



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas from the Community Waikato Team



We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a safe and enjoyable New Years. And while it is important that we take the opportunity to appreciate spending time together, it is also a time to think of those who may not be having such a good Christmas this year. There are a number of challenges we all face over this time. In fact, for some community organisations, the Christmas period may be when our services are most in demand.

For those of you who are working through the holidays we would like to extend our sincere thanks.

Community Waikato have pulled together a list of light-hearted tips for those working through the holidays this year.

Can't reschedule work? Reschedule the holiday!

So Christmas can be celebrated anytime right? There is no rule that presents must be opened on 25 Dec, and sharing time with loved ones can happen at any time. Ask your loved ones to accommodate your work schedule.

Social media is not your friend if you are someone who suffers FOMO (Fear of Missing Out)

Logging onto Facebook while at work during the Christmas holidays and seeing all your friends celebrating with their families is not likely to cheer you up! You might find it easier to stay focused and positive if you avoid looking at pictures of your friends having fun without you.

Make it count!

If you are going to work in the holidays – make sure it's productive! This will make you feel a lot better about being at work. This is an easy one for those who work in the community sector – as we know our work matters!

Finally – look for the benefits to working over the Christmas holidays

- Traffic is really light so it doesn't take long to get to work – so more sleep in!
- You can enjoy everyone thinking you're amazing for giving your time so they can have time off
- Having a glass of bubbly at work is probably more acceptable at this time of year
- You can buy presents for people after Boxing Day when they are all on sale!

Seriously though, thank you to those working through. Your work is important, and your time given is appreciated.

From the Community Waikato team

CE Update



Welcome to the final edition of the Kumara Vine for 2017. Community Waikato has had a busy year working with a wide range of groups around the Waikato region. We also ran the second social sector Conference (Thriving in the 21st Century) which was a

great opportunity to network and to find out more about what is happening in our sector and within the Waikato region.

This year has been a real time of reflection and consideration for Community Waikato. We have been investigating the prospect of establishing both a community hub and a virtual hub. We have looked at many venues around Hamilton city and we have visited hubs that are operating right around New Zealand. We are excited about establishing a network to facilitate greater collaboration and innovation in the sector and are very interested in ensuring we are able to provide a space (virtual and/or physical) that will enable the connections and creativity to drive new initiatives for the communities we serve.

I am looking forward to 2018 and all the possibility that a new year brings. I hope those of you who are able to get a break over the summer, have the opportunity to relax and recharge. For those of you who will be working through, thank you for your commitment and your sacrifice. Please don't forget to take a bit of time for yourselves when you can!

Holly Snape, Community Waikato CE

Community Waikato Christmas Hours



The Community Waikato office will be closed over the Christmas break from Friday 22 December 2017 until Monday 22 January 2018

Tindall Rural Community Event fund

Applications open from 11 December 2017 until 26 January 2018

The development of this fund was inspired by numerous requests for assistance for community-led events such as family fun days, community celebrations and summer picnics along with events that have arisen in response to specific issues.

Accessible and collaborative community events are an essential part of developing a sense of belonging and community. They encourage neighbourly relationships and establishing links that build and strengthen communities and families overall.

This Rural Community Event Fund has been developed to allow us the flexibility to provide financial support within a short timeframe.

Please note that for eligibility, organisations must meet the requirements of the Tindall Foundation Fund.

Fund purpose:

Targeted toward small, rural-based organisations who provide events for families, children and their communities. It is not for commercial events. Hamilton based organisations are excluded.

Application Amount:

Ten donations of \$500 will be made per annum, to successful applicant organisations.

