

From the CE's desk



Greetings and a happy Matariki to you all. Firstly I extend our congratulations to those awarded Community Waikato scholarships for study that will further their personal and professional development and enhance the work they do in the social services. The learning can be exciting, the work can be hard, especially with all the other commitments people have in their lives, but the rewards will stay with them forever and the networking with others in our sector is fantastic. Our best wishes for your success.

A generous gesture to note is the extra \$10,000 provided by the Tindall Foundation earlier this year for budget services and foodbanks to help them cope with the effects of the economic recession.

This last month has seen the latest budget released by government and I've summarised a little of what's in there that is of interest to our tangata whenua and community social services sector.

Whanau ora
Whanau ora funding is \$120m over four years. It is designed to focus on the family as a whole. It provides support for whanau focused initiatives and is an investment in whanau capacity and capability. The funding will be available to up to 20 providers in year one with existing contracts to be streamlined and will also include training and development for the organisations providing

the services. The intention for this funding is for whanau to select the services they require. The funding will be managed by Te Puni Kokiri Ministry of Maori Development and it is an investment in whanau engagement and leadership. Funding proposals are invited from August 2010. Further information at www.tpk.govt.nz.

Community Response Fund
This \$64m fund will continue through 2010/11 and is designed to support organisations working to provide critical services to families, children, young and older people. Information is at www.familyservices.govt.nz and you can ask our Advisors at Community Waikato for help with applications.

Community Response Model
\$90.5m from the Pathway to Partnership Fund was put into this budget to cover the next four years and complement on the Community Response Fund in assisting social service organisations to deliver high-quality services. The first part of this is the Quality Services Fund which will address gaps in services, encourage collaboration and support new, high quality, innovative services. It will provide money for social sector organisations to move towards collaboration and integrated service delivery, the merging of backroom functions, improving skills training, sharing good practice and supporting innovation.

This model builds on the success of the Community Response Fund with regional panels made up of both community and government representatives making recommendations on funding based on information about services in the region.

Other budget considerations include \$6.6m for more hospital social workers whose responsibility will be to identify and work with children who are victims of abuse; \$15m for supported homes for teen mothers and targeted parenting support for teen fathers; \$26.7m for Job Ops to double the number of places from 6,000 to 12,000; for people with disabilities there is \$6.8m to help promote design standards for accessible homes, help to protect the rights of people with a disability and a public awareness campaign

to change attitudes that limit opportunities; \$20m will extend the Housing Innovation Fund to improve housing affordability with some for grants and loans to support social and affordable housing and some to cover loan impairments. Whare Oranga Ake fund is to help prisoners re-integrate into society using a kaupapa Maori approach.

Further information on the budget at feeds.beehive.govt.nz. or ask a contracts manager at the Ministry of Social Development.

Our next Kumara Vine will hopefully feature our Kaumatua Korero once again. Meantime call on us if you need support and take care of yourself so that you can enjoy your work, your family and your life.

Kia ora koutou katoa.

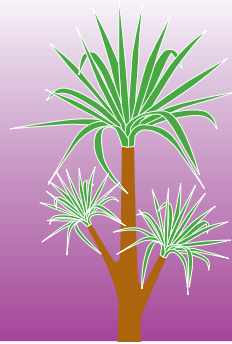


Matariki is the Maori name for the group of stars also known as the Pleiades star cluster or the Seven Sisters. The Maori New Year is marked by the rise of Matariki and the sighting of the next new moon. The pre-dawn rise of Matariki can be seen in the last few days of May every year and the New Year is marked at the sighting of the next new moon which occurs during June.

We extend a warm welcome to our new Administration Support Cheryl



I started working for Community Waikato almost a month ago as Administration Support. I have been working in the Administration field for about ten years. I'm enjoying working in the social services sector and look forward to learning more and getting to know you all.



*Tena koutou
Ko Cheryl Moorehead taku ingoa
Ko Tongariro te maunga
Ko Taupo-nui-a-Tia te moana
Ko Ngati Tuwharetoa te iwi
Ko Ngati Turangitukua te hapu
Ko Hirangi te marae
Ko Te Arawa te waka*

