



# Newsletter

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### ABOUT THIS NEWS- LETTER

MECOSS publishes a regular newsletter for people and organisations who provide services to the people of Manukau East.

## From the Chair

On behalf of MECOSS, I hope you have had a really great Xmas and good start to the New Year.

We have an amazing 3rd Community Safety Breakfast coming up on Wednesday 27th April, 9am @ The Howick Club.

### Dr Jackie Blue - Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner,

Dr Blue is committed to progressing human rights and issues of equity, particularly those that affect equal employment opportunities. She has identified youth unemployment and underachievement in Maori and Pacific communities as particular areas of concern. She is also working closely on issues to do with fair pay for carers.

Dr Blue also has a strong commitment to advancing the participation of women in society and is the Commission's lead on stopping violence against women.

Race Relations Day is already booked for Pakuranga Plaza (as last year) to be held on Saturday March 19th.

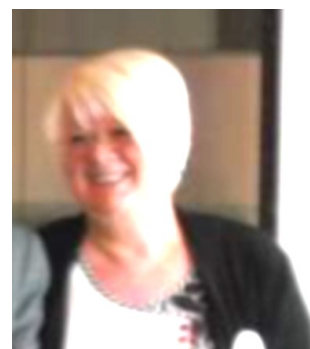
Our AGM will be coming up on Tuesday 12th April.

If you are interested in joining our Executive Board, please send me your CV later in January/February. Peter Hancock our fantastic Secretary/Treasurer is resigning, so we will be looking for someone keen on finances to try!! & replace him. We have a very impressive Board as you will have seen from our latest posts on our MECOSS FB, with two of our Executive members being awarded "NZ Local Hero of the Year" Medals.

You may be aware that we are in the process of receiving from Auckland Airport one of the \$10,000 donations from their '12 Days of Xmas Auckland Airport'. This gives us the most amazing opportunity to update & try to increase the frequency of our Shopping Shuttle. Our grateful thanks go to Auckland Airport for this amazing support.

Wishing you all the very best for an exciting & adventurous 2016, do stay on board for the ride with MECOSS.

Stay safe, Dyann



Dyann Calverley

## MECOSS 2016



### **Manukau East Shopping Shuttle**

**A door-to-door service every Thursday, alternate weeks to:**

**Botany Town Centre or Pakuranga Plaza**

**Morning pick-up, 2 hours shopping and return early afternoon.**

**\$5 includes return trip and cup of coffee or tea.**

**Book a companion shopper or mobility equipment if you need assistance.**

**To book or call 0800 632 677**

### **Manukau East Patient Transport Service**

**Monday to Friday**

**A twice daily door-to-door Shuttle Bus service for all to:**

**Botany SuperClinic,  
Manukau SuperClinic and Middlemore Hospital**

**For information, timetables & bookings**

**Call Monday to Friday on 0800 637 284**

**between 9:00am and 5:00pm**

**( small charges apply)**

### **Annual Subscription Fees**

A reminder that your Annual Subscription fees are now due. We would like to see as many of our existing members as possible renew their membership, and we encourage and welcome new members. To become a MECOSS member email [admin@mecoss.org.nz](mailto:admin@mecoss.org.nz) and note 'Membership' in the subject line.

MECOSS Membership provides the following benefits:

- Discounted cost of Workshops
- Cluster meetings are FREE for members. Non-members pay \$10 per meeting
- General Community Network Meetings are FREE
- Your details will be made available in our Services Directory on the MECOSS website
- You will be included in the MECOSS email data base and as a member will be one of the first to be advised about community events, meetings, capacity-building workshops, and any other relevant information.

*Please note: We're not a fully funded organisation; in order to maintain and deliver these quality services it is necessary for our members to assist financially. Your subscription fee is a vital contribution to MECOSS. Thank you*

## FREE Community Events

### Water Safety & Aquatic Competence Lessons

**Monday, 25 January to Friday, 29 January**

Would you like to feel safer and more confident with your children around water this summer? Contact **YMCA Lagoon Pool and Leisure, Panmure** on 09 570 9061.

### Tamaki River Festival

brought to you by **Howick Local Board**

**Date:** Saturday, 13 February 2016

**Time:** 10:00am to 4:00pm

**Place:** Bramley Drive Reserve, Farm Cove, Pakuranga

### Music in Parks

brought to you by **Auckland Council**

**LATINAOTEAROA with SANTIAGO SOUL STARS and HENRIQUE MORALES QUARTET**

**Date:** Sunday, 21 February 2016

**Time:** 1:00pm to 4:00pm

**Place:** Shelley Beach Parade, Cockle Bay

### Movies in Parks

brought to you by **Auckland Council**

**BIG HERO 6**

**Date:** Saturday, 5 March 2016

**Time:** 8:00pm

**Place:** Sir Lloyd Drive, Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga

## Professional Development

### Grad Dip 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 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.](#)

### 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.](#)

## Coming MECOSS Events

**Thursday, 25 February @ 10:00am** - Botany & Flatbush Community Networking Meeting

**Saturday, 5 March** - Botany Community Day, Botany Town Centre

**Saturday, 19 March** - Race Relations Day, Pakuranga Plaza

**Thursday, 31 March @ 10:00** - Howick & Pakuranga Community Networking Meeting

**Tuesday, 12 April @ 2:00pm** - MECOSS AGM

**Wednesday, 27 April @ 9:00am** — Community Safety Breakfast with speaker Dr Jackie Blue

## Do you know?

### Anti-Corruption Bill Passed Into Law

On 5 November 2015 the Organised Crime and Anti-corruption Legislation Bill was passed into law. The law brings into force a number of measures to reduce corruption activities in New Zealand.

Some of the key measures introduced by the law include:

- Amending the money laundering offence to specify that intent to conceal is not required.
- Introducing new offences to address identity crime, including selling or passing on identity information.
- Extending the people trafficking offence so that it applies within New Zealand, not just when victims are moved in or out of this country.
- Amending the Policy Act 2008 to expressly provide Police with a power to share information with its international counterparts.

- Increase penalties for bribery and corruption in the private sector to bring them into line with public sector bribery offences.

Source: [beehive.govt.nz](http://beehive.govt.nz)

### Speed Threshold Reduced for Holiday Season

If you're driving, remember to "check your speed". These holidays the speed threshold reduces to 4km/h. Police will be enforcing the reduced speed threshold from 1st December 2015 to 31 January 2016.

### Lottery Minister's Discretionary Fund

Includes provision for training for financial planning and/or good governance. Community organisations need to demonstrate the community benefit of the organisation receiving training. [Click here to find out more.](#)

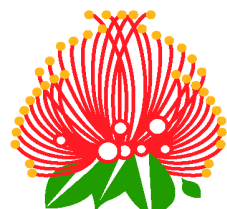
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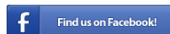
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