Apply online at
www.communitywaikato.org.nz

For more information email
sally@communitywaikato.org.nz
or phone 07 2820744

Foodbank Agencies Christmas Schedule

Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank
 Anglican Action - Ph: 856 5820
 Catholic Family Support Services - Ph: 856 3760
 Desert Spring Ministries - Ph: 855 2728
 Methodist City Action - Ph: 839 3917
 St Vincent de Paul - Ph: 847 0446
 Te Whanau Putahi - Ph: 855 0990
 The Salvation Army - Ph: 834 7000

Community Meals

Methodist City Action
 St Mary's Cathedral
 Phoenix House
 St Vincent de Paul
 Te Whanau Putahi
 The Serve

CLOSING

22nd December 2017
 22nd December 2017
 22nd December 2017
 19th December 2017
 21st December 2017
 22nd December 2017
 22nd December 2017
 22nd December 2017

OPEN

8th January 2018
 15th January 2018
 3rd January 2018
 22nd January 2018
 15th January 2018
 8th January 2018
 8th January 2018
 3rd January 2018

LAST MEAL 2017

18th December
 19th December
 12th December
 22nd December
 Ongoing every Sunday
 Open every-night weekdays 6pm, weekends 5pm

FIRST MEAL 2018

12th February
 13th February
 6th February
 8th February

With thanks

Every so often Community Waikato has an opportunity to broker some giving, and it's always a pleasure! Department of Conservation Waikato Area are going through some necessary renovations of their offices, and this left them looking for a home for some office furniture.

The new Community Hub being set up in Taumarunui was a happy recipient of desks, drawers and shelves. Here many local groups will be set up – Maori Wardens, Thrive Taumarunui, Te Awanui a Rua and a couple of 'hot desks'.



Mighty River Power rebranded as Mercury and Key Relationships Manager Don Scarlet wanted to see community organisations benefit in the transition. Personal Protection equipment: hard hats, high viz vests and shirts have gone out to the regions for reuse.



Zeta Mohn, YWCA Hamilton Programmes Coordinator said "Thank you so much to former Mighty River Power, now Mercury for their amazing donation of these helmets to YWCA Hamilton. We are currently planning on doing some construction work, starting with a retaining wall and these will be perfect to keep us safe!"

Responsibilities of a Board or Executive Committee



There are over 100,000 community organisations in Aotearoa serving their communities and making a positive difference to the lives of our people.

How many of you have served on a kindy or playschool committee, ballet, soccer, guides, scouts, Red Cross, St Johns, conservation group, music group, arts group, Save Our Local Park committee or any of the thousands of groups around the country?

If you average the number of people on each board at 5 then that equals 500,000 people at any one time serving on these groups!

Serving on a governance board can be a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

People go on a board because they want to make a difference, to contribute something to their community,

to learn something, share their skills, they are passionate about a cause, they have a strong sense of social justice, and there are many great reasons for getting involved and making a contribution to your community.

Reviewing policies and dealing with financial statements and policy review however is not always everyone's cup of tea and sometimes people find out the hard way that there are legal responsibilities that go with becoming a trustee.

When a person becomes a trustee on a non-profit organisation she/he assumes a level of responsibility for the organisation (a duty of care) and also a degree of personal risk, as the position carries with it the potential for liability, therefore exposing herself / himself to claims for not managing or running the governance area in a proper way.

Trustees are in a position of trust on behalf of its stakeholders to ensure that the organisation is kept from harm and to steer it towards positive achievements for the benefit of the community and to do so within the law.

There are number of duties that trustees are required to do using care, diligence and skill that any prudent person would exercise in managing the affairs of others, they hold the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the legal responsibilities are carried out opposed to any other member of the organisation.

Ten Basic Responsibilities of Community sector Boards/Committees

1. Determine vision and mission. It is the board's responsibility to create and review the vision and mission, which expresses the organisation's goals, ways of doing things, and who they do it for or with.
2. Select the manager. Boards should agree on the manager's responsibilities and undertake a careful search to find the most qualified person for the position.
3. Support and evaluate the manager. The board should make sure that the manager has the moral and professional support she or he needs to further the goals of the organisation.
4. Ensure effective planning. Boards should actively participate in the overall planning process and assist in implementing and monitoring the plan's goals.
5. Monitor, and strengthen programmes and services. The board's responsibility is to determine which programmes are consistent with the organisation's mission and monitor their effectiveness.
6. Ensure adequate financial resources. One of the board's foremost responsibilities is to secure adequate resources for the organisation to fulfil its mission.
7. Protect assets and provide proper financial oversight. The board must assist in developing the annual budget and ensuring that proper financial controls are in place.
8. Build a competent board. All boards have a responsibility to identify the skills, experiences and attributes they require, orientate new members, and from time to time evaluate their own performance.
9. Ensure legal and ethical integrity. The board is ultimately responsible for ensuring that all legal standards and ethical norms are met.
10. Enhance the organisation's public standing. The board should share the organisation's mission, accomplishments, and goals with the public and gain support from the community.

