



**KAIKOURA  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**



**6 December 2006  
At Takahanga Marae**

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.00 AM  
ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006 AT TAKAHANGA  
MARAЕ, TAKAHANGA TERRACE, KAIKOURA.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Welcome to new Community Development Officer**
- 3. Matters to be raised as General Business**
- 4. Matters Arising from Report of 01/11/2006**
- 5. Family Violence Co-Ordinator's Report**
- 6. Community Networker's Minutes**
- 7. Senior Net Update**
  - A verbal update will be given by Councillor McChesney
- 8. Road Safety Update**
- 9. Mayor's Update**
- 10. December Awareness Days**
  - **1 December**      **Red Ribbon Day (AIDS Foundation)**
  - **3 December**     **International Day of Disabled Persons**
  - **10 December**    **World Human Rights Day**
- 11. General Business**

# **Family Violence Co-Ordinator's Report**

## **Strategies in the Prevention of Family Violence Conference**

This conference had many experienced Guest Speakers from Carolyn Bull (Families Commission) to Mereana Pitman (National Women's Refuge office)

**Workshops from Police** – Ross Lienert, Family Violence Coordinator for the Tasman police District. Ross talked about how police have focused on improving investigation techniques into family violence related offending.

**Family Court Lawyer** – Alison Loach. Alison spoke about legal options available to victims of domestic violence, and pro active steps that can be taken, particularly to protect children.

**Glenda Dixon** – Glenda's workshop explored an approach to working with women who have experienced violence from their male partners. How group work journaling, and document/letter writing can be used to take women from an abuse dominated story to a multi- storied or rich description of self.

**Brian Gardener** – National manager of Stopping Violence Services.

Brian's workshop looked at the dynamics of men's violence and the structures that support it, and explore the systemic, societal and individual pathways that promote relationships of respect, equality and safety.

Overall the conference was very interesting, which put me in the room with many experienced people in the social service sector of Family Violence.

Personally I found the workshop with Mereana Pitman very interesting, with her 25yrs experience, it gave me an insight in to a view that, working with Maori families was intergenerational.

With the disinheritance of lands and the return of soldiers from war, family violence increased radically.

I learnt many things at this conference for our community – Having positive Parenting Skills, Having strong Support networks, having a work life balance which suits.

## **Family Variety Show**

I have spent most of this month organizing the variety show, from teaching children how to sing and dance to gathering statistics of family violence.

Local businesses have sponsored us with prizes, and this show could not have been possible without all of those awesome helpers and volunteers who gave up their valuable time

Many thanks to everyone!

**“Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of overcoming it.”**

**Helen Keller**

Rupia Te Ua

Kaikoura Family violence Coordinator.

# **Minutes Kaikoura Community Networkers Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

**Present:**                **Rupia Te Ua  
Noel Doney  
Daryl Mataiti  
Frank Maxwell  
Cathy Ferguson  
Lyn Van Velsen  
Nicola Jago  
Jenny Bolton-Roche**

**Apologies:**            **Ma-rea Unahi  
Leena Kerei Keepa**

**Welcomes and introductions**

**Noel Doney –FAC**

**Advised that the new Community Development Officer employed by council will be starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, and that person is Megan Pfeifer.**

**The Strengthening Families position will be advertised this week in the local paper.**

**Rupia Te Ua – SEEK co-ordinator**

**Spoke about the meeting that was held in the supper room regarding community education. Blenheim community college had some very good ideas that would include unemployed people as well as youth; there would be interaction and participation with employers.**

**Lyn Van Velzen – WINZ**

**Advised that the Blenheim Police are running a course that is free to Maori to obtain their Learners Licence, on the 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> of November so it would be great to take advantage of this if we know of anyone.**

**Rupia Te Ua – Family Violence co-ordinator**

**There will be a Family violence awareness variety show-evening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December in the Memorial hall at 7:00pm.**

**There was a discussion around the DHB project for our Health Services.**

**Next Meeting will be 12<sup>th</sup> December, the last of the year, it will be a pot luck lunch so bring something yummy.**

**We look forward to seeing everyone.**