheAucklandPlan.govt.nz](http://www.TheAucklandPlan.govt.nz). You may also be interested in attending one of the following community summits.

<b>West</b>	<b>Trusts Stadium</b> 65-67 Central Park Dr, Waitakere	<b>30 March</b> <b>9.30 – 3pm</b> (registration from 9am)
<b>Central</b>	<b>Waipuna Hotel and Convention Centre</b> 58 Waipuna Rd, Mt. Wellington	<b>4 April 9.30 – 1pm</b> (registration from 9am)
<b>South</b>	<b>Telstra Stadium</b> 770 Great South Rd, Manukau	<b>8 April 8.30 – 1pm</b> (registration from 8am)

For more information please email:  
[TheAucklandPlan@auckland.govt.nz](mailto:TheAucklandPlan@auckland.govt.nz)

## VACANCIES

### AUT - GARC-PIFS Research Officer

Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences  
National Institute for Public Health and Mental  
Health  
Pacific Islands Families Study  
Gambling and Addictions Research Centre

A vacancy exists for a Research Officer within the Gambling and Addictions Research Centre in the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences at AUT's North Shore campus.

The Gambling and Addictions Research Centre is a dynamic centre that is involved in research that aims to improve New Zealanders' understanding of how gambling and addictions affect society, and to enhance policy and professional practice. The current vacancy exists for a Research Officer to be involved in a qualitative project at the Centre that is exploring the impact of gambling and problem gambling on Pacific families and communities in New Zealand.

The Research Officer position requires someone with an appropriate background in

qualitative research in the field of gambling, addictions or other health-related areas and relevant qualifications and experience. This is a full-time position for six months.

For any enquiries, please contact Janis Paterson on email: [janis.paterson@aut.ac.nz](mailto:janis.paterson@aut.ac.nz) or call 921 9999 ext 7324.

You must be eligible to work in NZ to be considered for this position

Ref: 9682

**Closing Date Friday 1 April 2011**

### Uniservices – Programme Manager TAHA Well Pacific Mother and Infant Programme

The TAHA – Well Pacific Mother and Infant Programmes primary focus is to reduce the rates of SUDI (Sudden & Unexpected Death in Infancy including SIDS), and to engage in the wider issues that impact upon the health and well being of Pacific mothers and their infants.

They are seeking an action-orientated and pragmatic person, to implement and programme manage this exciting Pacific initiative. If you have the drive for excellence, the qualifications, experience and the enthusiasm to make a difference, we invite you to apply.

A tertiary qualification in a health related area will be of benefit. You will bring to this role your proven experience in health management, child/maternal health, and Project/Programme Management. A strategic thinker, you will add value and facilitate positive outcomes for the TAHA programme.

If you are looking for an Auckland based role, that offers you professional success and are passionate about making a difference to Pacific public health outcomes, please apply on website [www.uniservices.co.nz](http://www.uniservices.co.nz) and follow the steps to send your CV and covering letter no later than **Friday, 1st April 2011**.

For further information, please contact Catherine Poutasi on 09 373 7599 ext 82375

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## CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

### Advice on donating:

The Charities Commission advises that it's best to give to large well-known charities and suggest if anyone ever has a doubt about donating to a charity, they can check it out on the [Charities Register website](#). Donations can be made to the following such charities:

#### Red Cross:

All funds raised will be used towards the New Zealand Red Cross response to the disaster, including transport and provision of goods. As weeks go by different needs will be identified and Red Cross will be there for the long haul with your help. Free phone: **0800 754 726**

#### Salvation Army:

The Salvation Army has re-launched its Canterbury Earthquake Appeal in expectation of the great humanitarian need in the region. The Salvation Army is accepting monetary donations and offers of volunteers. We are not requiring clothing at this time. Your donation will strengthen our response to help those in need. Thank you for your support. Freephone: **0800 53 00 00**

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

### Ministry of Education's Aspire Scholarships

Applications have opened for the 2012 round of the Ministry of Education's Aspire Scholarship, with at least 50 Aspire Scholarships available for Year 9 students.

