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## Waitakere Wellbeing Collaboration Newsletter

from Di Jennings, Wellbeing Collaboration Project Manager

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### **Kia ora and Greetings from the wonderful world of collaboration in Waitakere**

#### Farewell to Di



Wellbeing Collaboration Project Manager

After 18 months in the Wellbeing Collaboration Project Manager role, I am moving on to live and work in the UK for a while. I have had a wonderful time in my current role and have thoroughly enjoyed myself at the same time as gaining new skills and knowledge. Since visiting the UK on a study trip in 2004, I continued to be inspired by the potential of social and community enterprise to transform communities, neighbourhoods and organizations at the same time as creating sustainability, independence and local employment. So I am off at the end of May to find out more..... with the intention of returning to Waitakere in the future armed with more inspiration and experience. It is anticipated that the new Collaboration Project Manager will start around the end of June.

#### Moving on since the Wellbeing Summit

The Wellbeing Summit in October 2005 was a major milestone for the Wellbeing Collaboration Project as it marked the end of the initial three year period of activity. At this Summit, 140 people participated from a wide range of community organisations, government agencies and the Council.

The Summit was a time for reflection on achievements over the period from 2002 to 2005, but it was also an opportunity to consider how to respond to the future challenges for our city.

#### Alignment and linkages to community outcomes and the proposed Plan for the City

To some extent, the Wellbeing Collaboration Project process pre-empted the Community Outcomes process that is being developed in response to the Local Government Act 2002.

The Council has facilitated the community outcomes process through consultation with the community..... including utilizing the networks and processes that have been established through the Collaboration Project.

To view the community outcomes online - <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/abtcnl/pp/draft-policies/ltccp/ltccp-comm-outcomes.asp>

There are many overlaps between the "Calls to Action" that have been developed as part of the Collaboration project and the community outcomes that have since been identified. The significant distinction is that the community outcomes include the four wellbeings - social, economic, environmental and cultural, whilst the "Calls to Action" have a primarily social focus.

## Useful Websites

- Local Partnerships and Governance (LPG)  
Research: [www.lpg.org.nz](http://www.lpg.org.nz)
- The 2003 Quality of Life Report based on the 8 largest cities of NZ:  
[www.bigcities.govt.nz](http://www.bigcities.govt.nz)
- For the latest census information on Waitakere City, its suburbs, employment, ethnicity, employment & education:  
[www.waitakere.govt.nz/AbtCit/ps/index.asp](http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/AbtCit/ps/index.asp)
- Also available on the WCC Website is information on Community Grants:  
[www.waitakere.govt.nz/CnlSer/fn/index.asp](http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/CnlSer/fn/index.asp)
- An interesting site for US Social Policy resources and links to projects is:  
[www.libraries.cua.edu/irsocpol.htm](http://www.libraries.cua.edu/irsocpol.htm)
- Trying to find that central or local Government agency or service on the web? Try:  
[www.govt.nz](http://www.govt.nz)
- For really useful information and resources go to:  
Community Net Aotearoa  
[www.community.net.nz](http://www.community.net.nz)
- Waitakere Online. A portal to information about, living in, business in and visiting Waitakere.  
[www.waitakereonline.co.nz](http://www.waitakereonline.co.nz)

The community outcomes are owned by the Community and the final draft has been sent out for a final consultation in May. The Council's response to the identified community outcomes is being developed as part of the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) 2006-2016.

In Waitakere we are taking this process a step further to develop the proposed "Plan for the City" that will be an umbrella framework for multi stakeholder plans and projects in the future, ensuring that the spirit of the Collaboration Project continues into the future.



The challenge as we move forward will be to develop processes that avoid duplication... and enable alignment and linkages to be made whilst maintaining the integrity of the Wellbeing Collaboration Project.

It is anticipated that the Wellbeing Collaboration Project will develop as the social wellbeing arm of the emerging Plan for the City. As this process evolves, it will be important that stakeholders continue to feel a sense of ownership of the Wellbeing Collaboration Project process and the many projects that have been initiated through the "Calls to Action". It will also be important that mandating processes remain clear and effective.

## Main Issues that emerged from the Wellbeing Summit

### Mandating / addressing gaps in representation

#### 1. The Community Wellbeing Network (CWN)

The Community Wellbeing Network is a **network of community networks** that mandates community representatives to the Collaboration Strategy Group (CSG) that governs the Collaboration Project. A review process and consultation as to the future of the CWN was carried out in 2005 and, as a result this forum was reconvened in February 2006.

