

EXCITING CHANGES ON THE LANDSCAPE

With construction of Waitakere's newest town centre, Westgate, due to commence in spring 2011 Massey is in for some big changes. Included in upcoming developments is a new regional library and local community centre at Westgate, a motorway arterial route rushing to completion, a new community next door in Hobsonville at the old airbase and large industrial and commercial developments along Hobsonville Road.

"We are delighted to finally start the infrastructure works that lay the foundation for our new development," says NZ Retail Property Group Director Mark Gunton. "We have always wanted to provide the local community and outlying areas with a town centre concept rather than just a shopping mall."

Tim Watts, Urban Design Manager for Waitakere City Council says: "The new library and town square is right in the heart of the Westgate development and will reflect the local Massey community."

"The very best design team has been assembled for the project, including Warren and Mahoney as architects for the library and Boffa Miskell as landscape architects for a new town square," he says. "Their initial ideas suggest that the library and town square will be a landmark for the new town centre. The local community will have further opportunity to shape the designs in coming months."

These projects provide opportunities for the people of Massey. Up to 15,000 new jobs are estimated over time, as a result of Westgate and Hobsonville retail, industrial and commercial developments. New housing developments in Massey and at Hobsonville will improve the quality of available housing. More integrated and accessible services and agencies will be needed to support our area, leading to an improvement in local services. Improved public transport is essential to get people to the new town centre.

"The important issue for me is that Massey people know what's going on and have a chance to be heard," says Linda Shaw from Massey Matters. "We also want to encourage local people into local jobs, find ways to get Massey's young people into worthwhile employment, build the local economy by supporting local businesses and make sure our local environment retains the Massey sense of community."

To bring people up to date on all these developments Massey Matters, in conjunction with the Council and NZ Retail Property Group, will hold two community forums in September where the latest information will be presented. Publication of regular articles in this newspaper and ongoing briefing meetings will be scheduled to keep everyone aware of future milestones.

The new library and town square plan was featured recently at the existing Massey library where members of the community were asked to give their thoughts on what they would like to see in the new design. Noel Dawson from Westgate won the prize of a copy of *West – The History of Waitakere*.



Left: Initial concept for library and town square. Right: Aerial view of the new Westgate development

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE TWO COMMUNITY FORUMS

Westgate Forum One: 2.00pm – 3.30pm Tuesday September 28, Main Auditorium, Massey High School, 274 Don Buck Rd, Massey.

Westgate Forum Two: 6.00pm – 7.30pm Tuesday September 28, Main Auditorium Massey High School, 274 Don Buck Rd, Massey.

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IN BRIEF

A **funding information session** for community organisations will be held on Tuesday, October 12 from 1-2pm. This free interactive session will look at different funding options available, what funding rounds are coming up and how to maximise the information you put into your applications. Find out how Community Waitakere's Funding Information Hub can help your group or organisation. To book your place email funding@communitywaitakere.org.nz

Who is in control of your money? Is it you? **CAP Money**, the life-changing money management course is coming to the Church of the Good Shepherd. CAP stands for Christians Against Poverty. CAP Money is a money management course that teaches budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based, money management system that really works.

The Church of the Good Shepherd will be running the CAP Money course in October for three consecutive Monday evenings, beginning on October 4. Phone 832 5998, or email capmoney@masseyanglican.org.nz, to register. This course is free, so come along and get money-wise!! But be quick, places are limited. www.masseyanglican.org.nz

Laughter Yoga has successfully been launched at the Massey Leisure Centre. Participants enjoy learning to laugh for no reason whilst engaging in exercises and deep yogic breathing. The gentle exercises are suitable for everyone and can be done sitting or standing. Laughter is achieved by exhaling and the more we exhale the better our breathing becomes and the higher the level of oxygen in the body, allowing numerous health benefits. Research shows laughter is great for stress and depression, reduces blood pressure and boosts the immune system. For more information contact Louise on 027 4753 734 or 444 7247 laughteryogamassey@gmail.com or www.laughterempowers.co.nz

One in three women in New Zealand are victims of violence from a partner, while on average 14 women are killed each year by a member of their own family. You can help effect change by supporting **White Ribbon**. White Ribbon is a campaign led by men who condemn violence against women and take action. Show your support for the campaign to stamp out family violence by joining the Waitakere White Ribbon Day parade on November 25. The march will start at 1.30pm from Waitakere Hospital, Lincoln Road (please be there for 12.30) and make its way down Great North Road to Falls Park.



Left: Dressed up in heritage costumes for a photo. Right: The choir in full voice.

The Massey Leisure Centre and Library's annual Generation 2 Generation (G2G) event will be held on Friday, October 1 from 9.30am – 4.30pm.