Noreira, tena ano tatou katoa

Congratulations to all our wonderful 2010 scholarship recipients



- Adam Morris
- Alice Morris
- Alwyn Patterson
- Anne Fawcett
- Annette Evans
- Elizabeth St John-Ives
- Gill Overmire
- Hamish Fyfe
- Janelle Fisher
- Kathryn Robins
- Katrina Taula
- Lenna Kim
- Leonie Jean Pothan
- Lili-Rose Bates
- Lisa Gilmour-Ririnui
- Luxme Patel
- Melisa Ward
- Mike Holloway
- Nan Jensen
- Nancy Shirley
- Nicki De Reus
- Patricia Benge
- Ruth Taylor
- Shelley Martin
- Shelley Walker
- Sycelia Tukuitoga
- Toni Trim
- William Baker
- Vanessa Burrett



My mum and dad Phyllis and Ron

Obituaries are commonly published about people who 'stood out' – made an impression, led the way or made waves in a way that made people take notice. Less often heard from are those described as the salt of the earth, the unsung heroes, those who quietly go on their way doing what they are passionate about, doing the things that are the glue that holds our communities together.



Ron and Phyllis Stevens' 50th wedding anniversary 2008

My mum and dad Phyllis and Ron were like that, quietly doing stuff, not wanting to be in the limelight, but passionate and dedicated to doing what was right.

Ever since I can remember fairness, equity and social justice have been values that have permeated my life, they were solid foundation stones for dad and mum, ones that saw us go without plenty of times when I was a kid in aid of a fair deal for some workers, or in aid of a family who had fallen on hard times.

Our lives were far from easy as kids. Mum and dad had 6 kids and only a bus drivers wage to bring us all up on, and it has taken me till now to truly appreciate the reality that existed for my parents and how much they gave us and our community in spite of the difficult circumstances in which they had to live. It always seemed to me that they were involved in everything, from our local marae, the Maori Women's Welfare League, Special Olympics, Labour Party, COGS, Ngai Tahu Law Centre, Kokiri Centre, Mum wrote the Local Maori Community News in Dunedin, and ran a second hand shop to raise funds for charity. (Just to name a few of the things they got involved with) Then 7 years ago they moved to Ngaruawahia next to me,

Dave and the kids, to 'retire' from everything they had been involved with they said, but it wasn't long before mum started working at the op shop and dad at the local community house.



Recently both of them passed away, too soon, too young and from preventable conditions related to the lack of nurture and environmental conditions they experienced as children. But they lived full and useful lives and left a strong legacy for us to go forward into the future.

I am so going to miss their unconditional love and support, but the pride I have in them for what they achieved and who they were I will carry with me. They were truly the salt of the earth.

Jane Stevens

Workplace Wellbeing Project

Our national Workplace Wellbeing Project has been piloting a series of workshops designed specifically to explore employment relations education for Maori organisations.

The three pilots ran in Christchurch, Gisborne and Hamilton in Feb and March this year and gave managers of a wide range of kaupapa Maori organisations the opportunity to explore how we balance tikanga concepts and employment law requirements. Groups from around the region attended the Hamilton workshop pictured here. It was a great day of exploring concepts, legal requirements, experiences and the new Mana Mahi employment resource kit.

The programme was full on. It is such a broad subject area. Participants worked through issues such as mediation, conflict resolution, balancing tikanga and employment law, differences

between Te Ao Maori and Te Ao Pakeha, and employment agreements to name a few of the topics covered at each workshop. Our heads hurt at the end of the day but our eyes were opened to ways of moving our roopu forward in maintaining good employment relationships. It was clear that people wanted more of this sort of training and that it needed to be more in depth

and more often to make an impact. Thank you to all those who attended the pilot workshops, these have given the Workplace Wellbeing team some really important feedback for planning future training. And a big thanks to Te Wananga for the use of your whare and the amazing kai.

Jane Stevens



Iwi Maori Workplace Wellbeing Workshop Hamilton participants with our host Tu Savage at Te Wananga O Aotearoa Hamilton

Poverty Project

An alliance of Waikato community groups have collaborated to investigate poverty in the region and hope their findings will influence policymakers to take action.

Community funding group Trust Waikato initiated a research project into poverty in the Waikato region and Anglican Action took the lead in bringing the group together. Trust Waikato chief executive Bev Gatenby said the project was part of the Trust's goal to assist communities and families that have suffered during the recession. The aim is to provide accurate information that identifies the scale of regional poverty and the impact it has on people so that it can be tackled more effectively by national and local policy makers.

The Poverty Research Project began on March 22 and is planned to run for three years. Research leader Rose Black said poverty in the Waikato is something that doesn't receive enough attention, especially from those responsible for making decisions. "My hope is that the

research will influence those in power to think more carefully about the decisions they make and the far reaching effects on the vulnerable people in our communities. There is evidence that if you reduce poverty you have a positive effect on many other challenges for families. The Trust was aware of research and advocacy on a national basis, but wanted to understand the details of how poverty is experienced in our region. We wanted to contribute at a more strategic and structural level, by resourcing work which addresses policies and practices which exacerbate poverty."