At that meeting it was decided that in the future the CWN will meet four times a year. At the February and May CWN meeting representatives of Waitakere networks met to revisit both the **membership of the CWN** and **mandating processes to both the CWN and the CSG**.

#### 2. The Collaboration Strategy Group (CSG)

Originally there were seven community representatives on the CSG, but for a number of reasons this has diminished over time. and currently, there are only three community representatives that regularly attend CSG meetings. Helen Jones from WAVES, Michelle Mann from Healthlink and Lisa Howard-Smith from WADCOSS. At the February CWN meeting these representatives were re-confirmed and it is anticipated that four additional community representatives to the CSG will be confirmed over the next two months including people from Maori, Pacific Island, Ethnic communities and Education Sectors.

#### 3. The Waitakere Government Intersector Group (WGIG)

The Waitakere Government Intersector Group is the government equivalent to the Community Wellbeing network in that it is the forum where government representation onto the Collaboration Strategy Group is mandated.

The WGIG has not met in its original form since 2004. Throughout 2005, community outcomes consultation with government agencies replaced the WGIG meetings due to the increasing time demand on government agencies.

It is anticipated that in the future, a government agency reference group will be established as a vehicle for consultation re the ongoing community outcomes/Plan for the City process. As the Collaboration Project develops into the social arm of the Plan for the City process, it is likely that mandating government representation on to the CSG will be part of the role of this emerging government agency network.



## Useful Websites

- NZ Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisation  
[www.nzfvwo.org.nz](http://www.nzfvwo.org.nz)
- fundview [www.fis.org.nz](http://www.fis.org.nz)
- Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector is:  
[www.ocvs.govt.nz](http://www.ocvs.govt.nz)
- Asian Health Website  
[www.asianhealth.govt.nz](http://www.asianhealth.govt.nz)
- Health Promotion Forum:  
[www.hpforum.org.nz](http://www.hpforum.org.nz)
- [www.police.govt.nz](http://www.police.govt.nz)
- Family violence information:  
[www.nzfc.org.nz](http://www.nzfc.org.nz)
- Keep an eye out for WAVES website - in development
- [www.wadcross.org.nz](http://www.wadcross.org.nz)
- [www.ms.govt.nz](http://www.ms.govt.nz)
- [www.cube.org.nz](http://www.cube.org.nz)
- [www.spear.govt.nz](http://www.spear.govt.nz)
- [www.dta.org.uk](http://www.dta.org.uk)
- [www.childrenscentre.org.uk](http://www.childrenscentre.org.uk)
- [www.monitoring-group.co.uk](http://www.monitoring-group.co.uk)
- [www.help4nonprofits.com](http://www.help4nonprofits.com)
- [www.pps.org](http://www.pps.org)
- [www.theacademy-ssea.org](http://www.theacademy-ssea.org)
- [www.tamarackcommunity.ca](http://www.tamarackcommunity.ca)

### Collaboration Project response to population projections and increasing urban intensification

One of the key themes from the Wellbeing Summit was concern about the urban intensification that is being planned as a response to population projections in Waitakere. A call was made at the Summit that we learn from mistakes made elsewhere and develop urban neighbourhoods in Waitakere that exemplify best practice. This will involve increasing collaboration that includes the private sector. Developing a framework for urban intensification in our city will be an important component of the emerging Plan for the City.

***“Those who do not live in the future today will live in the past tomorrow”***

*Peter Ellyard*

### Planning for social infrastructure together—an update

A response from the Council has been to initiate a project around social infrastructure.

#### What is social infrastructure?

In the December edition you might have read about the Social Infrastructure planning project that has been initiated through Waitakere City Council. Social infrastructure is central to healthy communities – it provides the places that our communities meet, learn and have their health and social services needs met. It also provides the spaces and mechanisms for communities to get to know and connect with their neighbours. Social infrastructure has both hard and soft components:

#### HARD (e.g.):

- ✦ Early Childhood Centres
- ✦ Flexible Community Meeting Spaces
- ✦ Education facilities
- ✦ Health centres and services

#### SOFT (e.g.):

- ✦ Growing capacity in community groups
- ✦ Participation in planning & management
- ✦ Events



Provision of social infrastructure underpins healthy communities enabling social inclusion, participation and wellbeing. Historically, social infrastructure often arrives in our town centres long after the houses and people. With growth in Waitakere City predicted to exceed 67,000 more people over the next 20 years, now more than ever, we need to look at how we can more proactively integrate the planning and delivery of our communities' social infrastructure needs.

