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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

Can you believe we are in Feb already! I hope you have all had a really great break and are all back on top of your work commitments.

On Sat 5th March we have a stall in Botany for Botany Community Day—come and say ‘hello’ we would love to see you, have a chat & catch up.

Race Relations Day is already booked for Pakuranga Plaza (as last year) to be held on Sat Mar 19th. Do come and join us celebrating our Concert for Race Relations Day. Dame Cath Tizard has once again agreed to be our VIP Speaker. She was an incredible speaker last year so we are very proud to have her back again this year.

We have our 3rd Community Safety Breakfast coming up on Weds 27th April, 9am @ The Howick Club, thanks to Howick Local Board for their sponsorship.

Dr Jackie Blue - Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner, will be our speaker. 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.

Don’t forget our AGM will be coming up on Tues 12th April.

If you are interested in joining our Executive Board, please send me your CV later in Feb/March. Peter Hancock our Sec/Treasurer is resigning, so we will be looking for someone keen on finances to try!! & replace him.

I hope you have seen our FB page us accepting from Auckland Airport one of the \$10,000 cheques from their ‘12 days of Xmas’ promotion. This gives us the most amazing opportunity to not only update our ‘Shopping’ Shuttle’, but also to update our MECOSS profile as well.

Our grateful thanks go to Anna Cassels-Brown from Auckland Airport for handing over the cheque, & for their amazing support.

Ros Rice our CNA (Community Networks Aotearoa) EO, came up from Wellington to be part of the celebration as well.

Please check that we have your up-to-date phone numbers & email addresses, as we are in the process of updating all our info.

Stay Safe, Dyann



Dyann Calverley

MECOSS Events & Workshops



MECOSS Events

BOTANY and FLAT BUSH COMMUNITY NETWORK MEETING

DAY & DATE: Thursday, 25 February 2016
TIME: 10:00a.m. to 12:00midday
VENUE: Barry Curtis Park Ormiston Activity Centre, opposite 150 Chapel Road, Flat Bush.

You're invited to attend the next Botany and Flat Bush Community Network meeting.

Please diarise this opportunity for discussion, learning and to network with like-minded community organisations.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mary Lemon will give an introductory talk about the Nationwide Health and Disability Advocacy Service.

TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU DO IN OUR COMMUNITY

Why not become one of our five 'two minute speakers' - you will have two minutes to speak about your organisation. This is an opportunity to promote your work!

To book a speaking spot, please [register here](#) by Monday, 22 February.

Saturday, 5 March at the MECOSS exhibition space - **Botany Community Day**, being held at Botany Town Centre, Town Centre Drive from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

Saturday, 19 March - **Race Relations Day**, Pakuranga Plaza from 10:00a.m. to 12:00midday.

Thursday, 31 March - **Howick & Pakuranga Community Networking Meeting**, at Howick and Pakuranga Community Rooms, Aviemore Drive, Highland Park from 10:00a.m. to 12:00midday.

Tuesday, 12 April at 2:00p.m. - **MECOSS AGM** inside the All Saints Community Centre, 30 Cook Street, Howick.

Wednesday, 27 April at 9:00a.m. — **MECOSS 3rd Community Safety Breakfast** with guest speaker *Dr Jackie Blue*, at the Howick Club.

MECOSS Workshop

The Department of Internal Affairs

COMMUNITY FUNDING WORKSHOP

DAY & DATE: Monday, 4 April 2016

TIME: 10:00a.m. to 12:00midday

VENUE: Haseler Hall, under All Saints Anglican Church, corner Selwyn Rd and The Glebe, Howick

COST: No Charge

COGS (Community Organisation Grants Scheme) Learn; what COGS fund, funding for outcomes, how to apply and tips for applicants.

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MECOSS Workshop cont...

Lottery Auckland Community Committee

Learn; what this fund is about, who can apply, assessment criteria and funding priority outcomes.

[Register here](#) for our **COMMUNITY FUNDING WORKSHOP** by Tuesday, 29 March.

MECOSS Membership 2016

We would like to see as many of our existing members as possible renew their 2016 membership, and we encourage and welcome new members.

Existing members will be emailed an invoice during the month of February.

How to become a member of MECOSS

To become a MECOSS member for 2016 please email admin@mecoss.org.nz and note 'Membership' in the subject line and we will forward a Subscription Form to you.

MECOSS membership fees per annum:

Group Membership: \$100 (unlimited number of employees per organisation can attend events, workshops, clinics and meetings at members rates).

Individual Subscription: \$25 (allows registered individual to attend events, workshops, clinics and meetings at members rates).

Benefits of Mecoss Membership—[click here](#)

COMMUNITY

Professional Development

AUT University Postgraduate Study in Preventing Violence and Generating Trauma Recovery

The aim of this programme is to provide professional vocational training that will reduce damaging behaviour in the community.

[For more information enquire here](#)

Free Programmes

FREE Literacy and Numeracy

Manukau Institute of Technology's (MIT), Free classes are for people keen to improve their skills in:

Reading, writing, numeracy, listening and speaking.

These classes are Fee Free to New Zealand citizens, permanent residents or those with certified refugee status. **For more information call 0800 62 62 52**

FREE Quit Smoking

7 Week Programme

Topics include—preparing to quit, preventing relapse, overcoming withdrawals, nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), and prescription medication information.

Starts Monday, 22 February 2016

6:30pm—7:30pm

East Health Trust, Botany Road, Howick.

[Register here](#)

Do you know?

Counties Manukau District Health Board - Warm Up Counties Manukau

This programme is to ensure that you and your family are better prepared for winter. To be eligible for the free retrofitting insulation programme you must live in the Counties Manukau, Papakura, or Franklin area, live in a private home built prior to 1st January 2000, must have a Community Services Card and priority will be given to families with children (under 17) or older adults (over 65) living in the household with health conditions. Please [click here](#) for information leaflet and here for [application](#).

Are you unclear about the rules around taking photos or filming in a public place? [Click here to find out more.](#)

Ministry of Social Development - Contract Mapping

Ever wondered how much government funding reaches your region, where it comes from and who receives it? The answers are now little more than a mouse click away

following the launch of the government's Contract Mapping website. Contract mapping uses Google Maps to create a real-time picture of government-funded social services provided in each community. It allows anyone with an internet connection to see who get funding, how much, what for and how you can connect with them. Previously this information was tucked away in annual reports and to access it you had to know what to ask for. [Click here](#) for more information.

Privacy Week 2016

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner will be marking Privacy Week 2016 from 9 to 13 May. Planned events include a visit by the United Nations Special Rapporteur for the Right to Privacy, **Professor Joseph Cannataci**. If you're planning any activities in your workplace to mark Privacy Week, please [email](#) and let them know and they'll publicise what your organisation is doing to promote privacy.

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