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KEY DATES

Community Safety
Breakfast:
17th November, 2015

Howick & Pakuranga
Networking Meeting:
25th November, 2015

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SEE BEYOND TODAY - INSPIRING COMMUNITIES

From the Chairperson



Dyann Calverley

Hi Everyone,

It is great to be getting back to our regular date for our newsletter, thanks to Lindsay (our new co-ordinator).

We hope you like our new tag-line 'See Beyond Today – Inspiring Communities', because we think it describes the essence of what MECOSS is all about. Let us know if you agree.

I hope you have accepted the invitation to come to our second Community Safety Breakfast which is coming up this Tuesday, 17 November.

Once again it will be held at The Howick Club, from 8:00am to 10:00am. Our presenter will be Glen Green, from 'There's a Better Way.'

Glen is all inspiring, motivating, enthusiastic, real life and down-to-earth, entertaining, energising and a highly credible professional. We can possibly fit you in if you let us know by Mon 10am latest, but we cannot accept you at The Howick Club, on Tuesday morning, unless your name is on our list.

In October I represented MECOSS at the 'Women of Influence Seminar' – wonderful speakers – Paula Bennett MP & Raewyn Castle CEO Bulldogs, both amazing ladies.

I also attended the Charities Events AGM – representing MECOSS, 250 different organisations attended, well worth going to, they gave excellent presentations.

Stay Safe,

Dyann

The Elderly and Getting Their Christmas Shopping Done

HOW DOES MECOSS HELP?

Manukau East Shopping Shuttle

MECOSS support elderly people in our community by operating a vital transport service—*The Manukau East Shopping Shuttle*. This service provides low cost, door-to-door transport for elderly people to local shopping centres and is staffed entirely by a team of very dedicated volunteers. The shuttle is crucial to its users and contributes to improving the quality of their lives. It does this by providing them with easy and cheap access to needed services, which in turn increases their engagement, reduces their isolation and enables them to participate in our local community.

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MECOSS Events—November



Community Safety

Breakfast

Please join us for our Community Safety Breakfast, where you will enjoy a delicious breakfast, and learn more from 'There's a Better Way', speaker Glen Green.

Glen's impressive list of credentials include; being awarded a commendation by the Mayor of Auckland for There's a Better Way project, 2011; Good Citizen Award for Eastern Auckland Area (Community Youth Development, 1995; Kiwi of the Year, 2011 - Community Heroes Section, and Overall Winner - Auckland City's Safety Awards (There's a Better Way project, 2011).

Day & Date: Tuesday, 17 November, 2015

Time: 8:00am –10:00am

Venue: Howick Club, 107 Botany Rd, Howick

Cost: No Charge

To register: Please [click here](#)

It is very important that you register as we can only admit those people on our registration list.

Please register by 10:00am on Monday, 16 November.

Howick & Pakuranga

Networking Meeting

We are pleased to invite you to the next Howick and Pakuranga Community Networking meeting. Please diarise this fantastic opportunity for discussion, learning, and to network with like-minded community organisations

Presenter

Ms. Adele White - Deputy Chair, Howick Local Board and former Police Youth Education officer, will speak about **Internet Safety**.

Two Minute Speakers

Become one of our five 'two minute speakers' - What a great opportunity to promote your work!

Day & Date: Wednesday, 25 November, 2015

Time: 10:00am—12:00pm

Cost: No Charge

Venue: Te Tuhi Centre, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga, Auckland

To book your speaking spot, please [register here](#)

Community Events—November

Chinese Families Autism Support Group Meeting

Day & Date: Tuesday, 17 November, 2015

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Venue: Social Room, Te Tuhi Centre, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga, Auckland

Entry: Free

CoCo Chiu, Occupational Therapist from Child OT will talk about children with Autism and how sometimes they experience sensory issues and how it may affect their behaviour.

This presentation will be interpreted into Mandarin. Print copies of the presentation (in English) will be given to all attendees.

To register in English or Chinese please email sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Free Family Event

Red Cross Celebrates 100 Years

This event is part of Red Cross' century of care celebrations, marking 100 years of humanitarian activity in New Zealand.

Red Cross began in New Zealand in 1915, with kiwis sending food parcels, clothes and medical supplies to sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals overseas. One hundred years later they're at the forefront of humanitarian assistance at home and overseas and are part of the world's oldest and most trusted humanitarian organisation

Day & Date: Saturday, 14 November, 2015

Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm

Venue: Shed 10, Queens Wharf, Auckland

www.redcross.org.nz

www.facebook.com/newzealandredcross

Invitation to participate in The White Ribbon March

**Wednesday, 25 November,
Queen Street, Auckland**

The aim of the White Ribbon March is to deliver an impactful message, not only to Auckland but across the country, that we wish to eliminate violence towards women. We are sure you are well versed with the huge human cost of domestic violence.

The march is scheduled to begin at Queen Elizabeth Square, Britomart, Auckland at 11:00am (assembly at 10:30am. It will culminate at Myers Park, and be followed by a brief rally at the park, with the event finishing at 12:30pm.

The event is being coordinated by the White Ribbon Auckland Central organising committee, which comprises more than 15 community organisations involved in the domestic violence sector.

To sign up for the march please visit

<https://www.facebook.com/events/995019840542550/>

If you want to bring a banner representing your organisation, please contact us to discuss.

<http://whiteribbon.org.nz>

Do you know?

Growing up in New Zealand

Growing up in New Zealand is New Zealand's contemporary longitudinal study tracking the development of approximately 7,000 New Zealand children from before birth until they are young adults. The study is designed to provide unique information about what shapes children's early development and how interventions might be targeted at the earliest opportunity to give every New Zealand child the best start in life.

Information about children's development from late pregnancy and throughout their pre-school years has now been collected. This rich resource will soon be available to understand what is shaping developmental trajectories of our new diverse generation of children, and how they are faring as they enter formal primary schooling.

Discussions are currently underway to make anonymised data from the *Growing Up in New Zealand* study even more widely available for use in research and policy translation.

As always, ensuring the anonymity of participants and respecting their privacy is the first priority in any new data access process.

Updated developments can be viewed on www.growingup.co.nz

Data access applications

Researchers in academia and government are invited to apply for access to antenatal and nine-month data sets.

Enquiries are especially welcome for collaborations with staff in the University of Auckland's Centre for Longitudinal Research - please email us on dataaccess@growingup.co.nz

Upcoming dates for accepting and reviewing these data access applications are:

10 December 2015 (submit application by 20 November).

[How to apply](#)

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