



**KAIKOURA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

6 AUGUST 2008

Memorial Hall Supper Room, Esplanade, Kaikoura.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 288 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

AGENDA

1. *Apologies*
2. *Matters to be raised as General Business*
3. *Matters Arising from Report of 02/07/2008* *page 1*
4. *Minutes Action Update List*

MEETING	ACTION REQUIRED	BY	DATE ACTIONED
05 MARCH 2008			
	Form working groups to focus on food and fuel prices and report back to monthly Social Services meetings	All Social Services meeting attendees	
04 JUNE 2008			
	Provide a report to July Meeting on Social Services re-usable nappy project	Community Development Officer	Refer Community Networkers Minutes – page 7.
02 JULY 2008			
	Invite R Vaughan to next meeting to discuss nappy composting initiative Provide a report on what Social Services Committee can do to help with providing bags for disposing of nappies for composting	Community Development Officer	Refer item 8 on page 10

5. *Community Networkers Minutes* *page 5*
6. *Community Development Officer's Report* *page 8*
7. *Family Violence Officer's Report* *unavailable at time of printing*
8. *Composting Disposable Nappies Report* *page 11*
9. *Information for Committee*
 - ◆ *CDHB Update* *page 13*
 - ◆ *NZCOSS Network News* *page 14*
10. *Mayor's Update*
11. *Road Safety Update*
12. *General Business*

Kaikoura Community Networkers Meeting 8th July 2008

Present:

Megan Pfeifer (KDC), Colleen Cox (MSD), Linda Craig (PHN), Susan Kovacs (RC-PHO), Ma-rea Unahi (CCS DA), Jenny Bolton-Roche (Te Whare Putea/Heartlands), Frank Maxwell (HNZC), Shaun Frizzell, Stephanie Moses (Community Law Marlborough), Rupia Te Ua (FVN, SF), Leanne Stowell (W&I), Justine Hancock (Midwife), Adrienne Carter (Nurse Manager), Wendy Campbell (Kaikoura Medical Center/PHO), Diane Kerrison (BIA), Juliana Kirwin (Family Mental Health Service), Daniel Matakī (Family Mental Health Service).

Apologies:

Linda Kitcheningham, Lisa Kahu, Pauline Wilson, Margaret Smith, REAP, Lois Valance, Trevor Walker, Marie Normalie, Rachel Black.

Update of what's happening in the Community:

Colleen Cox – MSD Family Violence Response Coordinator

Works with Case Managers to support and mentor around family violence issues and assists with screening clients. Also works with Community Groups within family violence networks and has just been meeting with the Kaikoura Family Violence Network to work on their Strategic Plan.

Linda Craig – Public Health Nurse (CDHB)

Has been Strategic Planning for the Family Violence Network and is about to start Strategic Planning on the Education project. Otherwise is business as usual.

Colleen Cowan Lee - Te Whare Putea

Social Work and whanau support (CYF Contract). Also supports community services workers. Court work – support and refer to the right agencies. Advocacy in schools – mediation and support. There should be a school holiday programme running in the second week of the school holidays. Please phone Colleen for further details after Friday the 11th of July.

Ma-rea Unahi – CCS Disability Action

Works locally part time with 50 clients. The organization is hosting an Awareness Breakfast on Wednesday the 9th of July at Takahanga Marae (8am).

Susan Kovacs – Primary Care Rural Mental Health – PHO

Working with 18-65 years with mental illness. Identify and connect with the right providers and link between primary, secondary and tertiary services and ngos. Referrals are via GPs. The work load is currently very low, but expect this to change as more care becomes community based. A message regarding Family Violence: 'if one person takes an interest, it helps to build resilience and makes a difference.'

Jenny Bolton-Roche – Te Whare Putea/Heartlands

As Heartlands Coordinator Jenny coordinates the services of government and community agencies. Things are very busy at the moment as there are many families facing hardship due to increasing costs in living. If anyone can offer support with supplying food parcels please let Jenny know. It was suggested that Birth Right might be a good organization to help. Leanne Stowell to arrange contact. The group discussed community gardens and other ways to help alleviate the pressure families are feeling particularly when it comes to buying healthy food. Megan to investigate setting up a 'How to create a vegetable garden' workshop to encourage people to become more self sufficient.

IRD are running an IR3 seminar at Takahanga Marae on Wednesday the 9th of July.

The Spinners and Weavers group are again running a holiday programme at Heartlands on Tuesday the 15th and Wednesday the 16th from 10am -12noon.

Frank Maxwell – Housing New Zealand

Frank is in Kaikoura once a month or as needed and covers Kaikoura, Blenheim and Picton. There are no current vacancies. The Housing NZ gardening competition is coming up again. Frank will be able to supply entry forms. Kaikoura has won prizes in the past.

Diane Kerrison – Brain Injury Association

Things are quiet at the moment. The association has just put out a booklet on the service with lots of good information.

Ivana Korunic-Menendez from Epilepsy New Zealand has left the organization and there is currently no coverage for the Kaikoura area. The vacancy has been advertised. If there are any issues in the interim please let Diane from BIA know.

Stephanie Moses – Community Law Marlborough

Currently in Kaikoura on Tuesdays and Wednesday depending on bookings. Stephanie is running Domestic Violence Seminar on the 9th of July at 9.30-12.30 Memorial Hall Supper Room. Please register your interest with Jenny Bolton-Roche at Heartlands ph 9099292.

Wendy Campbell – Medical Center/PHO

The brief intervention counseling services (mild-moderate) with Les Watts is going really well. He is here every Friday.