This year's event will be run in conjunction with Age Concern on the International Day of Older Persons.

The public can take part in an action packed day full of exciting activities and performances designed for every generation of the family. Weather is no problem for the G2G event as it is held inside.

There will be fun activities, entertainment, guest speakers and tutorials running at the centre throughout the day. Join the Never2Old exercise group, or take a tutorial on how to Facebook or Twitter. Get help from young tutors who will teach you to text with ease. Have your

photo taken wearing an heirloom costume or get your brain working for the library scavenger hunt or library games. There will be story times with classic books and a special grandparents area where you can read to your grandchildren. Visit the café for coffee or enjoy afternoon tea prepared by the young people from the Y-kids school holiday programme. There will be plenty for teens to do too including hip hop dancing & a continuous storyboard.

Spot prizes will be given throughout the day. Come and join in, there will be plenty to do for all ages at this FREE fun family event!

For more information contact: Michelle Englehardt, Massey Library on 832 9047.

N2O MASSEY CELEBRATES 2ND BIRTHDAY

In June, the YMCA Massey celebrated the second birthday of the Never2Old programme. Never2Old is a gym-based programme for over 60's. Developed by the Auckland University of Technology in 2002, it focuses on getting mature adults more physically active and fit, in a safe and professional environment.



Active Massey residents enjoying N2O fun.

The programme has gone from strength to strength at Massey averaging 29 participants a class. The team have also diversified the programme by adding activities to keep the loyal participants entertained and realising that exercise can be fun.

Some of the more popular activities include: Modified Spinning classes (exercise class on stationary bikes); Group Fitness Classes; Nordic Walking; Drums Alive (group exercise class drumming to the beat on exercise balls); African hand drumming (led by Majuba Beats on their awesome African drums); Line dancing (taught by N2O member Carol Davis who is also a Sport Waitakere Community Leader).

The success of the class has been a credit to staff Elin Noyer and Mani Toailoa who run the programme. If you would to know more or give it a try call the YMCA on 833 8100.



ARE YOU ENROLLED TO VOTE?

The enrolment drive for the local elections should have reached local residents by now – all those who didn't get an enrolment update pack are not enrolled to vote for the local council and district health board elections. If you moved house and didn't update your details your pack will have been returned as undeliverable and you will have been removed from the electoral roll.

"If you have not received one of these packs you are not enrolled," says Jacque Lambert, the local Registrar of Electors.

"However, you can still enrol. It will mean you will have to do a special vote by phoning your council to receive voting papers."

Voting papers for those who are enrolled will be sent out between September 17 and 22 and the official election day is October 9, when voting closes at 12noon. "This is a postal vote so once you receive your voting papers you can fill them out and send them back straight away to make sure you have your say," says Jacque.

LEATAATA O TUPULAGA PRESCHOOL

It has been a busy year at the Leataata o Tupulaga Pasifika Preschool. Last term the children were busy planting garlic and establishing a worm farm with help from EcoMatters Trust and Brooke Walker.

Through these measures they have now extended their existing vegetable garden and healthy eating education programme. This programme has been supported by the Back 2 Back project and enabled ten of the parents to learn how to cook on a budget.

This term began with numeracy and literacy classes in July and driver licencing in August. Help from the WEA has allowed for these courses to be run.

The literacy and numeracy course helps upskill the parents in order to help with their children's education by assisting with their home work. It is also aimed at assisting in filling out forms by helping with grammar, pronunciation of words, comprehension, and more.



Parents and children find out how to start a worm farm.

The centre runs a homework centre after school on Wednesdays every week for all ex-students of Leataata o Tupulaga Preschool and anyone who wants to join in.



TRAVEL PLAN BENEFITS REACH BEYOND SCHOOL GATES

BY DEB KING, SCHOOL TRAVEL COORDINATOR

The development of Travel Plans at six Massey schools has resulted in a number of significant infrastructure improvements on Massey's roads.

A thorough process of investigation, consultation and cooperation, considered how children travelled to school. Travel modes and barriers to walking and cycling were assessed in working towards reducing private vehicle use. With the help of travel planners and council engineers a

'wish list' of engineering outcomes was drawn up and implemented in the past six months.

The works include anti-skid road surfacing, wider footpaths, safer crossing facilities (such as splitter islands) and converting an existing crossing on Don Buck Road to a much needed signalised pedestrian crossing.

These actions not only allow the journey to school to be safer and more active, but are also of benefit to the wider community.

