

Pakuranga Newsletter



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Pakuranga Community Advisor, Manukau City Council

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Pakuranga Volunteer Recognition Event *Nominations close on 14 May 2010*

In June 2008, the Pakuranga Community Board organised a successful volunteer recognition event to thank volunteers for their services in the Pakuranga community. 109 nominees from a variety of community groups received certificates.

There are more than 100 organisations providing different services - all working to make Pakuranga a better place. Now it's time again to say "thank you" to the volunteers of your organisations. Whatever fields you are in, social services, education, sports or churches, people who voluntarily contribute their time and energy in serving this community deserve our acknowledgement.

Please nominate those volunteers by filling the form or going to website www.manukau.govt.nz/nominatevolunteers to do the nomination online. You can also ask for a nomination form at your local Manukau library, Manukau leisure centre, Citizen's Advice Bureau or the council's Customer Centre, Kotuku House, Manukau Square.

Get in quick – nominations close on 14 May.



2008 volunteer recognition event

FAREWELL TO Sandy Ryan



After 8 years with Council, Sandy Ryan, Manager of Howick & Pakuranga Community Houses (Highland Park and Anchorage Park Community Houses), is moving to Masterton. Sandy has been very active in getting community activities going, and her particular passion has been establishing sustainability initiatives based around the Houses. As a great networker and advocate, Sandy has had contact with many parts of the community over the years. We will miss her energy, ideas, determination and ability to get things happening.

"I would like to thank everyone for their support and friendship I have been very privileged to have worked in this community and will miss you all. My new job is a challenge I am looking forward to and building a new house is exciting but I will take wonderful memories with me. Thank you all." Sandy said.

She has been appointed Community Development Officer/Manager of the Safe and Healthy Community Council in Masterton, and we wish her well.

Pakuranga Community/Safety Network Meeting 10am-12pm, 13 May, The Depot, Lloyd Elsmore Park

The next network meeting will be held on 13 May at The Depot, Lloyd Elsmore Park, hosted by Howpak Wrap-Around Charitable Trust.

In its February meeting, 35 community representatives from various Pakuranga service organisations met to talk and make friends.

Samuel Cho from The Asian Network Inc introduced their service and would like to build relationships with community organisations in Manukau East.

Julia Tuineau from Wai Care talked about Stream Care Group for the Pakuranga Stream. The members of this group are mainly students from Pakuranga College and Howick Intermediate School. They have done a fantastic job through research and action.



Pakuranga Community & Safety Network meeting, 12 February

Jess Zeng from the Chinese Conservation Education Trust introduced some new environmental programmes in the next few months. David Hay, Senior Policy Analyst from Manukau City Council, invited people from Pakuranga to attend a T2060 workshop to "Design the Future of Pakuranga".

Craig Hammonds, the new constable for Pakuranga, was introduced to the meeting by Senior Sergeant Keith Olsen. Jenny Naley from Harvest Community Care talked about their services in family support. Rosa Chow from Asian Council on Reducing Crime invited people to attend the Asian Safety Expo at Fo Guan Shan Buddhist Temple.

The Pakuranga Community/Safety Network Meeting is held bi-monthly at a variety of venues hosted by different community organisations. Many thanks to those who hosted or have offered venues and catering throughout the year.

Meeting calendar

13 May

22 July

23 September

25 November



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Manukau Libraries

LIVE, LEARN, GROW

Makeover time for Pakuranga Library!

As part of Manukau City Council's library maintenance programme, Pakuranga Library is being redecorated

The library will be closed
Saturday 1 May to Sunday 9 May

This will allow for the reorganisation of shelving, painting and the laying of new carpet.

We look forward to welcoming customers to the new-look, more user-friendly library on
Monday 10 May

Customers are encouraged to use nearby Botany or Howick libraries during this time.

We apologise for any inconvenience

Pakuranga Library Staff

PAKURANGA EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

At a workshop in November 2009, the Pakuranga Community Board met with council's Emergency Planning Team to discuss developing a local Pakuranga Emergency Response Plan.

The Board was keen to develop a closer liaison with the Emergency Planning Team as board members have valuable links with local networks and in depth knowledge of the area, which could be of use in a crisis.

It was suggested that the board develop a simple emergency plan that will contain board co-ordinator contacts, the process to follow in an emergency, risks identified in the community, contact list provided of local people and groups, council staff and local Civil Defence volunteers.

The board's working party have developed a draft plan. This document will define the role and accountabilities of the Pakuranga Community Board (PCB) in civil emergencies that impact on the Pakuranga ward. Clearly the PCB plays an essential role in community communications to council, and therefore should be able to represent the community in providing feedback to emergency services as well as identifying critical gaps in emergency management plans and processes. The community board also engages with other critical community organisations and ratepayers groups, and thus has a broad community reach.

Role of the Community Board in civil emergencies:

- > The prime role of the community board should be communication, both upwards to civil defence authorities and downwards to its community.
- > The emergency team will meet at least annually with civil defence authorities to review and understand processes and accountabilities.
- > A civil defence liaison role to be established within the community board.
- > Communication processes in emergency situations will be established and prioritised (e-mail, phones, radio, TV, VHF radio).
- > Critical community groups are identified and roles clarified.
- > Community board liaison person to have working contact with groups.

SITUATION VACANT

Can you spare 4 - 5 hours per month to support MECOSS in a Committee Secretary role?

This is a voluntary position

Our current Secretary (who has been with MECOSS for 5 years!) has now moved on, and we need to fill this role ASAP.

