



# 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

Gosh – hasn't Feb gone fast, can you believe we are now into March.

Come & join us this Sat 5<sup>th</sup> March, for Botany Community Day, in Botany Mall. we will have a stall there – drop on by & say 'Hi' & get to know us.

This years Race Relations Day is already booked at Pakuranga Plaza (as last year) to be held on Sat Mar 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10am. We are very pleased to have Dame Cath Tizard back again this year as our VIP speaker. Dame Cath is an ex Governor General of NZ, & was also Mayor of Auckland, she has a great sense of humour and everybody loved her last year. We have 7 different items representing the different ethnicities in our area, so it will be a great show.

Our AGM will be coming up on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> April. 2pm at our office at 30 Cook St, on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> April. If you are interested in joining our Executive Board, please send me your CV as soon as you can. Peter Hancock our fantastic Sec/Treasurer is resigning, so we will be looking for people to try!! & replace him. Don't worry if you don't want to be Treasurer do join our Board – we are a really great group of people.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Safety Breakfast coming up on Weds 27<sup>th</sup> April, 9am @ The Howick Club. Please start booking your seat – the breakfast is really good.

### 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 Māori 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.

Easter this year starts on Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March is Good Friday, once again a long weekend finishing on Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday – please drive safely if you are going away, more care needs to be taken on our roads.

Stay safe, Dyann



Dyann Calverley

## MECOSS Events & Workshops



### PAKURANGA and HOWICK COMMUNITY NETWORK MEETING

**DAY & DATE:** Thursday, 31 March 2016  
**TIME:** 10:00a.m. to 12:00noon  
**VENUE:** Howick and Pakuranga Community House, 47 Aviemore Drive, Highland Park  
**COST:** No charge

Our **GUEST SPEAKER Carol Livingstone** from **GIBBS MILLS LIVINGSTONE LAWYERS** will speak about the importance of having up-to-date Wills as well as Enduring Powers of Attorney (for both property matters, and health and welfare matters), and ensuring these documents are tailored to meet the person's own circumstances/requirements.

### COME ALONG AND TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU DO IN OUR COMMUNITY

Become one of our five 'two minute speakers'. This is an opportunity to speak about your organisation and promote your work! To book a speaking spot, please [register here](#) by Tuesday, 29 March



### The Department of Internal Affairs COMMUNITY FUNDING WORKSHOP

**DAY & DATE:** Monday, 4 April 2016  
**TIME:** 10:00a.m. to 12:00noon  
**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.

### 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.



### COMMUNITY SAFETY BREAKFAST

*You're invite to join us at our 3rd Community Safety Breakfast where you will enjoy a delicious breakfast, an opportunity to network with lots of other organisations, and learn more about creating a diverse workplace.*

**PRESENTER:** Dr Jackie Blue– Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner is committed to progressing human rights and issues of equality and particularly those that affect equal employment opportunities.

**DAY & DATE:** Wednesday, 27 April 2016  
**TIME:** 9:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.  
**VENUE:** Howick Club, 107 Botany Road, Howick  
**COST:** No charge

To book your place email: [admin@mecoss.org.nz](mailto:admin@mecoss.org.nz)

## MECOSS EVENTS

**Saturday, 5 March**—Come and visit MECOSS' exhibition stand at the **Botany Community Day**, from 10:00am to 3:00pm in the Botany Town Centre, Town Centre Drive.

**Saturday, 19 March** - **Race Relations Day**, Pakuranga Plaza from 10:00am to 12:00noon.

**Thursday, 31 March** - **Howick & Pakuranga Community Networking Meeting**, at Howick and Pakuranga Community House, 47 Aviemore Drive, Highland Park from 10:00am to 12:00noon.

**Tuesday, 12 April** at 2:00pm - **MECOSS AGM** inside the All Saints Community Centre, 30 Cook Street, Howick. (opposite Subway)

**Wednesday, 27 April** at 9:00am — **MECOSS 3rd Community Safety Breakfast** with guest speaker **Dr Jackie Blue**, at the Howick Club, 107 Botany Road, Howick.

## Mecoss Membership

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

### How to become a member of MECOSS

To become a MECOSS member for 2016 please email [admin@mecoss.org.nz](mailto: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

### FREE Literacy and Numeracy

Manukau Institute of Technology's (MIT), Fee 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 Learner Driver Licence Practice and Theory Test Resources

Are you new to Aotearoa? Are you in need of instant access to the New Zealand road code so you can study before sitting your car, motor bike or heavy vehicle driver licence test?

Click here for

[New Zealand Road Code Quizzes.](#)

### Are you worried someone is thinking of suicide?

Follow the link to information with

[Advice for families, whanau and friends.](#)

## 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](#).

### Improve Auckland's Cycleways and Walkways

Auckland Transport is responsible for the maintenance of streets, footpaths, and grass verges or berms, so that both traffic and pedestrians can move around safely and quickly. Berms are the grassed area between the kerb and the footpath, or between the footpath and the property boundary. Depending on which part of Auckland, you live in, there are slightly different rules as to who will look after the berm. If you would like more information, [please make contact with them](#) here.

### Calling all Incorporated Societies

New Zealand has a total of 23,000 incorporated societies comprising a wide range of community related organisations. The Incorporated Societies Act 1908, which has been little amended since its enactment, is currently being updated by the draft Bill.

The Act doesn't say anything about several important matters that affect the operation of societies and the purpose of the draft Bill is to remove uncertainty about those matters. The proposed additions will include clauses relating to officers' duties, conflicts of interest and dispute resolution amongst other things.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), is currently seeking submissions on the Exposure Draft of the Incorporated Societies Bill by **Thursday 30 June 2016**. [Read the draft here](#).

### An Automated Emergency Defibrillator may save your life

[Click here for more information about the availability of life saving resuscitation in your community](#).

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