

**Minutes of the Motueka Community Whanau Meeting  
Held at Community House on 4 August 2010 at 12.00pm**

**Apologies:** Glenis Bell: Nelson Bays PHO, Margaret King: IRD  
Sjors Brouwer: MFSC, Kathy Crow: Get Safe, Sonny Alesana: Nelson  
Tasman Settlement Support

**Present:** Matt Beech: Motueka Anglican Parish, Bernie Babe: CSS/Volunteer  
Nelson, Jan Glover: Volunteer Nelson, Margaret Thomsen: Community Law,  
Gabrielle Thorpe: ATET, Rose McDrury: Alzheimer's Trust,  
Linda Glew: Strengthening Families, David Armstrong: Motueka Online  
Jenny Richards: ALS, Pamela Hedlund: Motueka Mentoring,  
Tim Leyland: Work & Income, Gavin Cook: Work & Income,  
Ali Comins: Family Service Centre, Ron Sharp: Community House,  
Kathryn Whitwell: Women's Support Link  
Rae Dozell: Whenua Iti/Coordinator Whanau Meetings

**Check In:**

**Matt: Advocacy Support**, offered his service for supporting people in their dealings with Work & Income, Matt has been on both sides of the Work & Income counter; as a beneficiary and also as a staff member. He also offered a page of handy hints for people for before the approach Work & Income services. Matt's email address is [nohofagus@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:nohofagus@vodafone.co.nz) if you would like to contact him for assistance

**Bernie: CSS/Volunteer Nelson**, gave information out about two workshops coming up in September –**Project Planning Tools, 2/9/10 10am – 1pm**  
Presenter: Chris Blythe. This workshop will give you a set of tools to use to help plan projects of any size in any work environment. Chris is an experienced project manager in local government, corporate charities and the voluntary sector, **Cost \$30** and **Insurance Needs for Community Groups, 23/9/10 10am – 11am** Presenter Peter Riley, this short workshop will cover all possible liability needs to protect community groups **Cost \$10** Please contact Bernie at Volunteer Nelson for further information: [css@ts.co.nz](mailto:css@ts.co.nz)

**Jan: Volunteer Nelson**, had similar information to Bernie's, however Jan also advised the Whanau Meeting that they can contact Volunteer Nelson if their organisation needed volunteers and couldn't find them. Volunteer Nelson had a list of people available, some who are based in our local area, please email [nvc@ts.co.nz](mailto:nvc@ts.co.nz)

**Margaret: Community Law**, is calling for new representatives for both the Incorporated Society and the Community Law Board, she has application forms available, representatives would get a contribution towards travel costs to attend meetings in Nelson once per month. Please contact Margaret on [Margaret@nelsoncommunitylaw.org.nz](mailto:Margaret@nelsoncommunitylaw.org.nz) or phone 03 528 7704

**Gabrielle: ATET**, advised it is a very busy time at ATET, with many new initiatives on the go, ATET has 13 staff, 9 of whom are fulltime so please just give them a ring to find out what courses they have available for both youth and adults on ph: 528 8535

**Rose: Alzheimers Society**, spoke of the Dementia daycare group held at the Motu Weka Neighbourhood centre in Old Wharf Road available for respite

care for those with family members/clients with memory loss please contact Rose at [rosenelson.alzheimers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rosenelson.alzheimers@xtra.co.nz)

**Linda: Strengthening Families**, it is Linda's third week as the SF co-ordinator and her first Whanau meeting in her new role; she is available on Tues, Weds, Thurs, and Friday mornings on Ph 528 1001. Linda is looking for new facilitators and lead agencies to assist in supporting families in Motueka her email address is [families@clear.net.nz](mailto:families@clear.net.nz)

**Kathryn: Women's Support Link**, is new to the WSL and this was her first time at the Whanau meeting, she advised WSL is available at Community House mornings 9 –12 and a freephone is available 24 hours 528 8161

**David: Motueka Online**, numbers are up 20%, with hits of 5000 per month, David recently meet with Sjors regarding a site on Motueka Online linking volunteers with organisations needing them, it is for specific volunteer requirements, and you can leave a statement about what kind of skills you need in a volunteer or what skills you have if you want to volunteer. There is also a Buy, Sell or Exchange site for those who have stuff to get rid of or require transport that others may be able to help with. There are still free pages available for community organisations wanting to promote themselves or their activities/events. Please contact [editor@motuekaonline.org.nz](mailto:editor@motuekaonline.org.nz)

**Jenny: Adult Learning Support**, is available on Mondays and Wednesdays, her numbers have increase since she last reported and she is now assisting 7 students. Please contact Jenny at [jayel.richards@paradise.net.nz](mailto:jayel.richards@paradise.net.nz)

**Ali: MFSC**, works as a Social Worker two days per week at the Motueka Family Service Centre and two days at Motueka High School, mainly with families of teenagers. She advised that the FSC has Budget Advice, Family/Whanau Support Workers, Sexual Health/Family Planning, HIPPPY – home based educational programmes for pre-schoolers, Mum4Mum and Wellbeing programmes available – please contact the FSC for more information on ph 528 0234

**Pamela: Motueka Mentoring**, is part of Family Works and Pamela is based at Get Safe offices in Motueka – she has a drive for new mentors at present so anyone interested in mentoring a young person please contact Pamela on Ph 528 6779 or email [motuekamentoring@xtra.co.nz](mailto:motuekamentoring@xtra.co.nz)

**Rae: Whenua Iti**, have two new courses coming up: Infinite Possibilities starting 16 August for those on Invalid or sickness benefits, ages 16 –60 and running for 12 weeks Mondays – Thursdays, and also True North Course starting 7 September, 3-4 days per week for 16 – 24 year olds running for 8 weeks. For further information about either of these course please ring 526 7842 or email [info@whenuaiti.org.nz](mailto:info@whenuaiti.org.nz)

Our Guest Speakers today were Tim Leyland, Regional Policy Advisor for Work & Income who along with Gavin Cook; the new Manager of Motueka Work & Income discussed the new Community Link facility that is opening in the Work & Income offices in Motueka.

Time introduced himself as link between government policy and the real world of Work & Income staff and clients, and went onto to describe how the population of Motueka was made up. In the 2006 census the Motueka district has a total population of 12,500 people, the age range was not evenly distributed, and the largest numbers are in the 40 – 55 year age range, and it is predicted as people live longer that there will be big growth in the 65+ age

group as our population ages and more retired people choose to come into the district to live. There are a high number of single person households eg widowed women, and couples without children are another other growth area. It is hoped the development of Community Link will make it easier for the community to access both government and non government services in one building, on a part or full-time basis.

“It is both a place and a way of working, that extends beyond the physical site, to encompass a broad network of social service agencies that are committed to working collaboratively in the interests of their clients and the Motueka Community. Community Links aim to connect people to social services in a way which creates a circle of opportunity that benefits people, their families and communities. Expressions of interest are welcomed from organisations interested in participating in the Motueka Community Link, whether in its establishment and governance, or as on or off site partners.” Any further information can be obtained by emailing Gavin Cook, Service Centre Manager at Work and Income on [gavin.cook@msd.govt.nz](mailto:gavin.cook@msd.govt.nz) Gavin has a questionnaire that can be filled out to show an expression of interest in the proposal, so for those of you who were unable to attend this meeting please contact Gavin for further information.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.15

**Next Meeting:** will be on 1 September 2010 at 12.00, and Rose McDrury from the Alzheimers Society will be the facilitator

**The Guest Speaker will be Kevin Hague MP for the Green Party**