

Pasefika Feedback: Issues and Recommendations for Wellbeing Summit 2007

THERE IS A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE FEEL VALUED AND CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER

Issues	Solutions
Being healthy and meeting basic human needs	A Pacific Centre to connect and give a sense of belonging
Controlled decision making by upper class versus lower class	Be involved Participate Contribute
No communication / respect More younger people New voices involved	Young and old listen to each other Better education Build on what's working well
Information sharing e.g. Housing Foundation	Be involved, share information, help others understand
No Pacific Councillors	Enrol to vote Stand for Council / Community Board / Licensing Trust / WDHB to make a difference

AFFORDABLE SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FOR EVERYONE

Issues	Solutions
Overcrowding – low income Not enough space in houses – nowhere for children to study	Contribute to housing policy in Council Council to provide some land – initial start up Dream up schemes Co-operative housing
Not enough state housing Abuse of state housing no monitoring	Build more quality housing e.g. NZ Housing Foundation housing
Cycle of Rent versus Home ownership Renting realistically is cheaper and affordable	Intense education – workshops, information evenings on home ownership – legacy for our children
	Support structures – budgeting for five years – to afford and sustain a mortgage
	Share land and schemes with Churches

OLDER PEOPLE LIVE WELL

Issues	Solutions
Rest homes last option	Preference being looked after by own family
Need to feel safe everywhere	Cultural safety nets and language signage
Warm Housing	Affordable housing Realistic support for family caregivers
Not enough exercise and food programmes	Provision of protection against society rages
Will become the unpaid voluntary sector Free crèche sitters	Full superannuation when retired back to homelands in Pacific
	Over 60's Free health checks Free eye tests / glasses Free prescriptions

ALL FAMILIES HAVE ENOUGH TO LIVE ON

Issues	Solutions
No local employment opportunities	Upskill / multiskill / reskill Create employment locally
Loan Sharks prey on low income	Local regulation of loan sharks Minimise loan sharks similar to sale of liquor
Workforce development	More educational opportunities free / low cost
Low income – pay rates	Equal Employment Opportunities/Pay rates
Low paid with high usage of pokie machines Problem gambling	Regulate car financial deals Ban pokie machines cause of family relationship problems Council and Licensing Trust capping on pokie machines Support ethical businesses
Deal with mental health and high crime rates	Financial literacy programmes Dry Areas (alcohol-free)
Non education of access to services	Key is education for budgeting and understand how to use money Free education / courses – adult literacy / numeracy
	Encourage Kiwibank / financial workshops
	CLEAN DA WEST

EVERYONE IS HEALTHY AND SAFE

Issues	Solutions
Poor living standards e.g. 2004 = 27% Pasefika below the low living standard index causes poor health – rising	Increase affordability e.g. better paid jobs
Life style related low income leads to low quality food	Information / messages need / must be in Pasefika languages
Increased family stress	More workshops with family groups on anti-abuse strategies in Pasefika languages to protect children and women
Increase in alcohol consumption by youth	Promotion of alcohol free
Violence / criminal behaviours increasing	Promote / educate drug free / gang free / smoke free More sports facilities
More Pacific Wardens and don't compete against Maori Wardens and Police	Fully utilise and contract Waitakere Pacific Board Inc to deliver all the above