#### Why plan?

By identifying social infrastructure early in the planning process it can help:

- ✦ Existing communities be reassured about the impacts of growth in the area.
- ✦ Secure land/investment early so that it is more affordable and the appropriate sites are located.
- ✦ Identify joint delivery options so that agencies can share facilities and costs.
- ✦ Set up funding streams through things like Investment Strategies so we can work through early what we can afford and how to do it.
- ✦ Provide resilience - social infrastructure that meets the needs of existing and future communities will help enable communities to sustain themselves and cope with change.

#### What work been done to date?

A consultant has been engaged to assist in the development of a Social Infrastructure planning framework and its integration into town planning. The framework looks at what might be the high-level typical infrastructure needs for different types of centres / growth areas, and the processes to define and plan for particular needs associated with individual centres.

## Key Dates for your diary

Community Health Forum  
Thursday 8 June 2006  
11.30am to 1.30pm  
Kelston Community Centre

2006 WADCOSS Network Meeting Dates  
Wednesday 28th June  
12:15pm - 2:15pm  
Waitakere Community Resource Centre

Older Adults Network  
Friday, 26th May  
11.30am to 1.30pm  
New Lynn Community Centre

Waitakere Shared Vision for Mental Health Forum  
Last Friday of every month  
9.00am to 12 noon  
Kelston Community Centre

A number of workshops has been held with government agencies, community agencies and staff.

From July the social infrastructure framework will start to be tested in Westgate and New Lynn.

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### Stronger links to the other “wellbeings” - economic, environmental and cultural

At the Wellbeing Summit stakeholders said that they would like to see the Collaboration Project broadened to extend beyond its original social focus to include economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing.

Developing linkages to economic wellbeing has been the priority since the Summit, but links to environmental and cultural wellbeing are also on the radar. Currently this is happening through addressing these gaps in representation at the Community Wellbeing Network.

Including economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing within the Collaboration Project does not necessarily mean spawning a number of new “Calls to Action” – the current resourcing for the project would not allow for this, and a broader approach that encompasses all four wellbeings will be responded to as the Plan for the City process emerges.

It is important to note that there is significant collaborative activity occurring in the city that does not sit under the Collaboration Project umbrella, e.g. Project Twin Streams, the emerging Trauma Reference Network and Enterprise Waitakere initiatives etc.

A way forward is to find mechanisms to link the Collaboration Project to existing collaborative activity that is happening in the city.

### Linkages to Economic Wellbeing

Since the Summit, it has become clear that the economic outcomes that were identified at the Summit are already being delivered through Enterprise Waitakere. As a result, the Collaboration Strategy Group decided that rather than duplicate the work that Enterprise Waitakere is doing, that the best way forward is to **ensure ongoing linkages between Enterprise Waitakere and the Wellbeing Collaboration Project**. To enable this to occur, Enterprise Waitakere Manager, John Wadsworth has been invited to future Collaboration Strategy Group meetings.



Enterprise Waitakere has recently developed a stronger community economic development focus. In addition to their own community enterprise initiatives, they have been participating in the two social/community enterprise workstreams that have been initiated through the Collaboration Project. This has provided an ideal opportunity for a closer working relationship between Enterprise Waitakere and the Collaboration Project.

### Social/Community Enterprise Research Project

UNITEC and the Collaboration Project are working together to develop a model of community enterprise that will fit the New Zealand environment. A number of other agencies are involved in this work through a Waitakere research panel that provides regular feedback to the researcher. Phase one of the research is now complete and researcher, Ken Simpson, Lecturer in Business Studies at UNITEC, is currently developing phase two.

As this work develops, language with a New Zealand flavour is emerging that is distinct from the UK language being used. In Waitakere, this work is increasingly being referred to as community enterprise rather than social enterprise.

*“Destiny is not a matter of chance,  
It is a matter of choice.  
It is not a thing to be waited for,  
It is a thing to be achieved”*

*“A health community is not a perfect place: but it is in a dynamic state of renewal and improvement. It builds a culture that supports healthy life choices and a high quality of life.....”  
(Coalition for Healthier Cities and Communities)*



Zoe Cuming  
Social Policy Analyst  
Waitakere City Council

## Waitakere Community Economic Development

(WCED- sounds like wicked!)

