

Minutes of the Motueka Community Whanau Meeting Held at Community House on Wednesday 7th July, 2010.

Apologies: Rae Dozell-Whenua Iti/ Whanau meeting Co-ordinator

Present:

Sonny Alesana-NZ Settlement Support, David Armstrong-Motueka Online
Margaret King- IRD, Pamela Hedlund – Motueka Mentoring/ Strengthening Families,
Judy Freer- Motueka Women’s Support Link, Ron Sharp- Community House, Margaret
Thomson-Community Law, Miraka Norgate- Public Health Tobacco Control, Tara Forde
-Motueka CommunityBoard, Vicki Gardner- Motueka Plunket, Fraser Campbell-Motueka
Community Trust, Lyn Campbell- Fresh Perspective Family Mentoring, Debi Jones-Get Safe,
Kathy Craw-Get Safe, Phillipa Adams and Sjors Brouwer- Motueka Family Service Centre,
Tim Leyland- Ministry of Social Development, Louise Holden- PHO. Shane Blows-
WorkBridge, Shane Graham-Department of Internal Affairs COGS.

Check In:

Sonny Alesana; Based with the Nelson City Council-(nelsontasmansettlementsupport.co.nz) A
wealth of information is available on this website for new migrants,- (or contact Sonny if you
require more information.) He also has “Settlement Support” pamphlets if you require some for
your group.

Te Rito Conference: 29-30th July **“Walking Our Streets-lets make it OK”**. For further
information please contact Gayle Helm Phone 548-3798.

Miraka Norgate-PHO Promoter of Tobacco Control. Set up to help and advise workplaces
with this issue-starting with Maori organisations and moving out into the broader sector. Please
contact her if you feel this would benefit your organisation.

Tara Forde-Motueka Community Board: The board are looking at transportation issues at the
moment.

They had received a letter from the electoral committee, urging people to enrol to vote in the
election in October. Community groups could use this as a time to host forums, and it would be a
good opportunity to get public debate happening.

If you are aware of someone who would like their name to be on the roll, but don’t want it to be
available to the public (they could be escaping from a situation involving violence for example)
then tell them to follow up on this as it is an option.

Margaret Thomson- Community Law. Community Law operate out of an office in community
House and have someone there on a Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, to help with legal
issues.

David Armstrong-Motueka Online Website. The Community website which is free for any
community group to keep us updated on what’s happening in the community. e.g. the Family
Service Centre courses are well advertised on the site.

Statistics show just under 3,600 hits, with a total of 25,000 pages looked at during June.

A good example of how well its working has been the recent Festival of Lights. Their page was
used many times in the week that it was on, as people checked for programmes or changes, and
put photos on of the event - (up to 100 photos in the end) - which ensures a permanent record of
the event.

The whanau minutes will be posted, and the news goes on everyday. David can e-mail the
articles and items added each week, if required.

Tim congratulated David for providing such a rich resource for the community.

Debi Jones- Get Safe: Debi introduced herself as the new family whanau worker, as Louise is away on maternity leave.

Kathy Crow- Get Safe: Kathy is the manager for Get Safe and at the moment are urgently looking for accommodation. Their offices got flooded in recent storms, and they require premises with a minimum of three offices plus meeting room that is pretty central. Please get in touch if you know of any.

Vicki Gardner-Plunket: Vicki has started in her new role as a Plunket Nurse, having come from Family Start. She works on Tuesday and Thursday, alongside two other part time nurses, and they will be involved with the child until they reach the age of three, doing health checks and monitoring their development.

Pamela Hedlund-Family Works/Strengthening Families: They are always looking for mentors for mainly 8-12 years old. Pamela is relieving for Strengthening families for a couple more weeks.

Ron Sharp-Community House: Community House is working well with 12 tenants-(some sharing office facilities)- and a waiting list of groups wanting an office.

In the last minutes the issue of a **Group's Response Team** came up. Ron explained it would be a communication resource, with support from members of the Whanau Group for any community group, making submissions etc.

Judy Freer-Motueka Women's Support Link: WSL have an office in Community House- open 9-12 mornings, but with support workers available on their 24hr phonenumber. 5288-161.

Louise Holden-PHO.Brief Intervention Service: Louise works for the PHO at Central Medical. The Brief Intervention Service being offered, needs a doctor's referral and can be for 4-6 sessions.

Tim Leyland:-Ministry of Social Development Adviser: Tim has kindly offered to be our next guest speaker, when he will talk about Community Link, something that he is currently working on with Gavin Cook from Work and Income.

Every WINZ office will become a Community Link, with other agencies, NGO's etc available for the clients. This is a step on from Heartlands in Takaka, where it's worked well.

Shane Graham-Dept.Of Internal Affairs-COGS: Shane is the funding Adviser for the Dept. of Internal Affairs just letting groups know that COGS applications are now open, and close the last day of July.

There are some changes, but you can apply on-line or with a paper application. They appreciate the applications being made as soon as possible.

Fraser Campbell-Motueka Community Trust: The idea for the Trust, which is to help with resources and get behind local existing organisations, originally came from the local Baptist church, who had young people needing a bit of training and guidance. The idea was to challenge them to go out and have a crack at their projects, and have the Trust help with the formal side of things, getting funding etc. So far 5 organisations have been approached to join the Trust.

An example of their work was to support The Classic Movies weekly afternoon ,which targeted the older age group. By bringing this group together for a free gathering, helped with their mental health as well as bringing them together socially. The Trust helped in a practical way by providing blackout curtains for the theatre.

Low key but worthwhile support.

Phillipa Adams:Motueka Family Service Centre –Acorn & Parenting Support: Offering support for mums breastfeeding. They have a group of 5 experienced mums, who having had extensive training, will be available at the end of the phone, or will visit and go through the processes, and offer support to breastfeeding mums.

Midwives will refer young or isolated mums needing support.

World Breastfeeding Week begins on the 1st of August. On Tuesday, Aug 3rd they will have a stall, and on Friday 6th August, they will hold the Latch on Event to try and break the record.

Motueka had the third largest group last year, so if breastfeeding mothers can register by 10-00am, the latch on will take place, Friday at 10-30am, at the St John's training room.

Sjors Brouwer-Motueka Family Service Centre: The Get Cooking Classes: Sjors reported they have run three of the classes, the first was mostly students referred from FSC, the second was a group organised by Renee Alleyne from Supporting Families, and the third was from the public who answered the advertisements in The Guardian. The classes are for any group that normally wouldn't cook, and are free.

Budget Advice: They get surges of clients. Sjors now has two colleagues supporting him, and this is allowing him time to network.

Margaret King-Inland Revenue : Margaret is happy to talk to groups or agencies on Govt. policy, and what tax obligations they have. Up until the end of July, they have an on-line forum open to the public, on ideas on how to make tax easier.

Lyn Campbell-Fresh Perspective: Fresh Perspective is a subsidiary of Open Homes, and targets parents who need mentoring services .It is not up at the level of requiring care and protection, but lower down, and is a free service offered to families that have asked for help,

Shane Blows- WorkBridge: Shane helps find employment for the disabled, and will liase with business's to get this. Also representing WorkBridge was Shane's colleague **Naomi Winslade.**

The meeting closed at 12-45pm.

The next meeting will be on **August the 4th, 12-00pm** at Community House.
The speaker will be Tim Leyland from MSD.