School Travel Plans are developed by school staff, parents, students and community members, alongside Waitakere City Council and the Auckland Regional Transport Authority. The schools in the Massey Schools Travel Plan cluster are; Don Buck, Royal Road, St Paul's, Massey and Lincoln Heights Primary Schools and Massey High School.

Thanks to the hard work of all involved in the Massey Schools' Cluster Travel Plan.

Left: Children use the Kea crossing and footpath on Red Hills Rd.



REDUCE THE CHANCE OF YOUR FAMILY BEING INJURED ON THE ROAD

In Waitakere over the last three months 186 Waitakere residents were injured on the road. While injuries from road accidents are less frequent than those from other causes, they are more likely to be serious, have high social costs and a significant impact on families and community.

"Just because you're driving at the speed limit doesn't mean you're driving safely," says Anjina Raman, Injury Prevention Consultant. "In some conditions, the safest speed to travel may be well below the signposted speed."

You can reduce the chance of someone getting injured by:

- slowing down in conditions such as rain, fog, sunstrike
- making sure you can clearly see out all the windows, and they are fully demisted before you start driving
- slowing down around pedestrians, especially children and cyclists, and at road works
- doubling your following distance from two to four seconds when the road is greasy from rain
- slowing down and taking care to keep left on narrow, winding roads where you can't see far ahead
- watching out for motorbike riders, and if you are riding a motorbike, do everything you can to make yourself be seen by wearing high visibility clothing.

Want to know more? Check out www.acc.co.nz

IN BRIEF

Waitakere Hospital has launched its 24/7 emergency services for children under the age of 15. "This will further develop Waitakere Hospital as the local hospital for children in this area, and save as many as 3000 children a year the journey through to Starship for common medical conditions," says Waitemata paediatrician Tim Jelleyman.

The extension of opening hours is for children under 15 only at this stage, with the emergency department open until 10pm to treat adults.

As always, see your GP in the first instance and only go to the emergency department if it is an emergency.

Waitakere City Council has agreed that a memorial plaque honouring the contribution the late Gwen Nash made to her community will be put in place beside the community hall at Moire Park. Gwen Nash was an active member of the Massey community from 1973 until she passed away in 2009. Mrs Nash was a founding member of the Massey Community board in 1989 and was later elected chair. As well as serving as a city councillor from 1995 to 2004 she helped set up the Massey's Citizens' Advice Bureau and was an advocate for the Massey Leisure Centre and Library complex. In 2004 Gwen Nash received a Queen's Service Medal for Public Services.

The Waitakere Community Board Unsung Hero Award gives locals the chance to celebrate and honour those who have done something worthwhile in their community. "Nominations this year were of the highest calibre," said selection committee chair and Henderson Community Board member, Shirley Savage.

Winners were chosen from four wards; Henderson, New Lynn, Waitakere and Massey. Massey Ward recipients were: Graeme Barnard, Karen Perri, Bruce Barnes, Kay Dwyer and Cherie Palmer. Congratulations and thank you from your Massey community.

The EcoMatters Community Gardening website is a useful tool for anyone wanting to start a community garden. There is a link to all Auckland Community Gardens, a set up guide, proposal template and useful website links and resource information: www.ecomatters.org.nz. Brooke Walker, the Community Garden Facilitator, is available to provide information as well. Contact Brooke on 827 6749 or by email at brooke@ecomatters.org.nz

LETS BEAT INCREASING FOOD PRICES

Food prices have rocketed over the past 18 months. It has been a shock to many households that while prices have stabilised recently, the price of essentials continue to rise. For many there is an increasing struggle to keep good, nutritious food on the table.

“Community garden initiatives have been increasingly popular as people find that digging, planting and harvesting food is a great social pastime as well as a relief in the wallet,” says Linda Shaw from Massey Matters. “More and more people want to learn about growing things in their own backyard or buying at a local farmers market where produce comes directly from the grower and is often cheaper.”

“We are encouraging Massey people interested in growing their own fruit and vegetables or working with others to grow produce for a farmers market, to come forward,” says Linda. “There are lots of opportunities to learn about gardening.”

Te Ukaipo offers three integrated sustainably based workshops, which are run at your home. Workshop leader Richard Lee says: “The workshops show people how to grow a kitchen garden, how to turn your kitchen waste into fertiliser and how to inexpensively harvest rain water for garden use.”

Training and all the resources are provided free of charge for groups if you have a group of five to ten participants. For more information call Richard Lee on 833 7005 or email sustainable@teukaipo.org.nz.

There is currently no farmers market in Massey – but what if the community created one? Discussions are being held on a collaborative farmers market structure with Hobsonville and Kumeu to offer three weekly opportunities for local Massey people to sell produce (fruit, vegetables, jams, preserves, meats, fish, breads, etc). The farmers markets would also be a community event with local musicians and a café to meet friends and relax.