The Aspire Scholarship is for students from low income families who would like to attend a New Zealand private secondary school. The scholarship contributes up to \$15,000 a year for private secondary school tuition fees and up to \$1,500 a year for course related costs, while the student is at that school. Applications must be received at the Ministry of Education National Office in Wellington by 5pm on **9 May 2011**. All eligible applications will go in a ballot and the available scholarships will be drawn at random.

For an application pack: visit [www.minedu.govt.nz/aspire](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/aspire)  
E-mail [aspire.scholarship@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:aspire.scholarship@minedu.govt.nz)

Phone your local/regional Ministry of Education office.

### University of Tasmania Elite PhD Scholarship Opportunity: Cognitive & Behavioural support for cigarette smokers trying to quit.

The University of Tasmania (UTAS), Australia is currently offering an Elite PhD Scholarship as part of an NHMRC-funded study evaluating a cognitive and behavioural support program designed to assist smokers attempting to quit:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/graduate-research/elite/medical-and-health-sciences/pharmacy/cognitive-and-behavioural-support-for-cigarette-smokers-trying-to-quit>

Elite scholarships are valued at AUD\$30,000 tax free per annum, and successful candidates also receive a laptop computer. A site visit can be arranged for promising Australian and NZ applicants. More details on Elite Scholarships can be found here:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/graduate-research/elite/laptop-and-site-visit>

### Fulbright New Zealand and Creative New Zealand – Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency Award

Fulbright New Zealand and Creative New Zealand invite applications for the 2011 Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency, an award which offers a New Zealand writer of Pacific heritage the opportunity to work for three months on a creative writing project exploring Pacific identity, culture or history at the University of Hawai'i. The project may be in any genre, but priority is given to works that focus on developing New Zealand literature in the genres of fiction, poetry, drama, non-fiction (including biography, history, arts-related and cultural topics) and playwriting.

The residency is valued at NZ\$30,000 and includes return airfares to Hawai'i, accommodation costs and a monthly stipend. This year's Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency is available from August to November 2011. **The deadline for applications is 5:00pm, Friday 1 April.**

See <http://www.fulbright.org.nz/awards/nz-cnz.html> or contact Felicity Birch or Makerita

Urale at Creative New Zealand for further information:

[felicity.birch@creativenz.govt.nz](mailto:felicity.birch@creativenz.govt.nz) / (04) 498 0735

[makerita.urale@creativenz.govt.nz](mailto:makerita.urale@creativenz.govt.nz) / (04) 498 0729

### **EEO Trust Work and Life Awards 2011**

Entries are now open for the EEO Trust Work & Life Awards 2011 which acknowledge and celebrate employers who bring creativity and commitment to meeting today's employment challenges and preparing for tomorrow's.

Although the entry deadline of **May 19th** at 12 noon may seem a long way off, now is the perfect time to start putting an entry together. The Awards categories have been simplified this year and are:

- Tomorrow's Workforce Award
- Diversity Award
- Work & Life Award
- Skills Highway Award
- Walk the Talk Award

Entering is straightforward, with entries capped at a maximum of six A4-sized single-sided pages for all Award categories except for the Walk the Talk category which is capped at a maximum of four A4-sized single-sided pages.

Additional relevant material may be included as appendices and attachments – these are in addition to the stated maximum entry size. Entry guidelines and category questions are available at:  
[www.eostrust.org.nz/awards/awards.cfm](http://www.eostrust.org.nz/awards/awards.cfm)

### **Barbara Wood Memorial Foundation**

The [scholarships](#) are available to tertiary students who were born in the South Pacific region. Students wishing to study in New Zealand or anywhere in the South Pacific are eligible for funds.