Rose is particularly concerned about the practices and policies that create greater inequalities which result in further negative outcomes for those disadvantaged in the region.

"The opportunities to gain individual wealth and not have any responsibility for how you might gain the wealth have become very accepted. The converse of that is in some ways the increase in poverty," she said.



Research Leader Rose Black

The research is overseen by a steering group made up of key people from a number of community organisations including Community Waikato, Kaitiaki, Anglican Action, Methodist City Action, Hamilton Budget Advisory Service and Wintec who will meet regularly with the researchers to discuss progress.

The project is at stage one which consists of reviewing existing poverty research and networking with various community stakeholders. Armed with this information Ms Black will construct a research plan that will direct the project over the following two years.

"Will we create a possibility for change? I believe so."

By Tony Stevens

Waikato Region Rural Transport Forum

A new initiative for rural transport is underway in the Waikato region. The Waikato Region Rural Transport Forum is up and running, and the first meeting saw over thirty representatives from community and government organisations around the region meet to discuss transport-related issues in their communities. The purpose of the forum is to help build a more coordinated regional picture of available services and transport needs.

Sheryll FitzPatrick & Jenny Patching from Community Waikato co-facilitated the forum with the assistance of Bill McMaster & Bevan Dale from Environment Waikato, and the support of Kim Atutahi from Te Kuiti Community House Trust. The forum marks the first exciting step along the road to better sharing of information and resources for rural and remote communities as they continue to work on their local

transport issues, as well as to contribute to the wider view for the Waikato region. Discussion was informative, and a real sense of the creation of a place for improving networking and collaboration ensued. The forum has decided that it will continue to meet in the coming months, and will explore ways in which ideas and solutions can be implemented.

Representatives at the forum came from a wide range of organisations, including community-based transport projects in Te Awamutu, Huntly, Thames, Tokoroa, Putaruru, and Te Kuiti, as well as organisations from the education, disability, older persons, sports, and health sectors, plus local and regional authorities. Environment Waikato representatives were pleased about the opportunity for building relationships, particularly with the coming review of the Waikato Regional Passenger Transport Plan and the

current review of the Regional Land Transport Strategy. Part of this work has included the production of a Health Impact Assessment Appraisal Report. Information from this report will be fed back to the community via the forum, as well as through a series of community meetings. The forum will provide an ideal opportunity for community input and consultation in future planning processes, as well as a mechanism for providing feedback on local initiatives and plans.

Community Waikato congratulates those involved in pulling the forum together, and looks forward to continuing to walk alongside this initiative as it works on improving the wellbeing of rural and remote Waikato communities.

Jenny Patching

Just Food. 'Justice through Service'



Shirley Douglas, Catering Assistant and Carol Taylor, Catering Manager

June 1st 2010 was the opening day for Hamilton's newest catering business Just Food.

Karen Morrison-Hume, Anglican Missioner, Archbishop David Moxon and Kaumatua Pine Campbell officially opened Just Food with karakia, speeches and the official cutting of the ribbon.

More than fifty people from around the community celebrated with Anglican Action, enjoying great company and divine food.

Just Food is a sustainable, innovative Anglican Action venture designed to support their work in social justice. Their aim is to provide good wholesome food at fair prices with any profit being put into their mission to 'pursue justice through service'. By combining available resources (their commercial kitchen) with committed people they are both able to provide a service and move some way towards self-sustainability.



Ken Douglas, Anglican Action Finance Manager describes it as "A catering service to raise funds for Anglican Action and to support the meal preparation, nutritional education and employment opportunities for our residents." The income from the catering business is not the only outcome. Another is the nutritional knowledge and future employment opportunities that will be gained by the residents of Cross Rose who will be working alongside Carol and Shirley in the business. The catering and Cross Rose menu will be linked to the village community garden through participation by Cross Rose residents working in both. Community outreach will be further developed by extending the work of Anglican Action into wider community networks through catering for external organisations.

The Waikato Region Rural Transport Forum will meet on 21st June, 20th September and 13th December 2010 at St Peter's Cathedral Hall, Victoria St Hamilton from 1 – 4pm.