If you are interested in either backyard or commercial gardening to increase income, making local produce for a farmers market (at a commercial kitchen) or want to support this initiative (because like me, you want to buy your food locally), please attend this local meeting to discuss these ideas and to form a Massey collaborative produce network.



COMMUNITY MEETING

A Local Food Production and Farmers Market discussion meeting will be held from 6.00pm to 7.00pm on Monday, November 1 at Massey Community House, 385 Don Buck Rd, Massey. Contact Linda Shaw Massey Matters for details on 832 0431.

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STARS PARTY

5-7PM
SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

NORTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH. 63 HOBSONVILLE RD

A combined Massey Christian Church event that provides kids with a fun and safe alternative to Halloween. Pony rides, bouncy castles, live performances, hair ups, candyfloss, sausage sizzle, lollies and much more!! Get dressed in your best costume and come join us for a fabulous evening!

ALL FREE

ART AND ENVIRONMENT TAKE A FRONT SEAT

Astunning artwork will grace both sides of the Huruhruru Bridge next year as a gateway to the Massey community from Auckland, via the Lincoln Rd offramp.

Twelve carved poles (pou) will express our community history from the earliest settlers through to today. Master carver Whare Thompson will lead a team of carvers which will include rangatahi from local iwi to create what could become an artwork of national significance.

The artwork is being carved in Massey and is part of the Cycleway Project along Central Park Drive and Triangle Road from Henderson Creek Bridge to Don Buck Road, being undertaken by Waitakere City Council. The Cycleway project is anticipated to be completed by the end of December and includes the new cycleway bridge beside the northern side of the current Huruhruru Road Bridge.

“I want to talk with local people who have lived in this community for a long time so I can get a sense of this place,” says Whare Thompson. “It is important that we honour not only the tangata whenua of this area but also those cultures and communities that have made Massey home,” he says.

“When I saw Whare’s concept of 12 poles incorporating an idea of a Maori palisade with the tallest poles five metres high, I wanted to make sure the surrounding natural environment complemented this national treasure,” says Linda Shaw from Massey Matters. “So I am asking the community to work with local environmental restoration organisations to design and plant the area around the Huruhruru Bridge to become a living part of this awesome artwork.”

Two community forums are being held to show the community what is planned for the integrated Huruhruru Stream projects and to get input into future plans to restore the surrounding area so people can enjoy a place of natural beauty and striking artwork.



Whare Thompson will lead a carving team for the Huruhruru artwork.

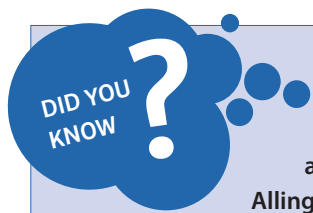
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE TWO COMMUNITY FORUMS:

Huruhruru Forum One: 12.00 – 1.00pm Monday September 20, Lincoln Heights Primary School, Keegan Drive, Massey

Huruhruru Forum Two: 6.00 – 7.30pm Tuesday September 21, Lincoln Heights Primary School, Keegan Drive, Massey

THANK YOU FROM THE COMMUNITY

On behalf of our community, Massey Matters would like to thank the outgoing Waitakere City councillors for their visionary commitment to the Massey Matters 10 year project. We also thank the Massey Community Board members for their ongoing support and action in our community. The strong commitment of local government has been invaluable in the growth and success of the Massey community.



The Manutewhau walkway runs through Moire Park in Massey. You can wander through the lush, native bush, some of the best remaining in the Waitakere urban area. A very long footbridge crosses Lawsons Creek, linking Allington Rd and Realm Esplanade with West Harbour Drive.

PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS GO LIVE

Young people who attended the fantastic 'It was all a dream' event at the Massey Leisure Centre in May, were invited to take part in free demonstration sessions over the July school holidays. The sessions were a chance to find out more about the kinds of training and jobs that are on offer across the performing arts industries and to get some practical hands on experience.

As part of the performance and dance demonstration sessions young people got to sample contemporary dance and acting from the Performing Arts School of New Zealand and South Seas Film, Television & Animation School, including a trip to The Auckland Performing Arts Centre (TAPAC). Malama from Massey High School, who attended the performance and dance demo session said: "I really enjoyed finding out what it takes to be an actor or actress and the contemporary dance session at TAPAC was great fun."