In 2004, I visited the UK on a study trip and was very inspired by the examples of neighbourhood based organizations that were becoming increasingly financially independent through their own enterprise activity- at the same time as providing significant local employment.

Since I returned, a group of interested stakeholders has been meeting from time to time to encourage the development of community enterprise in Waitakere. There are a number of existing examples here ranging from the well established Waipareira Trust through to emerging community enterprises like the Ranui Action Project and Corbans Pacific Arts Centre.

WCED are currently focusing their energies on establishing a Community Enterprise Broker position in the city. It is anticipated that this role will enable the development of community enterprise best practice (based on the research outlined above), sharing of information between organizations and the development of a framework for developmental support for organizations that are making the decision to become more entrepreneurial. When the funding is obtained, this position will sit within Enterprise Waitakere.

## Collaboration Project Evaluation

At the Summit there was also a call for ongoing evaluation of the Collaboration Project. We have been fortunate that the Local Partnerships and Governance Project that was published in 2004 provided us with some in depth understandings about collaboration practice in Waitakere. This can be accessed at [www.lpg.org.nz](http://www.lpg.org.nz)

It is important that we continue to evaluate the Collaboration Project journey. An evaluation funding proposal has been developed and is currently being considered by MSD.

## “Around Waitakere in 80 Minutes” workshops

Detailed responses to the many issues raised at Summit workshops can be found on the Collaboration Webpage under “Summit Outcomes Analysis”

## Collaboration Webpage

The Collaboration Webpage on the Council website has had a major overhaul with more information and links to relevant websites and documents. Go to [www.waitakere.govt.nz/our-partners/Waitakere Wellbeing Collaboration Project](http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/our-partners/Waitakere-Wellbeing-Collaboration-Project)

## Wellbeing Collaboration DVD

This resource that was launched at the Wellbeing Summit has been in demand as a tool for collaboration in Waitakere. There are a few copies left at \$10 each to cover costs. If you would like a copy, please contact the Collaboration Project Manager.

## “Calls to Action” update

A review of the nine “Calls to Action” will be carried out by the incoming Collaboration Project Manager. The following summary outlines the current focus of each of the nine “Calls to Action”.

### 1. Every Waitakere resident has access to “Affordable Appropriate Housing”

This “Call to Action” has three strands:

#### a. Waitakere City Sustainable Housing Plan

This work is being developed by Zoe Cuming, WCC Social Policy Analyst, in conjunction with the Housing “Call to Action” Group. An initial draft has been developed and approved by WCC. The next step is broader engagement with a range of stakeholders.

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**b. Increased access to Secure Home Tenure:**

Definition of Secure Home Tenure: The affordable, long term choice of quality, rental or owner occupied housing.

There are three projects developing as part of this strand of the Housing “Call to Action”:

*i. Secure Home Tenure Research*

The aim of this research is to identify enablers and barriers to Waitakere tenants and potential/existing homeowners in accessing and maintaining secure home tenure.

- ◇ An initial funding proposal to CHRANZ was declined, but with the advice to re-submit the proposal to a different funding strand through the researcher
- ◇ A small amount of funding is also available from HNZA AND WCC
- ◇ UNITEC lecturer, Geoff Bridgeman, will supervise the research. A sub group of the “Call to Action” has been established to guide the research.

*ii. Tenancy Advocacy Service proposal*

This work strand has been temporarily on hold due to capacity issues at the convening agency. (WADCOSS)

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*iii. Financial literacy:*

- ◇ There have been a number of meetings and it has become clear that there are plenty of educational resources available, but establishing appropriate points of intervention is the challenge
- ◇ Some valuable networks have been established, but the next step is not clear in terms of a collaborative response
- ◇ To progress further this workstream needs a lead agency to pick it up

**c. Promotion of Third Sector Housing:**

- ↪ This work stream has also been temporarily on hold
- ↪ Lisa Wooley from Friendship Centre Trust resigned as convenor in January 2006 - we are currently seeking a new convenor.
- ↪ Friendship Centre Trust proposal to the Housing Innovation Fund for a 1.5 million community housing project has been approved – they can now go ahead and develop long term social housing
- ↪ A Third Sector Housing Providers Forum is being planned in Waitakere in conjunction with the national organization for third sector housing – Community Housing Aotearoa (CHAI).

