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ABOUT THIS NEWS- LETTER

MECOSS publishes a regular newsletter for people and organisations who provide community services to the people of Manukau East.

Welcome to our new chair and executive board members

We are pleased to announce the appointment of our new chair, **Katrina Bungard**. She's taking over the role from Dyann Calverley who is retiring to Nelson.

Katrina Bungard is well known in Manukau East. She's a Howick Local Board member and head of department of Arts at Elim Christian College. She has held a long string of high profile positions over her impressive career spanning education, community organisations and local government.

We're also delighted to announce the appointment of three new board members; **Amanda Barnes-Milbank** is ardent about community development and believes social change can only come about by working together. She feels privileged to be employed in the role of funding/administrator for Hippy Wesley Puketapapa Charitable Trust at Pakuranga Counselling Centre.

Jessica Londhe holds a passion for community. She carries positions of Lieutenant and Assistant Officer within the East City Salvation Army.

Jeet Suchdev QSM JP is the founding chairperson and trustee of Bhartiya Samaji—a vibrant and highly successful community organisation, and trustee of Auckland Regional Migrant Services.

Our new chair, executive board and co-op board will join **Peter Hancock, Andrew Beyer, Harjit Singh, Varsha Belwalkar** and **YongRahn Park** on the MECOSS Executive Committee.

From the chair

It is a pleasure to represent MECOSS in my new role as Chairperson. I am very enthusiastic about the initiatives MECOSS is currently working on, and am looking forward to developing some new and exciting initiatives in the future with our executive team.

Those who know me well know that I am absolutely passionate about facilitating and improving connections between health and social service agencies. I believe that building strong partnerships with people is the key to effective community representation, and leadership. I am certainly looking forward to expanding upon the strong networks and partnerships that MECOSS has already established, and building a strong team to lead MECOSS into the future.

I thoroughly enjoyed our recent community network meeting in Botany. Our guest speaker, Carolyn Wellm from SPACE (Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education) was very insightful, as were our two minute speakers, Diana Anderson from Cook 'n Kiwi Programme, Mary Ann France from Comfit Kidz, David Houghton from Pakuranga and Howick Budget Service and Community Constable Ian Willetts from the NZ Police (Botany).

I am eagerly awaiting our next community network meeting at Te Tuhi in Pakuranga later this month. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Stay safe,
Katrina Bungard
MEDI, PGdipEdl, GradDip, BFA, BA, BTchnng,



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MECOSS PAKURANGA and HOWICK COMMUNITY NETWORKING MEETING

Day & Date: Wednesday, 29 June 2016

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Venue: Te Tuhi Centre for the Arts, Studio 6, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga, Auckland

Cost: No charge

Presenter: John Eadie is passionate about helping people in both the local and wider community. He holds two roles within the Order of St. John— Medical Alarm Representative, and Volunteer Ambulance and Events Officer. His talk will cover changing ambulance services, community programmes, products and services, and how you can help St. John.

COME ALONG AND TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU DO IN OUR COMMUNITY

Become one of our five 'three to four minute speakers'. This is an opportunity to speak about your organisation and promote your work! To book a speaking spot, please register by emailing admin@mecoss.org.nz by Tuesday, 21 June 2016.

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Tuesday, 26 July - MECOSS Botany/ Flat Bush/ Ormiston Community Networking Meeting, at Barry Curtis Amenity Centre, opposite the shops at 150 Chapel Road, Flat Bush 47 from 10:00am to 12:00noon. **Presenter: T.B.A.**

Thursday, 25 August at 8:00am - MECOSS 4th Community Safety Breakfast, at the Howick Club, 107 Botany Road, Howick. **Guest Speaker: T.B.A**

Community



FREE LAND TRANSPORT MATURE DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE

Day & Date: Tuesday, 14 June 2016

Time: 9:30am - 2:30pm

Venue: (In the café) Howick Presbyterian Church, 11 Vincent Street, Howick

Content: Keeping Safe, Being Safe, Safe Journeys, Keep Moving Safely

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL—Phone the Age Concern office: 09 279-4331 ext. 800

FREE WATER SAFETY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Bringing water safety to the community

Date: 13 - 17 June, 2016

Venue: Papatoetoe Pool and Leisure

Date: 18 June, 2016

Venue: Marine Rescue Centre

Date: 19 June, 2016

Venue: Kariotahi Beach

Programme includes: Water safety knowledge and skills, basic swim teaching, day skipper experience (yes, you will go out on a boat!), beach education, presentation skills

You will receive a WaterSafe Auckland Leadership Programme certificate, a WaterSafe Auckland Ambassador polo shirt, and a Day Skipper Experience certificate

To register please email Sharon Yang at sharony@cmsport.co.nz or phone 027 8864108

Community cont...