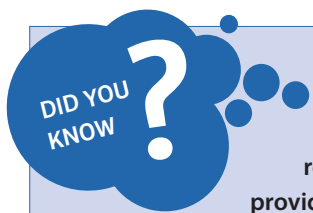
Zeal at the Global Café in Henderson gave young people interested in the music industry a chance to get into the recording studio and learn all about live sound, including setting up for a live gig. Another highlight was the trip to the Music and Audio Institute of New Zealand (MAINZ) to find out about the different courses on offer. Daniel from Massey High School said: "I came along to the demo sessions to see what it takes to get into the music industry and if it is what I am looking for when I leave school. I really liked going to MAINZ and seeing what an actual audio institute looks like and seeing all the equipment they have there."

To encourage the young people to get the most out of the demo sessions in terms of their future careers, Youth Transitions Service provide advice and support on the next steps for these young people. "The demo sessions were designed as tasters for young people and they definitely whetted their appetites. These young people who attended now have a clear path identified for their future careers," said Tracy Watts from Massey Matters.

For further information about on-going work relating to jobs and training contact Tracy Watts at Massey Matters on 832 0431 or 021 243 401, email: tracy.watts@waitakere.govt.nz.



Participating in the contemporary dance demonstration.



The role of the Community Park Ranger is an important link between the community and the Council's Parks team. Rangers are the eyes and ears of the community, reporting on anything from vandalism, graffiti and litter to providing information and education to the public.



BY LINDA FRASER

MASSEY PEOPLE MAKING THEIR MARK BRIAR MARCH FILM DIRECTOR

Briar March had three films screening at the recent New Zealand International Film Festival.

The Massey High School alumni appeared on the Breakfast show to talk about her feature length film, *There Once Was An Island*, a documentary about the effects of climate change on the people of the low lying atoll of Takuu.

Briar investigated many Auckland secondary schools before enrolling, but is glad she chose Massey High. "The diversity of the students, the well-rounded education, and the many extra-curricula activities that were available to me have gone a long way in forming my outlook on life, and perhaps even contributed to my career path as a documentary filmmaker," she says.

After leaving Massey High School, Briar studied at the University of Auckland Elam School of Fine Arts, graduating in 2004. One of only eight students a year accepted into the Masters of Fine Arts programme at Stanford University in the United States, Briar was fortunate to be awarded a Fullbright Scholarship and an AMP Scholarship, enabling her to continue her studies.

She has directed several music videos, magazine shows, and commercials and has her own production company, On the Level Productions.

Briar's best known film to date, is the one hour long *Allie Eagle and Me* from 2004. *There Once Was An Island* looks poised to steal that spotlight.

For more about the film and Briar March, check out www.thereoncewasanisland.com



BY JENNY TANNER

This year we have seen a growth in resident-led community activities with street barbeques and clean-up days being popular ways of encouraging whanau/family involvement. Helpful tools have been the barbeque guidelines, (available through the Massey Matters office), and free access to street equipment such as a gazebo, barbeque and games for the kids (available through B2B).

Manutewhau restoration work continues with planting days scheduled for August and September. Jenny Tanner has spoken to local residents. "The perception of safety in the walkways has improved with the removal of rubbish and the painting out of graffiti," she says. "And because of this more people are using the tracks." Neighbourhood Support have provided a framework for increasing pride and enjoyment in streets by focusing on safety as well as finding enjoyable ways of strengthening neighbourhood relationships.

Overall, working and planning in collaboration with a range of organisations has facilitated this growth. Supporting adults and youth to become more involved and valuing their contribution to neighbourhood development has shown the richness of leadership and goodwill we have in our communities. To view the activities of B2B, go online www.waitakere.govt.nz/OurPar/back2back.asp or contact Jenny Tanner on 836 8000 or 021 243 9683.



The Limit Break Dance Crew in action. Photo courtesy of Rachel Soh Photography.

LIMIT BREAK UPDATE

Limit Break Dance Crew are a Massey-based, hip hop dance group of 11 young people aged between 16 and 21.

The crew have been together for just over two years and in that time have developed quite a name for themselves in the hip hop scene. Achieving second place in the NZ National Hip Hop Champs in 2008 enabled them to proudly represent their country at the World Hip Hop Champs in Las Vegas. They also represented NZ at Battlegrounds in Australia in 2009 but their most recent achievement was combining with Nameless Dance Crew, to win Stomp 2010 in May.

Limit Break are extremely passionate about using the talents they have been given to inspire and encourage people of all ages to do the same.

Lola's Big Day Out grew from a desire to use all their creative talents to put on a show with a storyline, cast and choreography that would undoubtedly entertain people of all ages and will change the way they look at hip hop. The show is a DACTING (dance/acting) concert and took place in west Auckland in June. The crew also performed the same show in Whangarei in July and are looking at taking it to Christchurch in October.

