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Network Meeting -
August 26th

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From the chairperson

Hi Everyone,

On July 14th we held our first Community Safety Breakfast, which was very successful (see pics at bottom of page). We received great feedback from those who attended and also from Mayor Len Brown and Howick Local Board Chair David Collings. Sue Ramsay our guest speaker, up from Christchurch gave a very inspiring talk about SafeGrowth and crime prevention through environmental design. I know it gave our Mayor Len and Chair David, something to think about. Both Mayor Len and David were amazed at the turnout from all our different groups. We had just on 95 people there, so it was wonderful to see all the networking going on. This is what MECOSS is all about – the networking.

As requested at our AGM we are going to hold our first members’ meeting in September, further details to follow. This meeting will be open to MECOSS members only, where we can give you updates on great events and workshops coming up later in the year and you can discuss any issues of concern. If you haven’t already done so, please become a member of MECOSS, we have

lowered our membership cost to make it easier for you.

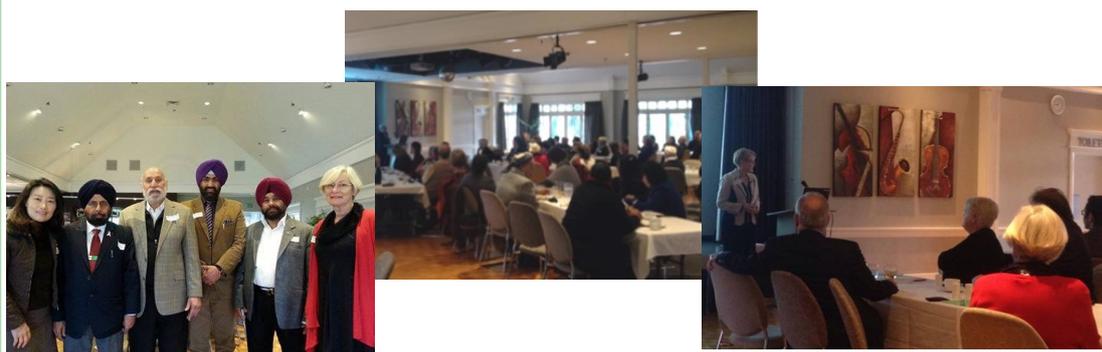
Likes on our [Facebook](#) page continue to increase - so please do go in and like our page.



On Wednesday 26th *Dyann Calverley* August at Te Tuhi Centre at 10am, we will be holding our next Howick/Pakuranga Network meeting, hope to catch up with you there. The next Botany/Ormiston Network meeting will be held Thurs 17th September, details to follow.

Keep up to date with our programme of workshops designed for NFP groups to provide you with affordable, high quality professional development training .

Stay Safe, Dyann



Photos from our fantastic ‘Community Safety Breakfast’ held in July

MECOSS Event - August

Howick and Pakuranga network meeting

We are 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.

Presenter

Keith Suddes from Auckland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and ex-FBI will speak about his interesting background and the emergency plans for Auckland.

Two minute speakers

Become one of our five 'two minute speakers' - you will have two minutes to speak about your organisation. The first five people to register their interest will be our 'two minute speakers'. What a great opportunity to promote your work!

Date: Wednesday 26th August

Time: 10am-12pm

Venue: Te Tuhi Centre, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga

To register simply send us an [email](#).

Local events and training

Education legal issues

Disability Connect is running a seminar on education legal issues regarding children with disabilities.

Learn about enrolment rights; decision processes around special education; processes around an ORS funding decline; requests to parents for teacher aide funding contributions; requests to parents for funding for student support at extra-curricular camps and activities, stand-downs, use of restraint, and much more.

Date: 23rd September

Time: 7pm-9pm

Venue: Rosehill Special School, 48 Rosehill Drive, Papakura

To book: Click [here](#)

TANI General Network Meeting

The Asian Network Incorporated (TANI) are holding a general network meeting in August. Topics include an update on the bowel screening pilot project; an overview of stroke research and influences on weight gain in high income countries such as New Zealand.

Date: 26th August

Time: 10am-12pm

Venue: Western Springs Garden Community Hall, 956 Great North Road, Western Springs

To register: Click [here](#)

Making community housing happen

Community Housing Aotearoa is hosting its 2015 Impact Conference where you will have the opportunity to engage with the community housing sector creating the environment to develop community solutions, create partnerships and transform how our communities respond to housing need in New Zealand.

Date: 21-23 October

Venue: Te Raukura-Wharewaka Function Centre, Wellington

To find out more: Click [here](#)

Asian health week

Waitemata DHB's Asian Health Services will be hosting an Asian Health Week from 17 - 21 August 2015, to celebrate a decade of achievements in providing quality services to Asian patients and families. The week will be hosted in a Seminar format presenting a range of Asian health services, courses and resources as well as current research and evaluation studies and topics. Presenters of the seminar will include leading clinicians, researchers and academics in the field of Asian health and Asian health service development.

Date: 17th - 21st August

Venue: AMI Netball Centre, Northcote

To find out more: Click [here](#)

Maranga mai! Standing strong together - SSPA conference 2015

In a climate of rapid change, policy makers, practitioners, researchers and managers often need to talk in order to make sense of the complex social environment to be more effective. Social Service Providers Aotearoa's conference offers an opportunity to network, socialise, collaborate and learn.

Date: 17-18 September

Venue: Toll Stadium, Whangarei

To find out more: Click [here](#)

Did you know?

Health and safety reform bill

As many of you will know the Health and Safety Reform Bill is currently under consideration and will affect volunteers as well as the paid workforce. WorkSafe New Zealand has prepared a series of regular updates on the bill which may be viewed [here](#). For information on how volunteers will be covered by the Bill please click [here](#). MECOSS will be running a workshop on the Act once it is passed - keep an eye out for it.

New reporting standards for charities - useful resources

Based on the workshops Charities Services has run throughout the country, new resources have been produced, including videos and a booklet. Click [here](#) to download.

Growing up in New Zealand -

Vulnerability Report 2

This [report](#) on vulnerability is based on the information gathered in the first thousand days of the Growing Up in New Zealand longitudinal study which is following the lives of nearly 7,000 babies born in 2009/10.

In this report, the accumulated knowledge of many international studies has been drawn on to select 12 risk factors against the conditions in which mothers have lived before and after the birth of their babies have been tested, separately and together. In general, about one in eight children are defined as in the highest level of vulnerability.

How are NZ families faring?

The [2015 Families and Whanau Status Report](#) has recently been produced by the Social Policy Evaluation and Research Unit (Superu). The report measures how New Zealand families and whanau are faring measured against a range of well-being indicators.

Vulnerability report

The [21st Vulnerability Report](#) has just been released by New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services. The report monitors the level of economic and social hardship experienced by a growing number of New Zealanders to contribute to the development of compassionate policy responses.

Shape a strategy for older people

The [Health of Older People Strategy](#) launched in 2002 is being revised and the Ministry of Health Older Peoples Health team are seeking your input into the development of the new strategy.

A draft strategy will be ready by the end of the year and they are asking for comments by 15th September 2015. To have your say click [here](#).

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