For more information email jenny@communitywaikato.org.nz or sheryll@communitywaikato.org.nz



Katherine O'Regan presents information about the Te Awamutu Community Health Transport project to the forum



Just Food is now opened and waiting for your business. They have a varied menu of fabulous homestyle food at very reasonable prices for your event catering needs. Delivery can be arranged or items collected. Lets all work together to help support our very first community sector catering company.

Phone Carol on 856 5820 or email carol@anglicanaction.org.nz for the winter menu

Ngaruawahia Community House



The future looks bright for the residents of Ngaruawahia as a new and improved community house has opened its doors to the township.

Community leaders were proud to celebrate the opening of the Ngaruawahia Community House extensions on Friday. The community house first opened in 2002 and has been overwhelmed by the way residents have embraced the opportunities it provides. Organisers quickly realised they were going to need bigger and better facilities to provide the services they wanted to. "We wanted the best possible facilities and services available to meet the needs and demand of the local people" said Chairperson Jane Stevens.



The community house provides a range of services from Te Reo classes to a Strengthening Families Programme to support struggling families. Residents can use it for recreation, room hireage and even legal advice.

Resident Peter Brown needed legal advice and said he'd rather give a koha to the community house and use the service there than pay a lawyer \$60 bucks.

For Jane the community house is like

an extension of her family. Her parents enjoyed their 50th anniversary there and her son celebrated his 21st birthday at the house.

With the extensions complete the team at the community house hope to maximise the quality of the services they provide and introduce some new ideas as well. The extensions include upgraded kitchen and toilet facilities, and additional offices and meeting rooms.

True to the community house's key principle of collaboration only local contractors were employed to construct the extensions. The catering on the day was even handled by Ngaruawahia High School's 25 strong troupe of student chefs led by Hospitality teacher Agnes Scott.



Jane said the community house was born out of a dream to create a central, vibrant hub for Ngaruawahia, and provide a forum where those who do not get heard can have an opportunity to have a voice. "We have a passion about this town, this place, and a passion about the people."

The house was originally owned by the local Anglican Parish and housed Reverend Ivan Smith before it was sold to the Ngaruawahia Resource Centre. "I never thought we'd get away with it. You don't go selling vicar's houses" laughed Reverend Smith. But he doesn't regret the decision. "All the care and the hospitality and the nurturing of people that we were doing, the community house project took over and did it 60 times better."

Those responsible for the success of the

community house are a passionate band of local women including Chairperson Jane Stevens, House Manager Anne Ramsey and Administrator and Budget Advisor Diane Te Rakena, Board members Moera Solomon, Trish Forsythe and Treasurer Wendy Diamond.

"As you can see there's a lot of stropy women involved in this community house" teased Jane.

Among those who arrived to lend their support were Labour MP Nanaia Mahuta and a representative from the Kings office.

Nanaia praised the women saying "they are like beacons of light at a community level."

Anne said she wants the whole community to feel they can use the services at the house. "There's a perception that is just for the needy, but it's not, it's for everybody. It provides a non-threatening place to go when things are crap but also when they are good as well." Like a fine wine Anne believes Ngaruawahia is improving with age.

"Ngaruawahia absolutely rocks and you should watch this space."

By Tony Stevens

Waimarie: Hamilton East Community House held a morning tea on Tuesday 11 May 2010 to thank all their funders and supporters for their support throughout the year - especially in these tough economic times. It was a great occasion with approx 20 attendees, and nice weather which allowed people to enjoy the outside facilities and garden.





The team at Reliance have been very busy since opening ensuring we have the right products and services for our community sector. As part of this we are happy to announce we have secured some great community friendly rates on new computer equipment, and we are in the midst of negotiations with the telecommunication companies for better pricing plans for you.

We would like to thank those organisations who are already engaging our services and helping us deliver a truly awesome service to the sector. We recognise an important element of us becoming your IT partner is we need to continually learn and adapt to the needs of the community. As such we would love an opportunity to come meet with you and together learn how we can help you achieve the best from your technology investment.

Since our last Kumara Vine update we have made numerous improvements including hiring additional staff. We now have Kurt Sayer, a Senior IT Technician, mad golfer and squash player who is open to any invitation for a game, and Serena Hoult our new frontline person who many of you will interact with regularly. In upcoming editions of the Kumara Vine our team will introduce themselves so you can get to know them better; we will also be introducing a hints and tips section. If there are any other items or articles you would like us to include please feel free to let us know.

We have already initiated one of our early 'giving back to the community' schemes and have taken on an intern, Nick Douglas. Nick was looking for a chance to break into the IT sector and was facing significant difficulty trying to find a job - we have taken him on

and have partnered him with Jarrod Dowd our Service Delivery Manager. Jarrod is providing Nick full training and mentoring to help him become a fully skilled IT Technician and highly employable. Nick, like the rest of team, would love to talk to you more about what Reliance is doing and can do for the community.