For more information please contact Limit Break's Manager Ness Johnson on 021 161 2929 or ness@venia.co.nz



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visit www.involve.org.nz

INVOLVE 2010 DO YOU WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE?

Involve is a biennial conference for people working with young people. The purpose is to provide an opportunity to gather together to enhance skills and strengthen connections to promote young people's positive health and development.

Day 1: Young people are stronger if they are connected to each other, their family and whanau, and their community

Day 2: Young people are better supported if the sector is more connected

Day 3: Young people's needs are better met if the sector and young people are connected to the big picture (policy making).

Key Goal: For participants to leave with new tools and skills to support their invaluable work in our communities.

NETWORK FOR MASSEY YOUTH PROVIDERS

Massey Matters will hold a meeting for Youth Services Provider organisations on Tuesday September 21 from 9.30 to 10.45am at Massey Community Trust, Vadam Place to build a local Massey network, designed to collaborate on youth projects and improve accessibility of services to young people. Guest speaker will be Sarah McGhee, Northern Regional Manager, Ministry of Youth Development (MYD), who will talk about the new developments in MYD strategic direction and what services are available to support youth communities and providers. Contact Linda Shaw, phone 832 0431.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT AND THE AOTEAROA YOUTH VOICE NETWORK

BY LINDA FRASER

Youth Parliament is held every three years with the most recent being held in July 2010.

It is an opportunity for New Zealand youth to have their say in the decision making process of parliament, in a democratic way.

Local Members of Parliament (MPs) across New Zealand select a Young Member of Parliament (YMP) to represent their electorate at the Youth Parliament. These YMPs are then given the opportunity to debate legislation, sit on select committees and ask questions of Cabinet Ministers.

Waitakere College student Sunil Sharma was selected by Hon Paula Bennet to represent Waitakere. "To me, Youth Parliament was a great experience, it gave me a great understanding and experience of the parliamentary process," Sunil said. "In addition it was a pleasure to meet so many young people from around the country."

One of the issues debated at Youth Parliament 2010 was the Adult Rights and Responsibilities (Age of Majority) Bill 2010. The default age of attaining adulthood, the removal of the ability to discriminate against under 16 year olds on the basis of age and the process for biennial Ministerial reviews on these issues by Ministers of Justice and Youth Affairs, were all discussed.

Youth Parliament is as real as possible with staff from government departments and parliamentary procedures in the house.

You can find out more about Youth Parliament on Facebook. Search for 'Ministry of Youth Development - New Zealand'.

DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN DECISION MAKING?

It is important that young people make their voices heard when every day decisions are being made that affect them.

The Aotearoa Youth Voices Network is for people aged 12 to 24, living in New Zealand. Being a member gives you the opportunity to get your views to the decision makers at Government, network with other youth, find out about opportunity for youth (like scholarships, conferences and advisory groups) and learn about available workshops.

You can be involved in the network as little or as much as you want. To find out more or to sign up, visit www.myd.govt.nz or call 0508 FOR MYD (367 693)

DID YOU
KNOW



The Ministry of Youth Development has produced a useful information booklet called *Look Closer*, a guide to places for young people in west Auckland. If you have a problem or issue you need help with, pick up a booklet at your local library or health provider.

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS IN BAGS NOT! CHALLENGE



Massey is the first Waitakere centre to take up the Bags Not! challenge to reduce plastic shopping bag use.

Waitakere City Council and EcoMatters Environment Trust launched a campaign on August 16 to encourage the Massey community to make a difference to their environment by using alternatives to plastic shopping bags.

The two month challenge is part of the council's Bags Not! campaign that aims to encourage people to make small, sustainable changes to reduce their plastic shopping bag use.

"Massey saying 'no' to plastic shopping bags is making a big difference to Waitakere.

"These bags are recognised worldwide as an environmental hazard and in New Zealand alone we use more than a billion a year," says Waitakere Mayor Bob Harvey.

The challenge involves primary schools and local businesses who will distribute free Bags Not! shopping bags, made from 100 per cent recycled plastic bottles, to customers.

Local businesses that take up the challenge and make the largest reduction in plastic shopping bag use during the two month period will win a year's membership to the Sustainable Business Network and a sustainable product goodie bag worth \$200.

Primary schools that integrate the initiative into their curriculum are eligible to enter an art competition. Ten of the best student entries will receive a goodie bag and their artwork will be on show at the Massey library and cafes for two weeks.

The Bags Not! Challenge will be gradually introduced to other centres over the next year.

WELCOME BACK TO THE MASSEY COMMUNITY HOUSE

BY LINDA FRASER

The freshly painted and carpeted Massey Community House was reopened on Monday June 14, after a five week closure.