### **AFS Pasifika Scholarship**

[AFS New Zealand](#) is offering scholarships for Pacific Island students to take up the challenge to live and study overseas. Scholarships are valued at \$10,000 for a year programme or cover the full exchange programme fee for a semester programme.

[TeachNZ ECE Scholarships](#) – These scholarships are targeted at people who have knowledge, understanding and experience working with Māori or Pasifika communities who want to teach in the early childhood sector.

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Auckland Communities Foundation (Manukau Fund) is currently seeking applications for Community Grants – Supporting Manukau.**

The Foundation is seeking applications from community groups that provide services in the Manukau area (what was Manukau City) that support families and communities. The Foundation is particularly interested in projects that address one or more of the following areas:

1. Maori, migrant or refugee
2. Early intervention – parenting and child safety
3. Youth development

Auckland Communities Foundation (Manukau Fund) manages these grants in its capacity as the Tindall Foundation funding manager for the Manukau area. If your organisation provides services in any of these areas you may wish to apply for funding for a specific project or programme.

**Applications close at 5pm on 21st April, 2011.**

Please direct enquiries to Penny Olson at [p.olson@aucklandcf.org.nz](mailto:p.olson@aucklandcf.org.nz) or call 09 277 8833.

### **Ministry of Pacific Island affairs Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) Seed Fund for Pacific Business**

The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs works to improve economic wellbeing and living standards for Pacific people and strengthen Pacific families and Communities. For the past three years the Ministry has partnered with the Young Enterprise Trust to support young Pacific people within the Young Enterprise Scheme by awarding the top Pacific team with an award for excellence in Pacific business. The Ministry supports the scheme and acknowledges the value of activity where qualifications can be gained and incorporates an in school focus.

The Ministry seeks to increase the number of Pacific students within YES and to support teams to continue to develop their products beyond YES. We believe that young Pacific people who have been a part of YES are better equipped to become business owners in the future.

It is understood that available financial resource is a barrier to young Pacific people and Pacific teams participating. The Ministry is in a position to address this barrier in 2011. The Ministry will fund successful Pacific teams to a maximum of \$500.00

All Pacific teams within YES are eligible to apply for this fund a Pacific team is defined as being a team where at least 50% of members are of Pacific ethnicity.

To be considered please download the application form.  
<http://www.yetrust.co.nz/YES/documents/SeeFundApplication.pdf>

Closing date is **Friday 15 April 2011** applications must reach the Ministry by this date or they will not be accepted. Funding decisions will be announced on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **SKIP Local Initiatives Fund**

The SKIP Local Initiatives Fund supports local communities to explore innovative ways to increase the use of positive parenting by parents and whānau of children aged 0-5. Successful initiatives develop and try new ways to get parenting messages to those who may not otherwise hear them.

Thinking of making an application?  
Call or send an email to discuss your application to Andrea Sarty, 04 978 4151  
[andrea.sarty001@msd.govt.nz](mailto:andrea.sarty001@msd.govt.nz) or Alan Jones, 04 916 3397 [alan.jones020@msd.govt.nz](mailto:alan.jones020@msd.govt.nz)

### **Closing dates for the Local Initiatives Fund (LIF)**

12 August 2011 - for summer grants up to a maximum of seven months there is a \$15,000\* limit. Initiatives will run between November 2011 and June 2012.  
\*excluding GST

### **Workplace Literacy**

Tertiary Education Commission has announced funding for literacy and numeracy programmes that will benefit employees and businesses. Employers may access workplace literacy programmes for their employees by contacting any of the funded Workplace Literacy Fund approved providers. TEC will provide advice and guidance to employer programmes currently underway. For more information please check this link: <http://www.tec.govt.nz/Resource-Centre/Directories/Workplace-Literacy-Fund-approved-providers/>

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### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### **Free Business and Computing Courses**

The Pacific Business Trust in association with Te Wananga o Aotearoa are offering Free NZQA Business and Computing Courses commencing during March & April 2011. If you would like more information please phone: 0800 287 7526 or Email: [info@pacificbusiness.co.nz](mailto:info@pacificbusiness.co.nz) or visit their website on [www.pacificbusiness.co.nz](http://www.pacificbusiness.co.nz)

#### **Learning Centre Available for Community Groups**

Situated at 58 Summerland Drive in the Sturges West Community House with 12 computers and would be able to book out 10 per session. The service costs nothing for community groups to use unless they are going to print. The centre is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5:30pm. It closes for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30pm.