To contact Reliance Please Call us on 07 8383 959 or drop us a line at support@reliance.net.nz



Serena Hoult, Office Manager

CPS Helping Adults to "Speak Up" for Children

"Protecting children is everybody's responsibility. But often people don't know what to look for or what to do if they see it" Says Anthea Simcock, CEO of CPS.

This March CPS teamed up with the Hamilton City Council, to bring the "Speak Up" campaign to Hamilton. The campaign focused on encouraging adults to trust their instincts and speak up if they were concerned about a child.

"Traditionally New Zealanders have adopted the attitude that they shouldn't interfere or get involved in someone else's business. When it comes to protecting kids – those attitudes do more harm than good." Say Anthea.

The Speak Up campaign gave adults a simple approach to take when they are worried about a child.

Step Up **Do something personally to help.**

This may be as simple as offering a helping hand or a listening ear. Or it may be to learn more about child abuse and what to look for. You can also ring CYF on 0508 326 459 at any time for confidential advice.

Step Out **Look for community support for the family.**

Connect the family with a local agency that can give them extra support.

Speak Up **Report your concerns.**

If you have already tried to help, or it is not appropriate for you to help, but you are still concerned, you need to report your concerns.

- Child Youth and Family 0508 326 459
- Your local Police station (or 111 if you believe a child is at serious risk.)



CPS is New Zealand's specialist Child Protection training organisation, dedicated to the protection of children and young people. You can contact CPS to find out about upcoming training in your area on 07 838 3370 or info@cps.org.nz

Or visit www.cps.org.nz

Upcoming Community Waikato Training

- 15 June 2010 - Developing and Managing Staff Performance
 21 June 2010 - Advocacy Training
 7 July 2010 - Dealing with Conflict
 15 July 2010 - Legal Issues
 3 August 2010 - Peer Mentoring and Supervision
 6 August 2010 - Community Funding
 23 August 2010 - Budgeting and Cashflows for Organisations

More details and registration forms can be downloaded from the training calendar at www.communitywaikato.org.nz or email sally@communitywaikato.org.nz

Community Waikato has a training room available for hire to the community

- The room sits 20 people comfortably at tables.
- Available to hire is video conferencing equipment, a Projector and a OHP

The rates for hire are:

Projector:	\$5 per hour
OHP:	\$5 per hour
Video Conferencing:	\$25 for ½ day or \$50 for full day (community rate) \$50 for ½ day or \$100 for full day (corporate rate)

Community hire rate:	
½ day (4 hrs)	\$40
1 day (8 hrs)	\$80

Corporate hire rate:	
½ day (4 hrs)	\$80
1 day (8 hrs)	\$160

Terms and conditions apply

To make a booking please contact Cheryl on 838-1583 or email cheryl@communitywaikato.org.nz

Do you attend or host a community network meeting in your area? We'd love to know about it. Community Waikato is developing a database of community networks to appear on our website. Please contact Cheryl Moorehead at cheryl@communitywaikato.org.nz with the details of your network, or for any further information.

Forums for charities

The Charities Commission is hosting a series of regional forums for charities.



This is your opportunity chance for charities to:

- receive the latest snapshot of the charities sector nationally, and for your region
- learn more about Payroll Giving and other developments
- speak one-to-one with staff from the Commission, Inland Revenue, and other agencies.

If you have any questions, please contact education@charities.govt.nz

Rotorua

Mon 28 June – 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
 Rotorua Convention Centre, 1170 Fenton Street

Hamilton

Tues 29 June – 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
 Waikato Stadium, Seddon Road, Hamilton

Auckland – South/Central

Wed 30 June – 9.00 am – 12.00 pm - TBA

Auckland – North Shore/West

Thurs 1 July – 9.00 am – 12.00 pm - TBA

Whangarei

Fri 2 July – 9.00 am – 12.00 pm - TBA

Networks

Please contact Jenny at

jenny@communitywaikato.org.nz for information about

- Child Health and Disability Forum
- Coordinators and Fieldworkers Network
- Waikato Region Community Houses Network

Please contact Sheryll at

sheryll@communitywaikato.org.nz for information about

- Transport steering group
- Hauraki, Matamata and Piako Managers Forum

Please contact Andrea at

andrea@communitywaikato.org.nz for information about

- Managers Forum

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