Awa Hudson blessed the house and all the groups who had been re-homed over those five weeks were welcomed back.

The house returned to a full, active life with many members of the public expressing their delight at the work carried out, with these comments overheard: "It looks lighter, brighter and bigger!" "...Looks like a stage area." and "Have you had walls removed?"

Jane Livingstone and her team can be contacted on 833 9220 for more information about what is happening at the Community House, or check out the back page for some of the events. Better still, pop in and say hello. The Community House is situated at 385 Don Buck Road, alongside the Triangle Park playground.



New paint has freshened up the Massey Community House.



www.doyabit.org offers free, expert advice on living a more eco-friendly life at home. It covers household energy efficiency, water conservation, waste minimisation, food growing, and transport options. Saving power, water, waste, fuel and growing food saves money, helps the climate and is fun!

EcoMatters is part of the climate hub network, their role is to make it easy for you to make climate friendly lifestyle choices. Do Ya Bit advisors are able to give you advice to help reduce your carbon emissions by 10% in 2010. Contact them on 0800 326 628 or email an advisor on doyabit@ecomatters.org.nz for some advice today.

On the October 10 2010, thousands of groups across New Zealand, and in over 180 countries, will join together and get to work on climate change, sending a strong call to world leaders that we're ready for action on climate change.

Sound like a plan? It's called the 10/10/10 Global Climate Working Bee... and we need you to get it started in your community. "Every citizen and organisation has the opportunity to contribute to a low carbon future both through their own lifestyles choices, but also in using their gifts, talents and commitment to support initiatives, projects, enterprises and policies that will help bring about a system shift. What is your ingredient?" asks Carl Chenery, Climate Solutions Facilitator at EcoMatters Environment Trust.

The October 10 Global Working Bee is an invitation to think about and get together people to do something local in your area. Some possible action ideas, and organiser tools to support people are given at www.350.org.nz.



DID YOU KNOW? Massey Leisure Centre and Library have 96 photovoltaic (solar) panels on the roof. They help power the site by turning sunlight into electricity. The output of the system is estimated to be 10,950 kilo watt hours per year, an average of 30 kilo watt hours per day.

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MASSEY EVENTS CALENDAR SEP - NOV 2010

EVERY WEEK

Mondays

WRIGGLE AND RHYME For birth – 2years. 9.30am – 10am. Massey Library, Corner Don Buck Rd and Westgate Dr.

PIPPINS & BROWNIES Pippins 3.30pm–4.30pm, Brownies 4.30pm–6pm. Church of the Good Shepherd, 6 Moire Rd.

Tuesdays

MASSEY SENIOR CITIZENS (55+) Play bowls, housie etc. 10am–1.30pm, Rugby Club Granville Rd. Contact Dawn or Robert on ph 833 7555.

QI GONG AND MEDITATION CLASS Check website for dates and times: www.taohealth.co.nz Pre-registration essential. Massey Library.

LAUGHTER YOGA 1.30 – 2.30pm. Massey Leisure Centre, Don Buck Room. Cost is a gold coin. Contact Louise on ph 444 7247 or 027 475 3734. www.laughterempowers.co.nz

Wednesdays

MASSEY JOGGERS AND WALKERS 6pm at 53 Granville Drive. Ph Kim 416 7700 or Shena 412 8076.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME (During term time). Songs, rhymes, lots of fun. 10.30am and 2pm (30-40 minutes). Massey Library.

TAI CHI (During term time) 1.30 – 2pm. \$7 per session. Massey Community House, 385 Don Buck Rd.

PLAYGROUP Also runs every Thursday and Friday. 9am–noon. Leataata O Tupulaga O Le Pasefika Hall, Moire Rd. \$10 for all three sessions. Ph Leata 832 3616.

Thursdays

SELWYN CENTRE Fun and Friendship for Older Adults. 9am–12noon. Church of the Good Shepherd, 6 Moire Rd. Cover fee of \$2. Ph Tarina on 832 5998.

Sundays

MASSEY JOGGERS AND WALKERS 8am at 53 Granville Drive. Ph Kim 416 7700 or Shena 412 8076.

EVERY MONTH

Second Saturday

MAHA MANTRA FESTIVAL Rhythmic meditation, vegetarian meal. 6pm. Entry \$10. www.mahamantra.co.nz

Third Saturday

FREE WAI HEALTH SMEAR CLINIC 9am–1pm. 13 –15 Ratanui Street, Henderson. Appointment required. Ph 839 0288 extn 720.

SEPTEMBER

Mon 6 - Fri 10 ADULT LEARNERS

WEEK Events at the Massey Library, Cnr Don Buck Rd and Westgate Dr. A schedule of more events and information is available at the library.

