



**KAIKOURA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

**7 November 2007
At Takahanga Marae**

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.00
AM ON WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2007 AT
TAKAHANGA MARAE, TAKAHANGA TERRACE, KAIKOURA.**

AGENDA

1. *Apologies*

2. *Matters to be raised as General Business*

3. *Matters Arising from Report of 05/09/2007* *page*

4. *Minutes Action Update List*

<i>MEETING</i>	<i>ACTION REQUIRED</i>	<i>BY</i>	<i>DATE ACTIONED</i>
<i>01 August 2007</i>			
	Provide feedback on type of funding Kaikoura can expect to receive for <u>treating</u> domestic violence following advertising campaigns.	C King	3 August 2007

5. *Correspondence*

- NZ Fire Service *page*
- Work & Income (The Social Report will be tabled) *page*
- Age Concern NZ Incorporated *page*

6. *Community Development Officer's report* *page*

7. *Family Violence Officer's Report* *page*

8. *Information for Committee*

- Snippets from Rural Bulletin *page*
- The 2007 Social Report – Regional Indicators *page*
- NZ Positive Ageing Strategy Report & Plan *page*

9. *Mayor's Update*

10. *Road Safety Update*

11. *General Business*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Physical Activity Strategy

David Allen from Global Leisure held a series of workshops in Kaikoura over a three- day period from 17th Sept to 19th of Sept. The workshops were well attended and David was able to collect some valuable information from a good cross-section of our community to include in the strategy.

In addition to this around 200 people completed the on-line questionnaire, which was an awesome result, and many different issues were raised which can be addressed through the strategy.

David is currently completing the first draft of the strategy, which will next week go to the New Zealand Recreation Association (NZRA) peer review panel. The draft strategy will be presented to council on 19th of December and will then go out for public consultation.

Youth Council

The new Kaikoura Youth Council has been meeting monthly with a good core group of 8 motivated young people. They are currently drawing up plans and a report on Mural Designs for the new toilet block on the West End. They are also looking into a graffiti wall, which would give the young or young at heart in the community the opportunity to legitimately practice their art. Best designs will be voted on, before the wall is whitewashed on a regular basis. The reports will be presented to council on November 21st.

The Youth Council are also setting up a webpage on the networking website Bebo. This page will enable youth from across the district to keep up to date with what is happening and allow them to be involved. Meeting minutes and agendas will be posted on this page. Will investigate whether this page can be linked to the council website.

The next Youth Council meeting is the 14th of November at 5pm – Te Whare Putea (Torquay Street).

National Local Authority Community Development Conference

Building Bridges to Wellbeing – 19-21st September Hamilton

This conference was an excellent opportunity to meet colleagues from other regions and to share ideas and experiences. The conference programme was fantastic, including Key Note Speakers such as Pio Terei, Mark Solomon and John Prendergast the Chief Executive of the Community Trust of Southland. I attended workshops on 'Giving a voice to young people', 'Community Development and Volunteers', and presented at a workshop on 'Youth Councils' sharing with colleagues how to start up youth councils in small communities. I had a tour of a youth complex called Whai Marama which offers young people drug and alcohol counseling as well as advocacy and education. Youth Transition Services are also delivered from this site. I also had the opportunity to visit Te Ahurei a Rangatahi, which is a youth health promotion and education organization, which utilizes young people to deliver positive programs and information to youth. This facility was a fantastic example of positive youth development, mentoring youth workers and providing health and wellbeing services.

Community Initiatives Fund

The Community Initiatives fund subcommittee met in September and October. Funding has been granted to Kaikoura Community Expo (Te Tai O Marokura), The Kaikoura Village Fairytale Christmas 2007, and the Community Gym Biathlon event.

The Kaikoura Community Expo

This event started on Monday the 8th of October with a Powhiri at Takahanga Marae for stallholders. On the 9th of October over 50 stallholders advised, informed and entertained 170 visitors and 120

school students at both Takahanga Marae and the Memorial Hall. The weather could not have been better and all stallholders found the day valuable, particularly networking with other agencies.