Angel casts create precious keepsakes

Angel Casts supports parents, family and whanau through the loss of a child by creating tangible keepsakes for bereaved parents, in the form of ink prints, and hand and feet stone casts, which serve to aid families in their healing journey.

These exact 3D replicas are made from resin based stone which captures every tiny detail, from fine lines and wrinkles to fingerprints and skin texture. Each are lovingly hand made from a mould taken of the child's hands and feet, when they've passed away, or prior to their passing for terminally ill children. This is done at their location of choice, either at a local hospital, funeral home, or family home.

This service offers bereaved families a unique gift of being able to preserve their child's likeness in stone. Many parents have expressed how these casts have been instrumental in their grieving process, as well as helping with their other children's understanding. When a baby is stillborn, parents will often leave hospital with very little, if anything at all.

Jen Christiansen, Manager of Angel Casts says that having tangible keepsakes that a parent can hold and recognise as their own, gives mums and dads something physical to share with their children, family and friends, to aid in their healing journey.

"Through feedback from countless families we know that these casts act to preserve the physical memory of a child that's passed away, positively channelling grief to minimise any possible mental or physical health conditions" says Jen.

"We offer families two sets of hand and feet casts (8 casts total) – one set freestanding to hold and touch, and one set custom framed with photos and keepsakes" says Jen

This is a free service for families within the Waikato, with children aged from 18 weeks gestation through to 12 years old.

The material cost of each family is \$189.50. Last year Angel Casts saw 109 children and their families, which cost over \$20,000 in raw materials alone. Because they are not government funded they rely on our community for support to fund this Waikato wide project. This year they expect to see another 120 children across Waikato and Bay of Plenty, and are calling on community support to do this.

The benefit of Angel Casts is far reaching. In total they have now seen 297 children in the past 4 years. From those children, 594 parents, 1,188 grandparents, and

hundreds of brothers and sisters all benefit from having a physical memory of their child, grandchild, brother or sister.

Angel Casts has been operating as a community group since 2013, when Jen and her husband Aaron first saw a need in the community. They had spent several years working from home in their small life casting business when Jen was first asked by a local midwife to cast a stillborn baby.

"That day, that experience, changed my life. I knew in that moment how precious these casts would be to his family. How they would hold them, how they would touch his little toes, and feel a connection to their baby they could no longer hold and touch in person. I knew then, that I never wanted to profit from another mothers loss. I knew then that this had to be a free service" says Jen.



That was the beginning of Angel Casts. From 2013-2016 Jen and Aaron supported the cost of Angel Casts themselves, through profits made in their life casting business. As demand for the service increased they turned to the community for support. With demand nearing its peak, often being called to a new angel casting several times a week, they needed more help and more hands on deck. In March 2016, KMPG Accountants and McCaw Lewis Lawyers supported Angel Casts to become a charitable trust.

Angel Casts have formed some very beneficial partnerships over the years, working together in the best interest of our community.

"We now work closely with staff at Waikato Hospital to ensure that all families are offered casts and prints, before or after their child passes away. We also have a close relationship with Baby Loss NZ, SANDS, True Colours Children's Trust, Heartfelt Photography, and similar organisations, to ensure our services are used to their full potential and no family misses an opportunity to preserve their child's memory" says Jen.

"But we can't continue this work without financial help from our community" says Jen.