Please feel free to contact Mavi Zimba | Learning Centre Coordinator Auckland Libraries Ph 09 835 0437 Sturges West Learning Centre, 58 Summerland Drive, Henderson 0612

#### **Learn a Pacific Language**

Enrolments open now for language and cultural classes in Samoan, Tongan, Fijian, Niuean, and Cook Island. Pacific Education Centre offers the opportunity to enrich their learning by enrolling in a Pacific Island Language class. All classes have experienced tutors and are held in a friendly environment. We welcome all ages and all levels. Call (09) 260 4042 for more details or email [Selwyn@pec.ac.nz](mailto:Selwyn@pec.ac.nz). Courses start March 2011 - ENROL NOW

## EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

Month	Date	Event Details	Venue	Contact
March	30	<b>SYHANZ Youth Health Forum – Brief interventions with young people people at risk of alcohol related harm</b>	2.15pm – 4.30pm Rm 220, School of Population Health Building 730 Tamaki Campus, The University of Auckland 261 Morrin Rd Glen Innes	Further Information contact Maria Kelus: <a href="mailto:syhpanz@gmail.co.nz">syhpanz@gmail.co.nz</a> RSVP Sue Grant <a href="mailto:s.grant@auckland.ac.nz">s.grant@auckland.ac.nz</a>
	30	<b>Communities Summit West: Creating Auckland's Most Liveable Communities</b>  Take the opportunity to give local board members and councillors your views on key issues that will lead into the development of the Auckland Plan and local board plans.	10.00am – 3.00pm Registration from 9.30pm Trust Stadium 65-67 Central Park Drive Waitakere	<a href="mailto:Lauren.livingstone@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz">Lauren.livingstone@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz</a> phone 09 3571735
	31	<b>Pacific Heritage Artist in Residence Programme Residency Launch</b>  Please join us in welcoming the Oto'ota Fahina Society, the first recipients of the inaugural Pacific Heritage Artist in Residence Programme.	10.00am – 12:00pm Fale Pasifika, Centre for Pacific Studies 16 Wynyard Street. The University Of Auckland	For catering purposes RSVP by 12.00pm Wednesday 30 March 2011 <a href="mailto:n.tonga@auckland.ac.nz">n.tonga@auckland.ac.nz</a> 09 3737500 ext 84856
	31	<b>(Abstract policy closing date) Pacific Society for Reproductive Health Conference Honiara Solomon Islands July 2011</b> Registrations are now open for the Pacific society for Reproductive Health's 9 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference in Honiara Solomon Islands	<b>Abstract policy closing date 31<sup>st</sup> of March</b>	For more information contact Yvonne Kainuku Walsh on 09 2760044 etxn 2207 or e-mail on <a href="mailto:ykwalsh@middlemore.co.nz">ykwalsh@middlemore.co.nz</a> or go to their website on <a href="http://www.psrh1995.org.nz">www.psrh1995.org.nz</a>
April	7 – 21 <sup>st</sup> of	<b>Weaving a Scent of the Pacific</b> Presentation of stories by	Opening hours Monday – Saturday 12.30 – 9.30pm	e-mail <a href="mailto:tehuruhitrust@xtra.co.nz">tehuruhitrust@xtra.co.nz</a>

	May	Valerie Hunton	Sunday 1:00 – 4.30pm or by arrangement. Venue His International Mission, Te Huruhi Trust 11 Line Road Glen Innes	
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