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KEY DATES:

**Howick & Pakuranga
Network meeting-
25th February**

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From the chairperson

Happy 2015 everyone, I hope you have all had a great break and are looking forward to starting 2015 with fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

Coming up we have an exciting new programme of workshops, events and network meetings - see further in this newsletter for updates.

In December we held an afternoon tea where we thanked our wonderful drivers and co-drivers of our shopping shuttle and their organiser Maureen McKechnie, who does an amazing job keeping the shuttles on the road.

Don't forget Wednesday 25th February is the

Wise words

Ros Rice, Chief Executive of Community Networks Aotearoa provides advice for 2015:

- If you previously were funded by Family and Community Services or Child Youth and family, we now deal with a combined entity called Community Investment.
- This year you will have to understand clearly who you are; how you contribute; how what you do fits into the bigger picture; have a robust and strong organisation; know who you connect with and be clear who your clients are and what they most need from you.
- Pay attention to signals from Government.
- Evidence your work. Keep records and

Howick Pakuranga Networking meeting. This is your opportunity to grab one of the five 'two minute speakers' spots to promote your club or organisation. First in first served. Anyone can book this spot through Karen, our Coordinator. Just click [here](#) to contact her.



Dyann Calverley

Look forward to catching up with you all.

Have a great month,

Dyann

information about what you do, and how it works for your clients.

- [Charities Services](#) has some new information on it's website about broad purposes and goals, and updated information on advocacy.
- [Children's Action Teams](#) will be springing up in a community near you. Be aware of what they are and how they work.
- There will be changes to the Incorporated Societies Act and the Financial Reporting Standards. This will affect your accountability to Charities Services too. Look for a Transition Times very soon, clarifying what you MUST have in process by 15 April to ensure you continue with your registration.

MECOSS Event - February Upcoming Events

Howick & Pakuranga community network meeting

MECOSS is pleased to invite you to the next Howick and Pakuranga Community Network meeting. Join us for this fantastic opportunity for discussion, learning and to network with like-minded community organisations.



Presenters

Howick Local Board members will talk about their Long Term Plan.

Two minute speakers

Just a reminder about our 'two minute speakers' slot. The first five people to register their interest will be our 'two minute speakers'. What a great opportunity to promote your work!

Agenda items are welcomed-please forward them to: admin@mecoss.org.nz

Date: Wednesday 25th February

Time: 10am - 12pm

Venue: Te Tuhi Centre, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga

Cost: FREE

To register: please click [here](#).

Fundraising Conference

The Fundraising Institute of New Zealand will be holding a conference in Wellington from 11th - 13th May.

Discover new ideas, listen to engaging speakers and take advantage of networking opportunities. To find out more click [here](#).

Communities in the future

The Communities in the future conference is coming to Wellington in May.

It will be a one-day interactive event for charitable and not for profit organisations interested in innovation, change and finding solutions to problems. To find out more click [here](#).

Understanding autism

The Children's Autism Foundation is running workshops designed to support parents and professionals with practical and easy to understand information on autism. The workshops will be held across Auckland in March. Click [here](#) for more information.

Sustainable funding workshop

This one day workshop explores sustainable funding for non-profit organisations and community groups.

The workshop will be held in Auckland on Wednesday 18th March from 9.30am - 4pm and costs \$120 per person.

To register simply click [here](#).

Family therapy training

This three day training workshop introduces participants to systemic family therapy theory and practice.

The workshop will be held in Epsom from the 28th to the 30th of October. For more information click [here](#).

Have your say

Auckland Council is talking to communities about its 10 year budget, known as the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 at 'Have Your Say' events.

You are invited to a Have Your Say event in Howick, in March. This event replaces a formal hearing and is your opportunity to speak to your local board or councillors about what you think is important in this budget and for Howick.

You can register for these events [online](#) or by phoning (09) 301 0101.

Family violence prevention training

The Sowers Trust will be holding training sessions on family violence prevention in March.

The first workshops on 'Understanding Violence in Family and Whanau' will be held on the 3rd and 6th of March.

The second workshops 'Effective Interventions—Safety First' will be held on 10th and 24th March.

For more information please click [here](#).

Waste minimisation workshop

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about waste minimisation and composting from Auckland Council. To register your interest click [here](#).

Did you know?

Children's Action Plan update

The legal framework for information sharing, developing a web-based Vulnerable Kids Information System (ViKI) for Children's Teams and a triage system



for vulnerable children, called The Hub is currently being developed. All going to plan, ViKI and The Hub will start operating by mid next year. To find out more just click [here](#).

The Waste Exchange

If your community organisation has a use for surpluses and resources from other businesses, then check out this free [online tool](#) that matches you up with the businesses who have these items to give away.

Disabled migrants

Check out this [new website](#) that has been launched to help disabled migrants find information about disability services in New Zealand.

The people's blueprint

The Glenn Inquiry recently released [The People's Blueprint](#). This report draws on the earlier People's report and offers a plan for transformational change.

Child poverty

The latest [Child Poverty Monitor](#) has been released and the data confirms New Zealand is still facing problems. The report indicates child poverty has decreased from 27% to 24% but this is still a significantly high level of child poverty in a population of only 4 million people.

Funding directory

The [Auckland Regional Funding Directory](#) is now available for purchase.

The Directory makes identifying funding sources an easy process, with excellent information on preparing successful applications for funding, where to get other advice and support and a list of all funders in your district.

Public consultation - NZ's Fifth Periodic Report under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

As a State Party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCROC), New Zealand must regularly report on its progress under UNCROC. The Ministry of Social Development has prepared a draft of the Fifth Periodic Report and they want to hear your views.

To find out more simply click [here](#).

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