A Friends of Angel Casts programme has been set up, where people can make a small regular donation via automatic payment, details of which can be found on their website www.angelcasts.co.nz. They also have a Givealittle page for those more comfortable with a one off donation at givealittle.co.nz/org/angelcasts

You can also keep in touch with Angel Casts and see some of the precious memories they have created on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/angelcastsnz

Serving those in need



The Serve is a charitable trust in Hamilton that serves food every night of the week to anyone in need of a hot meal.

In Hamilton we have people experiencing food insecurity, and issues around access to healthy nutritious food.

‘There is an abundance of food outlets selling food that is energy dense and nutrient poor in many of the areas that contain the most widespread socio-economic deprivation’ (Source: Breaking Leftover Bread, Report by Poverty Action Waikato and Anglican Action Waikato)

The Breaking Leftover Bread report also identifies concerns around the impact of malnutrition, inadequate incomes, cost of living, housing prices, and the immense frustration and exhaustion reflected by many who have the least in our communities.

Every night of the year for the past 4 years, The Serve (formerly known as the Hamilton Homeless Trust), has served a hot meal to those who need it. Typically between 45-65 people are served meals each night. People from many walks of lives come to The Serve for a meal, including students, families, homeless, and the elderly.

What originally started as serving soup and buns in garden place out of concern for the many hungry in Hamilton, has developed into The Serve Trust, who has a vision of ‘Strengthening Community’. Over 100 volunteers are coordinated to cook and serve up meals.

Petrina Toimata (Aunty P), Volunteer Coordinator at The Serve says that they source food and redistribute it to the community.

“We make food accessible to those in the community who need it. We have relationships with many amazing businesses, individuals, and organisations that enable us to access food that might otherwise be thrown out, and redistribute it to our community” says Aunty P.

The Serve volunteers follow a code of conduct, recognising the obligation of The Serve Trust to provide a safe environment. The values that volunteers need to have are identified as: respect, compassion, kindness, equality, and importantly – non-judgement. Each night at the door, people who are ‘Greeters’ meet you and welcome you to The Serve. A Greeter helps to ensure a safe environment for everyone, and no-one under the influence of alcohol or drugs is allowed to enter.

Aunty P says that not judging people is an important aspect of The Serve.

“We treat our community like Kings and Queens. People coming through the doors are someone’s Mum, Dad, daughter, son, brother, sister...we see them, they are people who have hearts, people with stories, people with a voice’ says Aunty P.

The need over the four years has increased, and Aunty P says The Serve also helps to connect members of the community who need it to other services and agencies that provide support.

“At times we have people in need of emergency accommodation, and we generally refer them to the Christian Night Shelter, or a couple of lower price back packers in the city” says Aunty P.

Many social service organisations, and services for those in need close down over the Christmas period. This can be a time when the need for these services is high, as it is a stressful time of the year for many. The Serve keeps operating throughout the Christmas period and on the 25 December, serves a special Christmas meal.

Now based in new premises at 4 Harwood St, meals are offered on week days at 6pm, and in the weekend at 5pm. Doors open 15 minutes prior to serving. All people are welcome. Access to The Serve is via the back of the building, and up the stairs.

The Serve is able to operate due to the kindness of people. If you are interested in supporting The Serve, whether it be through donating food, making a financial contribution, or volunteering your time, contact The Serve by email: theservetrust@gmail.com, or www.facebook.com/theservecommunity

Tiny House Enterprise in Taumarunui



A project in Taumarunui is on track to create employment opportunities for local youth while addressing the needs of young people shifting away to study. Many of these students are being raised by caregivers due to parental separation, death or imprisonment.

Thrive Taumarunui Trust's 'Tiny House' enterprise was picked to attend the Christchurch based Vodafone Change Accelerator Programme from 26 Sept to 31 Oct 2017.

The Vodafone New Zealand Foundation has a big hairy audacious goal – to halve the number of excluded and disadvantaged young people in Aotearoa New Zealand by 2027. Community organisations with a special focus on technology to create change can apply to the Accelerator to receive funding, mentoring, technology support, access to workshops and lectures and an opportunity to prototype their concept.

The Taumarunui Tiny House project was identified as enhancing education pathways for youth by wrapping project based learning and design around the production of innovative, transportable, accessible and attractive living solutions.