**Infotech is used by organizations to support the outcomes of wellbeing and collaboration**

- ↪ WADCOSS community **website was launched 21 December** aided by financial support from NZCOSS. It is working very well and has made a real difference to rationalizing the information flow from WADCOSS to community groups.
- ↪ Working with Council to develop a dynamic **community events calendar**, that is being launched in May - it will be sited under WaitakereOnline and linked **from** WADCOSS website
- ↪ A collaborative funding proposal is being developed to be submitted to the second round of Digital Strategy Funding. This proposal will combine community and business sector components as the capacity building needs are very similar.



Louise Dunn  
WADCOSS

- UNITEC has submitted a proposal for a “clearing house for social research” to the Digital Strategy Funds.

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### Every Child has access to Quality, Early Childhood Education

- Toddler Day 2006 was held on 2 April.** It was a wonderful day, despite the fact that the heavens opened and it poured throughout the day. Numbers were down on last year, but around 2000 people attended the event. The rain did highlight some challenges at the venue - Corbans Estate is fantastic in good weather, but challenging in the rain. The “Call to Action” Group are reviewing the venue choice for next year.
- Toddler Day Out was organised by Anita Weir, Convenor of the ECE “Call to Action” and Elaine Dyer, Convenor of the Promoting Positive Parenting (SKIP) workstrand that sits under Te Korowai Manaaki.



- The focus for the Early Childhood “Call to Action” group now is the development of an **ECE Multi Cultural Resource Service**. An initial questionnaire has been sent out to stakeholders and responses indicate that there is an increasing need for this service as more migrants settle in Waitakere.

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### Developing a Culture of Inclusion in Waitakere City

- Now that the Charter of Inclusion has been completed and signed by both the Waitakere City Council and the Waitemata District Health Board and the next step for the “Call to Action” group is how to support the implementation of the charter by signatory organisations.

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### Educators and Communities working well together to improve Education and Community Outcomes

- The One Day Conference held in October 2005 provided valuable insight into how to progress this “Call to Action”. Since then the focus has been upon the development of an Education and Learning Plan for the City.
- This plan is intended to provide a shared vision of where we want to be in 20 years time, including detailed action plans as to how to get there.
- The plan will build on existing innovative examples of best practice from both Waitakere and beyond.



- ✉ Funds are available from WEST and WCC to employ a one year coordinator to develop the plan and manage the consultation process.
- ✉ It is anticipated that in the following year an Education position will be established in WCC to continue to progress this work.
- ✉ The “Call to Action” group and WEST members are currently presenting the Education and Learning Plan proposal to stakeholders for input and feed back.
- ✉ Charmaine Pountney has been engaged as a part time advisor to the “Call to Action” group.

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### **Every Migrant and Refugee in Waitakere Settles Successfully (New Out West – NOW)**

- ✉ A well attended, **successful launch for the Waitakere Settlement Support Service** was held on Friday 10 February .
- ✉ The Settlement Support Coordinator and "face to face" Settlement Support Advisor have settled in to their respective roles and are expected to be based in central Henderson by the end of May .
- ✉ A review of this “Call to Action” was carried out in February and the agreed current focus areas are refugee resettlement and migrant and refugee employment. Working groups have been convened to consider these on behalf of the Call to Action.

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 New Out West

### **Every Student Leaves School with a Plan Delivered through the Waitakere Employment & Skills project (WESP)**

- ✉ A number of services that have been initiated in response to the original purpose of WESP are now mainstream eg Gateway, Young Enterprise Scheme, ESOL providers network, Youth Transitions Service.
- ✉ At the review of WESP that was carried out in March, it was decided that WESP would continue as a network, but will no longer carry out project work and will meet three times a year from now on.
- ✉ Some progress has been made towards the original “Every Student leaves School with a Plan” Call to Action.
- ✉ It is possible that this will now be included up as part of the Educators and Communities “Call to Action”.

