



# Newsletter

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## KEY DATE

Botany and Flat Bush  
Community Network  
Meeting:  
17th September

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## From the chairperson

Hi Everyone,

On Wednesday August 26th we held our Howick and Pakuranga Community Networking Meeting at Te Tuhi Arts Centre. Our really great speaker, Keith Suddes from Auckland Council Civil Defence gave a very entertaining/interactive speech. Every community should have a Community Response Plan. This plan will prepare your community to deal with an emergency, is community owned and driven and makes it easier to respond to an emergency as your community will know what to do. Keith brought to our attention that we need to make sure we are aware of how to react and who to advise if we have an 'emergency'. This is what community networking is all about.

On Tuesday 22nd September we will have our first MECOSS membership meeting at 6pm in the 'Community Room' upstairs in Botany Town Centre. This will be for current MECOSS financial members only. We will be able to update you on all things MECOSS – events/workshops etc and you will get to meet your Executive.

Our next Botany and Ormiston Community Network meeting will be held Thursday 17th September at the Ormiston Activity Centre in Flat Bush, from 10am-12pm. It would be great to see as many organisations as possible there.

We will be holding our next Community Safety Breakfast in November this year. Glen Green from 'There's a Better Way' will be our speaker.

Glen will discuss:

- Working together as one people with one combined resource, in building positive, improved communities.
- Inspiring one another in finding better ways of working together.
- Not allowing unlawful and anti-community behaviour to sneak into our homes and families.
- Team work in thinking outside the box, in creating pathways for positive change, with our combined resources.
- Standing in the light and proactively contributing in a positive way effecting not only today but creating a platform for tomorrow.



*Dyann Calverley*

Have you checked our our [Facebook page?](#) If not - do go in and like our page.

Stay Safe,

Dyann

## MECOSS Event - August

### Botany and Flat Bush network meeting

We are pleased to invite you to the next Botany and Flat Bush Community Network meeting. Join us for this fantastic opportunity for discussion, learning and to network with like-minded community organisations.

#### Presenter

To be arranged.

#### 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:** Thursday 17th September

**Time:** 10am-12pm

**Venue:** Ormiston Activity Centre, 150 Chapel Road, Flat Bush

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

## Local events and training

### Family therapy training

This 3-day workshop introduces participants to systemic family therapy theory and practice. The aim is to increase your effectiveness when working with individuals, couples or families in any setting.

The workshop is largely experiential and utilises group work processes, action methods, role play, didactic discourse and reading materials to achieve its aims.

**Date:** 28th-30th October

**Time:** 9.00 am – 5.00 pm each day

**Venue:** The Mercy Centre, 104 The Drive, Epsom, Auckland

**Cost:** \$460+GST

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

### Trusts and welfare guardianship

This free seminar explores the use of Welfare Guardianship or Power of Attorney for a person with a disability once they turn 18. Also discussed is the use of a Trust for managing assets and Property Management for people with a disability.

**Date:** 21st October

**Time:** 7-9pm

**Venue:** YES Disability Resource Centre,  
3 William Laurie Place, Albany

**To register** click [here](#)

## Social Justice week

[Social Justice week](#) will run from 13-19 September, with the theme 'Family poverty and what would it take for all families in Aotearoa New Zealand to flourish'.

Caritas New Zealand hopes to increase awareness and understanding of the challenges facing struggling families in New Zealand. They have produced a short film 'Kiwi Families: It's Our Story', which captures a glimpse of what it is like for struggling families and to see how whanau and communities are responding. Check it out [here](#).

## Graduate diploma - nfp management

Unitec's Graduate Diploma in Not for Profit Management has been designed for managers and coordinators of nfp organisations, team leaders, volunteers and board members. The only qualification of its kind, it addresses the complexity and unique challenges of managing in the nfp sector, compared to a business or government department.

Study in a supportive and cooperative learning environment, taught by lecturers who have experience in the nfp sector themselves.

Designed with busy managers in mind, this is a part-time programme with classes offered in blocks. The programme consists of eight courses exploring the fundamentals of managing in a complex community setting. All assessments are based on the student's organisation and provide a rich opportunity for their organisations to benefit from this dynamic learning community. There are scholarships available to assist with fees.

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

## Running a community event?

If your community group is organising an event, then check out this workshop run by Auckland Council. It will provide information, advice and guidance about funding, permits and event delivery in the Auckland region.

Learn about planning your event, operations and logistics, sponsorship, grants and post event evaluation.

You will also receive templates, access to online materials and on-going support.

**Date:** 30th September

**Time:** 10am-2pm

**Venue:** Manurewa Library, 7 Hill Road,  
Manurewa

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

## Services for older people conference

New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services will host a Services for Older People Conference in Auckland in May 2016.

If you are working with older people in residential care, home support or community-based services you will find it valuable.

**Date:** 12th-13th May 2016

**Venue:** Rendezvous Hotel, Auckland city

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

## Did you know?

### Review of family violence laws

The government has released a [discussion document](#) on New Zealand's legislative response to family violence and would like views on it and any other ideas you have for strengthening New Zealand's family violence laws.

A [reading guide](#) has been published to assist people making submissions and includes relevant research and legislation and covers a wide range of topics relevant to the review.

Submissions close on **18th September 2015**.

### Household incomes report

The latest [Household incomes report](#) has just been released by the Ministry of Social Development. This report is packed with data and explanation about different measures of child poverty. New Zealand still has an unacceptable level of child poverty as is evidenced by the increase in children living below 60% of the median income poverty line.

### Howick celebrated citizens

**Do you know someone who deserves recognition for the great things they do?**

Nominations are now open for the Howick Local Board—Celebrated Citizen Awards 2015.

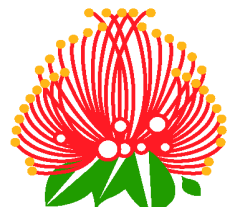
#### Award categories

- Howick rising star
- Exceptional service award
- My place award
- Youth development award
- Howick arts award
- Kauri award
- Golden heart award
- Howick citizen of the year award

Nominations must be received by 5pm, 4th November 2015.

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

## Contact us



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