



# Newsletter

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Network Meeting

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## From the chairperson

Hi Everyone. What a busy April we have had!

Our new [Facebook page](#) now has 48 page likes – a fantastic result, considering we only started it in March. Do go in and like our page.

We had our AGM on 23rd April, our Exec remains the same, which is a good sign that we now have a settled committee.

**Chairperson** – Dyann Calverley

**Sec/Treasurer** – Peter Hancock

**Exec Committee** – Whaea Heather Frost,  
Harjit Singh, Nivedita Sharma Vij

**Co-Opt Execs** – Andrew Beyer, Varsha Belwalker.

Ros Rice our E.O. from Community Networks Aotearoa (was NZCOSS) in Wellington, was our main speaker for the AGM. It was great to hear about her experiences with MPs and Parliamentary Secretaries.

Coming up on Saturday 16th May, we are holding a 'MECOSS P.R.Day' in Botany Mall. This is an excellent way to raise our profile in Botany/Ormiston and Flatbush. We have a stall inside the mall, on our own, so we are not competing with any other organisations, which gives us the opportunity to talk to

people, hand out flyers for our EXPO in June, and gain publicity for our workshops coming up.

The Howick/Pakuranga Community Safety Network meeting is on Thursday 21st May, don't forget to book your 'two minute speech'. There are only 5 available, and they are a very popular way to let everyone know who you are and what your organisation does.

Keep up to date with our programme of Workshops that are designed for NFP groups that provide you with affordable, high quality professional development training that will improve your skill base.

Don't forget our MECOSS EXPO is being held in Pakuranga Plaza on Sat 20th June - we will have 20 stalls available for \$30 per stall. This is another opportunity to get your organisation out in the public arena, more info to follow.

Stay Safe.

Dyann



## Community Safety Breakfast

If you're interested in community safety, then our Community Safety Breakfast to be held on July 14th is a must.

Our speaker, Sue Ramsay is an inspiring, internationally renowned presenter. Sue is the Crime Prevention Team Leader at Christchurch City Council, and she will speak about

the SafeGrowth Initiative and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED).

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more and to meet other organisations with a community safety focus.

Look out for more information coming soon!

# MECOSS Events - May

## Fundraising



What is the fundraising challenge you face? Can your organisation best meet that challenge by developing a fundraising strategy?

You will learn about: why it's important to have a fundraising strategy and how to develop one; the basics of fundraising and the donor pyramid; how to organise special events; fundraising administration – how to manage funding and accountability reporting etc.; corporate sponsorship – where to start, trusts and foundations – how to find them and how to apply for grants.

### Our presenter

Stephanie Matiland has been a professional fundraiser since 1989, and she is currently one of 20 New Zealanders with the internationally recognised Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) qualification.

Stephanie is currently a tutor for the Certificate of Fundraising offered by FINZ.

**Date:** Wednesday 6th May

**Time:** 12pm-2pm

**Venue:** Highland Park Community House, 47 Aviemore Drive, Highland Park

**Cost:** \$20 (includes lunch)

**To register:** Please click [here](#).

## MECOSS PR Day

We are holding a PR Day where we will be promoting all things MECOSS. Drop by and learn about what we do and how we can help your organisation.

**Date:** Saturday 16th May

**Time:** 9.30am - 3pm

**Venue:** Botany Town Centre

## Network Meeting

Join us at our next Howick and Pakuranga network meeting to learn and network with other community organisations.

**Date:** Thursday 21st May

**Time:** 10am-12pm

**Venue:** Howick Children's and Youth

Theatre, 29 Granger Road, Howick

**To register:** Click [here](#).

## Financial Management

This workshop will explore what the board's role is in the financial management of an organisation.

Topics covered will be: the differing roles of governance and management in financial management; how to read your audit and monthly accounts to see the red flags; what are the recent legislative changes within the Charities Act concerning financial management that you need to be aware of.

### Our presenter

Carol specialises in helping organisations understand their bigger vision and how they can improve their systems and build their teams to achieve success for both the organisation and the individuals within it.

**Date:** Tuesday 26th May

**Time:** 12pm-2pm

**Venue:** Highland Park Community House, 47 Aviemore Drive, Highland Park

**Cost:** \$20 (includes lunch)

**To register:** Please click [here](#).

# Upcoming local events and training

## Free community workshops

Auckland Council are running two free workshops for community groups in May.

### Partnerships

Learn how to engage organisations with common values. To be held on May 20th.

### Evaluation and accountability

Discover how to improve for a sustainable future. This workshop will be held on 23rd May.

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

## Evaluating community change

This two-day workshop in Wellington focuses on newly emerging concepts and methods to evaluate efforts to combat community issues. To be held from 25-26th May.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

## Nfp Finance Forum 2015

Modern not-for-profit organisations need a finance team of skilled people who can juggle, work miracles and accurately keep the organisation straight and on track.

This one day Finance Forum helps develop clear and professional thinking in the finance function, facilitates networking and offers examples and case studies from experts in the field.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

## Women in NFP Leadership Summit

This summit is an inspirational leadership development opportunity aimed at existing and emerging leaders across the NOG/NFP sector. The summit will be followed by a one day workshop.

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

## Trusts & welfare guardianship

Disability Connect is running two Trusts and Welfare Guardianship seminars in May. The seminars explore legal issues of Trusts and Welfare Guardianship as it relates to disability. This seminar will be of interest to all families of a person with an intellectual disability in particular.

To register click [here](#).

## FINZ Conference

To celebrate the good work Fundraisers do, the theme for this year's Annual Conference is **Proud to be a fundraiser**.

Celebrate with your peers at the FINZ Annual Conference, 11 - 13 May, at Te Papa Museum, Wellington.

To register click [here](#).



# Did you know?

## Support Age Concern!

Age Concern Counties Manukau need your support - they have been selected for the 'Good in the Hood' promotion!

Show your support by voting for them when you buy something from the four Z Petrol Stations at either Z Botany Downs, Z Ross Common Road, Z Skyway and Z Tom Pearce Drive during May. Simply put your orange token into the Age Concern slot in the voting box.



## Online assessment tool

NZ Navigator is a great online tool focussed on building strong and effective organisations by enabling users to rate the organisation's operational performance, in the areas of direction, governance, leadership, people, administration, finances, communication, evaluation and relationships.

To access the tool just check out the [website](#).

## Governance study released

A recent governance and performance study completed in Australia has lessons for the New Zealand not-for-profit sector.

The study answers questions about the quality of governance in Australian NFPs, examines the complex issues of mergers and collaboration and identifies key issues governments should address in supporting the NFP sector.

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

## Positive ageing

Since 2001 the Office of Senior Citizens has provided a number of reports to the Government on the Positive Ageing Strategy.

The [2014 report](#) has now been released with:

- Analysis of trends and developments in positive ageing
- reporting on progress towards achieving the Strategy's 10 goals
- providing comment and questions for further discussion and debate with local and central government agencies.

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