If you are interested or know of someone, please contact:

Vasu Moses, MECOSS Chairperson

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Role

The Secretary role is a key position and for MECOSS this role comprises the following:

- Attendance and taking Minutes at the MECOSS Governing Committee meetings, held bi-monthly for approximately 1 - 1.5 hours
- Assistance with the review of funding applications
- Liaison with MECOSS staff and Chairperson
- Assistance with planning and fulfilling objectives of MECOSS
- Assistance from time to time with meetings/events.

Who are we?

MECOSS, the MANUKAU EAST COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES INC. is an umbrella organisation providing networking opportunities; educational updates, advocacy and capacity building for social service providers in the Manukau East region of Auckland.

We are part of a Regional and National NGO organisation, which has strong connections to Government departments and policy development in New Zealand. We are actively involved with better provision of Health Support and Social Services to the people of Manukau East.

The MECOSS office is located at 30 Cook Street, Howick (in the All Saints Community Hall building).

Check out our website at: www.mecoss.org.nz

Updates on Building Amendment Act 2009

Provided by Service Delivery Team

National Multiple-Use Approval (Multiproof)

The Department of Building & Housing (DBH) can issue a National Multiple Use approval for a specific set of building plans and specifications that complies with the Building Code. The DBH will seek all necessary documentations from the applicant to ensure the compliance of the design. The Multiproof scheme is available to anyone who has the intention and capability of replicating the approved design at least 10 times in a two-year period. The Department of Building & Housing has 40 working days to decide an application for Multiproof, once it has been accepted.

Multiproofs are initially available for:

- Stand alone outbuildings (garages, sheds, farm buildings)
- Stand alone or semi-detached houses of up to two storeys.

Multiproofs are valid indefinitely. However, the Department will monitor and review approvals every two years. An approval is not permission to begin building work and does not replace a building consent. The holder of a Multiproof must obtain a building consent each time they wish to construct the design having the approval. The building consent authorities have 10 working days to process a building consent application that relies on a Multiproof.

For further information on Multiproofs, please contact the National Multiple-Use Approvals team on 04-817 4254 or by e-mail on multiproof@dbh.govt.nz

Minor variations to building consents

A minor variation is a minor modification, addition or variation to a building consent that does not significantly deviate from the plans and specifications to which the building consent relates (e.g: changing the framing method used around a window, changing the position of fixtures in a bathroom or kitchen, minor wall bracing changes.) The provisions for minor variations to building consents commenced on 1 February 2010.

It is recommended that proposed minor variations with the building consent authority (processor) are discussed as early as possible to avoid or reduce delays in construction. You may provide the building consent authority (processor) with all the information it needs to show why the proposed minor variation is necessary and how it complies with the Building Code. Do not carry out building work that varies from the building consent until the building consent authority (processor) has approved the minor variation. You need to obtain and keep a written record of any minor variation granted by the building consent authority (processor).

Changes to Project Information Memorandum (PIM)

A project information memorandum (PIM) is a report issued by your local council which provides information on any special features of the land and the regulatory requirements relevant to the proposed building work.

As of 1 February 2010, when the Building Consent Authority (Processor) receives a building consent application, the council is no longer required to issue a PIM unless the owner specifically applies for one. The applicant needs to clearly specify what they are applying for (ie: a building consent only, PIM only or both a PIM and a building consent.)

Youth Council Elected

Twenty two civic-minded youth have been confirmed as Manukau's Youth Council after an election held on Monday 26 April. Council members are aged from 16 to 24 years.

They will sit for a term of one year. The successful Pakuranga candidates are:

Elaine Cavanagh, 18, Pakuranga
Ben Dowdle, 16, Half Moon Bay
Dhruv Divekar, 16, Bucklands Beach

You can view their profiles at
www.manukau.govt.nz/youthcouncil

Manukau City Council's youth planner, Rex Hewitt, says there was an excellent choice of candidates. "We have an excellent youth council made up of enthusiastic young people who have different skills and perspectives. It will be exciting to see what projects and issues they will get their teeth into."

The first meeting of the youth council will be on 12 May and will involve Manukau's Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

GOLDEN DAYS

Auckland Region residents over 65 gain FREE ENTRY to MOTAT on presentation of your SUPER GOLD CARD. From now until 30 June 2010 (every day).

Free entry to Maritime Museum

Voyager New Zealand Maritime Museum is extending its free entry for Aucklanders until the end of May. Provided they come with proof of address, Voyager will waive the galleries admission charge for Auckland region residents until 31 May.

Please note, charges still apply for Voyager Live heritage vessel experiences and education and pre-booked groups, and the free admission is not valid in conjunction with any other.



Call for entries

Artists working in media including ceramics, glass, jewellery, wood, metalwork, craft and textiles are invited to enter the OBJECTive Art Awards 2010, part of Manukau Festival of Arts 2010. Now in its fourth year, the OBJECTive Art Awards will award \$9500 worth of prize money, including a \$5000 Premier Award.

Entry forms are now available and can be downloaded from the Manukau City Council website www.manukau.govt.nz/arts : artists from around New Zealand have until 26 September to submit their works.



Check out council's inaugural Manukau Pacific Arts Summit. It highlights the strengths of Pacific arts in the city with eight events being held during May.

Visit www.manukau.govt.nz/pacificartssummit for all the details.

The next newsletter

The next issue of the Pakuranga Community Newsletter will be published in August 2010. For feedback or suggestions for articles please contact:

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