A debrief of the event has determined that future events will be held at one venue as the Memorial Hall did not get as much foot traffic as the Marae and the seminar series which was running in the Supper Room was not well attended.

Community Events Calendar

In the last report it was mentioned that a list of community groups and contacts is being compiled to update the Council website as a resource for the community. As an extension a Community Events Calendar is now being put together which will be accessed from the website and will contain all events happening in the community. This should make it easier for fundraising groups to choose dates for their event and will also be a good tool for people to find out what's going on in town.

OSCAR – Afterschool and holiday programme

Unfortunately an umbrella group has not been found for the OSCAR programme. Bruce Pagan and I spoke to the Kaikoura Star and a story ran calling for expressions of interest, but no response was received. A public meeting has been organized for **Thursday November the 8th at 7pm** – Memorial Hall Supper Room. All interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting so that the community as a whole can work on a solution to this issue.

Health Services Planning

The next Health Services Planning 'design team' meeting is scheduled for Monday 26th of November. At this meeting an accommodation schedule for the Kaikoura Hospital will be addressed. Minutes from previous meetings are available. Please contact Megan the Community Development Officer or Marion the Social Services Committee Chair if you have anything you would like to input into these meetings.

FAMILY VIOLENCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Family Violence Campaign

After a long wait, our stickers and posters have arrived and have been distributed throughout the community. They have slogans such as:

“Let's make Kaikoura Violence free” & “I support a Violence free community”

Please contact me if you would like to help distribute.

How ironic it is that I sit here writing this report as my 18 year old nephew fights for his life in Auckland hospital, in an unprovoked attack on him by 6 youths.

A shy placid kid in the wrong place at the wrong time makes me more determined to send these messages out.

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Campaign

A planned Alcohol and Drug Awareness Campaign is being organized for **Wednesday 28th of November**, Memorial Hall 5.30pm to 8pm. We have Senior Constable Russell Smith of Blenheim police station doing a “P and Party pills” presentation.

There will be an opportunity for parents or youth to ask any questions, we will also have Narcotics Anonymous representatives available to help educate the Kaikoura community.

It has been brought to our attention that Mexican tripping weed has been sold at the new liquor store here, we are on a campaign of outlawing party pills and such substances in Kaikoura, and after all if this beautiful little town can get rid of plastic bags surely these products can also be eliminated.

Womens' Refuge

We have two new Kaikoura Women's Refuge advocates to help support families in need of advice, safety etc. We would like to welcome them aboard to join our team to keep Kaikoura safe.

NZ Police

We have a small team of police in Kaikoura, and it seems to be increasingly hard to keep our police officers and their families to stay in Kaikoura. The issue seems to be lack of housing or the high rents that Kaikoura residents have to pay. At this point there are two police houses empty and it would be great to have a support letter from the Social Services Committee to have these houses filled with our police at an affordable rate. We can't afford to lose any more officers because of this reason; this can only impact on all of us - with our jobs and within the community.

Let's help them to help us make our jobs easier!

Update on the Nationwide “It's not OK Campaign”.

A filming crew was here in August to film yours truly for the campaign launch in Wellington.

I have a copy of this DVD if anyone is interested in seeing it, it has small snippets of Family Violence representatives around New Zealand, sharing their ideas and projects that are implemented around the country. The website for 0800 help line is attracting about 1,200 visits a week including a steady number of emails for information about services and about family violence.

Men are making up half of the callers to the 0800 line; the number of men seeking information is higher than expected. Enquiries range from men concerned about their own behaviour to men concerned about the behaviour of mates or other family members.

Family Violence Information line 0800 456 450.

There is a national appeal throughout New Zealand preventing Violence in the homes.

ANZ banks are sponsoring this and are being contacted as a set up point for this appeal, the date for **Preventing Violence in the home National appeal** is 23rd of November.

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give”

Rupia Te Ua