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## Conferences

### Auckland International Conference on Gambling:

Gambling and its Impacts: Policy, Practice and Research Perspectives

13 to 15 September 2006

AUT, North Shore campus

[www.pgfnz.co.nz](http://www.pgfnz.co.nz)

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### Fourth International Conference - Hosted by the Phobic Trust

Anxiety and the Core: To build awareness and knowledge of anxiety disorders at the core of social and health disabilities, irrespective of age, culture and socio-economic background"

### Trusting the Language of the Body -

#### Mind Body Conference

3 to 5 November 2006

Bruce Mason Centre

Takapuna, Auckland

[www.mindbody.org.nz](http://www.mindbody.org.nz)

27 to 29 July 2006

Bruce Mason Centre

North Shore City

[www.phobic.org.nz](http://www.phobic.org.nz)

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## Violence against Women and Children is Reduced

### Training Home Visitors:

- ↪ A training programme has been developed and a pilot completed with small group of HNZC staff.
- ↪ A Māori and Pacific component to the training is being developed.
- ↪ Currently reconnecting with agencies and running workshops to develop policies and protocols around family violence awareness.

### Case management meetings

- ↪ Monthly meetings are being held where useful information is shared between agencies about high risk families..... enabling better outcomes.
- ↪ Current focus is on supporting the development of a Maori service providers network.

### Multi agency project:

- ↪ Family Violence worker is now doing direct client work and achieving positive results- initial statistics indicate an 80% engagement with services by women after contact

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### Te Korowai Manaaki (Great Start for children under 5)

Funding for the co-ordinator has temporarily run out and Te Korowai Manaaki is going thru a period of minimal activity, awaiting the outcome of funding applications

### Maori Caucus

- ↪ Ongoing development of the "Whakapakari Whanau" project - Parenting Wananga to be launched in 2006

### Pasifika Caucus:

- ↪ Completed media plan for a 12 month radio program to highlight the issue of family violence in their community. Currently seeking funding to implement the program
- ↪ Developing a strategic plan re prevention of violence in the Pacific Community

### Family Violence Prevention Training for Home Visitors

- ↪ This workstream is jointly coordinated between Te Korowai Manaaki and the Reduction of Violence "Call to Action". See above for details

### Locality Project

- ↪ An initial meeting was held re the proposed **Locality Project** – currently considering if the time is right for this project and looking at options for scoping

### Promoting Great Parenting (SKIP)

- ↪ Toddler Day Out / Great Parenting Fair! was held on a very wet 2nd April, attended by 1,500 people. it was a great collaboration between MSD SKIP (Strategies with Kids, Information for Parents) MOE, Waitakere City Council, Te Korowai Manaaki and Violence Free Waitakere.



Elaine Dyer  
Promoting Great Parenting  
Coordinator



Ngaroimata Reid  
Te Korowai Manaaki

- ↪ Fathering scoping project has been completed and the launch of the report is being held 22 May.
- ↪ A multi-cultural parenting forum was held on 18 May at the NZ Ethnic Social Services rooms 7-9 pm exploring different strategies and experiences of parenting.
- ↪ Tamariki Ora Day was held on (10th May) and is supported by the Maori Caucus and promoting positive parenting team.
- ↪ The Pacific caucus are hosting a SKIP day on positive parenting strategies also, watch this space.
- ↪ SKIP funding is waiting on the budget to confirm amounts available for the project from the next round, but it has been a huge success on Waitakere distributing information, resources, training and support to parents with children under the age of five.
- ↪ Violence Free Waitakere has been the project leader for this project under the collaborative banner of Te Korowai Manaaki.

Information about Promoting Great Parenting initiatives can be gained from Elaine Dyer, Coordinator, Violence Free Waitakere, ph 8374849 or email [vfw1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:vfw1@xtra.co.nz)

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## Hot items

### WADCOSS and the proposed Waitakere Community Resource Centre in Tui Glen

WADCOSS has had a pivotal role in the Waitakere Community for many years. Over the last year or so, WADCOSS has continued to grow and develop and is taking on an increasing leadership role in our community.

As well as managing the existing Community Resource Centre, WADCOSS distributes information to Waitakere community organizations, enables networking to occur through the regular Network Meeting, takes a lead role in community education (e.g. the Community Development workshops currently being delivered), convenes the Community Wellbeing Network as well as a number of the “Calls to Action” under the Collaboration Project.

In addition to the above, WADCOSS is responding to the need for a new resource centre. The Council is providing the land in Tui Glen on a community lease arrangement and concept plans have been developed.

A steering group is meeting regularly to progress development and report back to the WADCOSS governance committee re the development of the new community resource centre.