TUE 7: ACE SPACE DEMONSTRATION of their database and what training information patrons can find. 10am–11.30am. **WED 8: ESSENTIAL FRENCH FOR TRAVELLERS** 10am–11.30am

THUR 9: CAREER SERVICES WEBSITE DEMONSTRATION 11am–12noon

FRI 10: TANIKO FLAX WEAVING 10am–12noon

Sat 11 & Sun 12 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS COMMUNITY MURAL WORKSHOP Do you want to leave your permanent mark on the west? Make an artistic contribution to the art project – a 26m mural to be installed at Westfield, Westcity mall in Henderson.

Sat 18 SECOND PLANTING AND CLEAN UP IN THE MANUTEWHAU Moire Road Community Hall 10am–2pm. Wet or fine, come along and help out. Contact Jenny Tanner 836 8000

Sat 18 & Sun 19 NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT BOOK FAIR FUNDRAISER Masonic Hall Henderson, Cnr Great North and McLeod Roads. Saturday, 8am–9am Earlybird selling \$5 entry fee. Both days, 9am–3pm free entry.

Tue 21 MEETING FOR YOUTH PROVIDERS 9.30–10.45am. Massey Community Trust, Vadam Pl.

Mon 20 & Tue 21 HURUHURU STREAM PROJECTS COMMUNITY FORUMS

Forum 1: Monday 2–1pm. Forum 2: Tuesday 6–7.30pm. Lincoln Heights Primary School, Keegan Drive, Massey. Contact Linda Shaw 832 0431.

Tue 28 WESTGATE NEW TOWN CENTRE COMMUNITY FORUMS Forum 1: 2–3pm. Forum 2: 6–7.30pm. Main Auditorium Massey High School, 274 Don Buck Road, Massey. Contact Linda Shaw 832 0431

OCTOBER

Fri 1 G2G (GENERATION 2 GENERATION) EVENT In conjunction with Age Concern. Lots of fun activities for all age groups. 9.30am–4.30pm. Massey Leisure Centre. Contact Michelle at the Massey Library 832 9047.

Mon 4, 11 & 18 CAP MONEY MANAGEMENT COURSE Church of the Good Shepherd, Moire Road, Massey. Ph 832 5998, email: capmoney@massey.anglican.org.nz, to register.

Sun 10 10/10/10 GLOBAL WORKING BEE An invitation to get people together to do something to benefit the environment. Visit www.350.org.nz

Tue 12 FUNDING INFORMATION SESSION 1–2pm. Contact Niamh on funding@communitywaitakere.org.nz

Wed 20 MASSEY FAMILY VIOLENCE NETWORK MEETING 12.30–2pm. Massey Community Trust, Vadam Place, Massey. Contact Linda Shaw 832 0431

Sun 31 STARS PARTY 5-7pm. A FREE event, lots of fun for families. Northwest Baptist Church, 63 Hobsonville Road.

NOVEMBER

Mon 1 LOCAL FOOD AND MASSEY FARMERS MARKET COMMUNITY FORUM 6–7pm. Massey Community House. Contact Linda Shaw 832 0431.

Thur 25 WAITAKERE WHITE RIBBON DAY PARADE Meet 12.30pm at Waitakere Hospital, Lincoln Rd.

MASSEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Massey Leisure Centre, Corner Don Buck Rd and Westgate Drive. Ph 833 5775.

Open weekdays 9am–4.30pm

Free budgeting advice service by appointment.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME Free legal services by appointment.

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS Free counselling services by appointment.

EVERY WEEKDAY 1–3PM Justice of the Peace services. No appointment needed.

FIRST THURSDAY OF MONTH 10AM–12NOON Inland Revenue onsite.

BY APPOINTMENT Settlement Support services for new New Zealanders.

MASSEY COMMUNITY HOUSE

385 Don Buck Road, phone 833 9220 or email masseyhs@clear.net.nz

MASSEY COMMUNITY HOUSE MARKETS Cost \$5 per car boot or table. All welcome, entry is free to shoppers. **Sunday morning markets:** Last Sunday during the winter months. 9am–1pm. **Twilight Markets return:** 4pm–7pm, September 24, October 24 & 29, November 12 & 26.

MASSEY HOLIDAY CLUB For children aged 5 to 12 years during School Holidays only. Holiday Club is a child lead programme where the members set the programme and rules. Trips to MOTAT and to the movies are planned for these holidays. The club is registered with WINZ for an OSCAR subsidy.

MASSEY PLUNKET CLINICS Plunket is back at the Community House, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Appointments essential. Please phone 833 9192.