FREE CELLPHONE WORKSHOP FOR SENIORS

Day & Date: Monday, 13 & 20 June

Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Venue: Manurewa Baptist Church, 9 Lupton Road, Manurewa

This basic 2 week workshop will help seniors join the “mobile” generation. Get one-on-one tutoring and explore how to use your cell phone, from the basics, to texting, to using the camera. Learn at your own pace, and find out as much or as little as **YOU** want. Please bring your mobile phone, user book and reading glasses, if you wear them. Afternoon tea included. To book please contact the Age Concern office on 09 279 4331 extension 800 or email reception@accm.org.nz

Workshops

HOW TO APPLY TE TIRITI O WAITANGI IN THE NOT FOR PROFIT SECTOR TODAY

with Hillary Star Foged

DAY & DATE: Tuesday, 14 June 2016

TIME: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

VENUE: Highland Park Community Centre

COST: \$20

The workshop will include utilising an award-winning DVD on The History of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi), which raises questions about how to move forward in true partnership with Maori, and apply the Treaty in Aotearoa today.

We'll share our experience, understanding, questions, and awareness of the Treaty, discussing its history and relevance, in an open hearted, explorative way. Resources provided.

SECRETS OF BEING A GOOD CHAIR

with Carol Scholes

DAY & DATE: Wednesday, 27 July 2016

TIME: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

VENUE: Highland Park Community Centre

COST: \$20

Many surveys tell us that a good board only happens if you have a good chair. This workshop will explore some of the common dilemmas for people holding the Chair role. For example—What does a good Chair do? How do you handle bad behaviour? How to conduct a good meeting that is short but effective. What does a Chair do in between board meetings?

If you're a Chairperson or have ambitions to hold the Chair role, come and find out what other Chairs have to say and what they do.

To register please email info@ancad.org.nz

Love Being
a Local
Slow Down

Speed is the single biggest road safety issue in New Zealand today.



Do you know?

MECOSS and the New Zealand Fire Service share a vision of creating safer communities.

Keep your home and family safe with working smoke alarms. For more on how to check and install smoke alarms please visit youonlyvoice.co.nz

Could someone you know be using the Community Research website better?

Do you work with someone who could benefit from watching this video? Flick them this [link?](#) This simple, two-minute video shows you how to benefit from the Community Research website, what's in research, what's in the research archive, how to find a researcher, why to use the Code of Practice, how to share your research and how to participate.

Aunty Dee — Supporting Young People when Life Sucks

An online 'aunty' is the latest weapon in the fight against depression in young people. [Aunty Dee](#) is a free website developed by Le Va, a non-government organisation that works across mental health, addictions, public health and disability. Aunty Dee aims to help Pacific and Maori youth aged 15-24 by providing step by step structured approach to problem solving.

Graffiti

Graffiti vandalism (tagging) is a community issue which can encourage more vandalism and other types of crime. A strong community response sends the clear message to those involved that tagging will not be tolerated. Auckland Council will manage graffiti removal and prevention in partnership with a wide range of government agencies, community groups and volunteers in local areas. [Form to request removal of graffiti on public property](#)

Would funding help your community project?

We support a wide range of initiatives in arts and culture, community development, environmental and natural heritage, historical heritage, events and sports and recreation. Applications for local board grants open from 1 June, 2016 onwards, so get yours ready now. Find out more about local board community grants and how to apply at www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/funding

The Citizens Advice Bureau needs volunteers

If you are a good listener, can problem solve and want to use your skills to help others, consider becoming a CAB volunteer. If you communicate well, are confident using a computer, are non-judgmental and comfortable in a multicultural team, plus committed to community service with a curiosity for information, and would like to be a bureau interviewer, **phone Louise on 576-8331.**

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