These solutions address social problems such as affordable student accommodation, emergency housing, safe accessible housing for the aging population and the new Papakainga initiatives ignited by recent treaty settlements.

Briar Hickling, Hub Connector of Taumarunui Community Hub believes that the Tiny House project has the ability to positively impact the Taumarunui community.

“Our desire to connect, enable, learn, activate and embed change from within our own community will develop the attributes of our people and services to be globally attractive. Housing is a basic right and with a little extra expertise our people have the ability to develop their own solutions and become change makers in the process. The Accelerator programme allowed us to learn more about “What we do, with who we are” says Briar.

Briar was awarded \$15,000 for the Tiny House project from the Vodafone Foundation Accelerator Programme. Briar, alongside carpenter Paora Smallman, spent six weeks at the Vodafone headquarters in Christchurch exploring the idea further. In partnership with Vodafone, they had the opportunity to really test out new technologies and develop a tiny house prototype.

“We have now successfully completed our first 10m2 prototype and have prepared the business case for our trust. We are very grateful to the Vodafone team and the amazing Foundation mentors who have assisted us on our learning journey and for our newly formed friendships with other Accelerator participants. Our next steps are to develop a 2nd prototype within our home town and share the knowledge we have gained with others” says Briar.

The Taumarunui Community Hub encourages effective collaboration, supported by strong governance and sharing of collective resources so as to ensure the delivery of social, physical, economic and educational outcomes in Taumarunui.



Funding Workshops 2018

Thames	8th February 2018 9.30am - 11.30am	St John Station 1102 Queen Street, Thames
Coromandel	8th February 2018 1.30pm - 3.30pm	St John Station 355 Tiki Road , Coromandel
Whitianga	9th February 2018 9.00am - 11.00am	Whitianga Community Services 2 Cook Drive, Whitianga
Waihi	9th February 2018 1.30pm - 3.30pm	Waihi Community Resource Centre 4 Mueller Street, Waihi
Hamilton	13th February 2018 5.30pm - 7.30pm	Settlement Centre Waikato 46G Boundary Road, Hamilton
Hamilton	17th February 2018 9.30am - 11.30am	Settlement Centre Waikato 46G Boundary Road, Hamilton
Paeroa	7th March 2018 9.30am - 11.30am	Paeroa Community Hall 144 Normanby Ave, Paeroa
Hamilton	17th March 2018 9.30am - 11.30am	Settlement Centre Waikato 46G Boundary Road, Hamilton
Huntly	4th April 2018 9.30am - 11.30am	Friendship House 55 William Street, Huntly
Ngāruawāhia	4th April 2018 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Waikato District Council 15 Galileo Street, Ngāruawāhia
Tokoroa	11th April 2018 11.00am - 1.00pm	South Waikato Sport & Events Centre 25 Mossop Road, Tokoroa
Meremere/Tūākau	12th April 2018 10.30am - 12.30pm	Meremere Community Centre 17 Heather Green Ave, Meremere
Morrinsville/Matamata	18th April 2018 5.30pm - 7.30pm	Civic & Memorial Centre Matamata TBC
Te Awamutu	2nd May 2018 9.30am - 11.30am	Te Awamutu Library 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu
Cambridge	2nd May 2018 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Cambridge Health & Community Centre 22a Taylor Street, Cambridge
Te Kuiti	9th May 2018 10.00am - 12.00pm	Te Kuiti Community House 28 Taupiri Street, Te Kuiti
Raglan	6th June 2018 10.30am - 12.30pm	Solscape 611 Wainui Road, Manu Bay, Raglan
Hamilton	5th September 2018 9.30am - 11.30am	Trust Waikato Community Room 4 Little London Lane, Hamilton
Hamilton	14th November 2018 5.30pm - 7.30pm	Trust Waikato Community Room 4 Little London Lane, Hamilton



Come to free workshops by local community funders. Topics include: funding tips, planning and preparation, what makes a successful application, budgeting, accountability and alternative income sources. To register visit:

www.communitywaikato.org.nz/training



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