The current focus for the steering group is the development of a comprehensive plan to fund the resource centre development. A “Friends of WADCOSS” funding group is being established. WADCOSS is also changing its name to “Community Waitakere” to align with other organisations such as Sport Waitakere and Enterprise Waitakere.

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Its amazing how much you  
can get done when you don't  
care who gets the credit"  
(Richard Hettrick)



## Trauma Reference Network

The Waitakere Trauma Reference Network is a loose alliance of groups involved in front line service in the event of an incident. The purpose for bringing this Network together is to provide the opportunity for the groups who often attend incidents to meet in a positive and constructive forum and examine way to work together co-operatively.

The vision of the Network is to develop a collaborative approach to sharing of experiences in an environment of trust without blame, which allows learning from our mistakes, building on our successes, sharing data and developing best practice protocols.

The Network will operate at and between many layers both at the highest management level and at the grassroots, with the operational insights feeding into prevention strategies, across cultures and economic divides. This approach is intended to provide services that are more efficient, more cost effective and more humane. It will keep staff and communities safer and provide a platform from which to substantially reduce accidents, injuries and deaths in the community.

The Trauma Reference Network has so far concentrated on working together to develop a supportive and safe environment on and around the West Coast beaches. The agencies involved are:

*Health, Surf Life Guards, Coastguards, Rescue Helicopters, Fire Service, St John Ambulance Service, Police, Rural Fire/First Responders, ARC Park Rangers, WCC, Water Safe Auckland and Civil Defence.*

These meetings have shown the importance of coming together regularly to share information about day to day activities. This is leading into a systematic process for the service providers to inform each other of developments in their own organizations which may affect the way they work, their accessibility and how that impacts on other service providers and the community.

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## New Strategic Advisor for Disability at Council

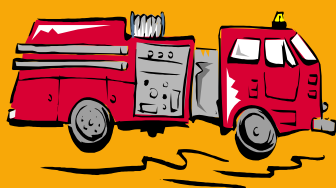
Sacha Gildenlore has joined the Partnerships and Advocacy team at the Council as our first Strategic Advisor for Disability. His aim is to promote Waitakere's disabled citizens to be active in the life of the city. That covers many areas and involves connecting the diverse aspirations of the disabled community and stakeholders to build on strengths and remove barriers to contribution.

In particular, Sacha will contribute to the Culture of Inclusion, Community Economic Development and Information Technology Calls to Action. He is also proud to be weaving the learnings from the Wellbeing Collaboration project into national initiatives that will benefit disabled people around the country.

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## Minister David Benson-Pope meets with Waitakere Violence Prevention leaders

Minister of Social Development and Employment, David Benson-Pope, recently visited Waitakere to meet with some of our leaders in the area of family violence prevention including Helen Jones from the Violence Reduction "Call to Action" / WAVES, Ngaroimata Reid from Te Korowai Manaaki and Di Jennings from The Wellbeing Collaboration Project. These Waitakere people were joined by Robyn Rusher from Family and Community Services (a branch of MSD).



Sacha Gildenlore  
Strategic Advisor for Disability  
Waitakere City Council

*"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes"*  
*Marcel Proust*

SCOPE is a community organisation that may be able to help you with tools and support to help grow your organisation. Some financial assistance is available for selected organisations.

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The Minister was updated on the range of family violence prevention collaborative initiatives being carried out in Waitakere and he expressed his appreciation to the Waitakere Community for the innovative work that it is carrying out here.

### Waitakere Community Law Service

Free legal advice will be available at student run clinics on Mondays 1pm to 4pm, Tuesdays 4pm to 6pm and Thursdays 10am to 1pm at the Community Law Centre at 1a Trading Place Henderson. The Community Law Service is also offering outreach clinics at Te Atatu and Massey Community Houses.

A Community Advocacy Network is being developed to encourage a collective voice in Waitakere around community law issues. Community Advice Legal Education workshops are also being planned to start Tuesday 13 June from 9am to 12 noon. For more information please contact Cissy Rock on (09) 8352130

### Community Development Workshops

A series of eight workshops about community development practice is being run throughout May and June, The first series was held in 2005 and was so successful that some participants have returned for a second time. Each Wednesday morning, two speakers from different backgrounds present their perspective on community development. This is followed by an hour or so when participants discuss the material and how they can apply it to their work. It is this two-way conversation that participants are finding really valuable.

**These workshops have been organised by WADCROSS and the Wellbeing Collaboration Project (with help from Debbie Hagar).**



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