Dr Chris Henry is running a clinic at the High School on Tuesdays with Linda Craig (PHN). This will be by appointment in the morning and drop ins in the afternoons.

The PHO are currently looking at improving access to health care (particularly to people not already using the service) and recently attended the Rugby and Netball on a Saturday to talk to people. Free clinics are being run on Monday the 21st and 28th at the Lobster Inn for people who haven't been to the doctor in three years or are not enrolled in this area.

Rupia Te Ua – Strengthening Families/Family Violence Coordinator

The family violence network is currently working on a Strategic Plan. They will host a morning tea in September to introduce this plan and let the community and agencies know what they are all about.

The network has also just held a very successful Wahine Wananga – Womens Empowerment.

Strengthening Families is very busy at the moment as families feel the stresses of the increased costs of living.

Leanne Stowell – Work and Income

Leanne works in partnership with other agencies supporting families most in need in a specialist case manager role. She has a limited number of clients – currently 8 families. She currently only has clients in Blenheim and Picton, but is available for Kaikoura clients.

Justine Hancock - Midwife

Justine is one of two midwives in Kaikoura and they are currently working week on, week off. They can be contacted on 03 3197773.

There was a recent meeting with the PHO and College of Midwives looking at better access to maternity services. They will be working closely with GPs and will offer birthing services here for those women whom are eligible, as well as antenatal and postnatal services. Looking at how to grow to a sustainable practice with a good workforce. **What do women in the community want?** There will be upcoming meetings to find out from women in the community what they would like in the way of birthing services here in Kaikoura. Please contact the midwives (Justine and Mary if you would like to discuss this further).

Adrienne Carter – Nurse Manager Kaikoura Hospital

The CDHB are committed to providing a facility for birthing. The new facility will be functional and user friendly.

The rest home currently has two vacant beds for short and long term stays. Please contact Adrienne for more information.

Juliana Kirwin – Family Mental Health Services

A recent meeting looking at what Family Mental Health Services does went well – providing a service for Child and Youth. The presentation can be done again if there is interest.

Daniel Mataki – Family Mental Health Services

Maori Counsellor visiting fortnightly – supporting services from the marae. Daniel is moving onto the mainstream service and the Maori Health worker position has been advertised.

Megan Pfeifer – Community Development Officer (KDC)

The Cloth Nappy project will continue on for another year. Parents can try sample packs of cloth nappies and receive a \$20 rebate from the council. Further information is available on the council website http://www.kaikoura.govt.nz/projects/cloth_nappy_schemeclo.htm.

The council is also looking into doing a disposable nappy collection and transporting these and other sanitary items to a special composting depot in Hurunui.

Community Development Officer's Report

Youth Council

The Kaikoura Youth Council was successful in gaining support from council to attend the Youth in Local Government Conference in Christchurch in October. Two members of the Youth Council will attend the three day conference and report back to council. They also plan to run youth workshops to pass on the information gained during this conference.

The Youth Council voted to work with council staff and developers to create more recreational areas for young people in the community. At this stage ideas are being discussed for a basketball half court.

Kaikoura Youth Skills Project

The draft contract has just been received so the planning phase can finally be kicked off. I am in the process of setting up a Governance Group and putting together a job description for a coordinator. Hopefully the project will be started off by the start of September.

Kaikoura Community Expo

The date for the Community Expo has changed to the 16th of September. Please get registrations in for this event as soon as possible. It is a great opportunity to showcase your agency and its services to the community.

If you would like to be involved in organizing the Expo or if you have any ideas please contact Megan or Lisa Kahu.

Kaikoura Community Vegetable Garden Workshops

Following on from discussions in this forum and also at the Community Networkers meetings I have been investigating setting up workshops to enable community members to create their own vegetable garden. I have had discussions with a number of groups and have found that others have had similar ideas, so we are now looking at ways to work together so this can happen.

It is hoped that with collaboration between Wastebusters, Kaikoura District Council, Te Tai O Marokura, REAP Marlborough and possibly Adult and Community Education (ACE) a community garden can be developed and in the process run some workshops around the creation of these gardens to provide community members with the skills to recreate the same in their own back yards, and hopefully produce enough vegetables to feed their families or at least supplement what they have to purchase.

It is hoped that these workshops will be free so there are no barriers to participation. REAP are also willing to offer a childcare service for course participants.

The aim of the workshops is to teach people to create for themselves a sustainable food source. This is particularly relevant during this time of economic downturn nationally/globally and compounded by the fact that many of the families in Kaikoura only work seasonally when tourist are around.

Presently the groups are still in discussion regarding how they can work together and exactly what form the workshops will take. If anyone has any old garden tools/seeds etc that they would like to donate to this project or if they are interested in mentoring a 'new gardening family' please contact Megan on 03 3195026.

Liquor Ban Area

There have been three new larger liquor ban area signs installed at 'entry' points to the main township outlining the liquor ban area on a map. Ten new smaller liquor ban signs will also be put up around the

town. Extensive educational material on the liquor ban area and penalties will be sent to all motels, backpackers, visitor information center, sports club rooms and bar/pubs so that people are aware they are in a liquor ban area. Funding secured also enables extensive advertising of the Liquor Ban area in the Kaikoura Star.

Kaikoura Physical Activity Plan

A subcommittee of the Physical Activity Plan steering group and councilors met to hear and consider submissions to the Physical Activity Plan. A few amendments to the plan have been recommended and a second draft will go to Council this month for consideration and adoption.

Torquay Street Pensioner Units

The new pensioner units have been completed and new tenants have shifted in. So far they all seem to be enjoying their new homes and not too many teething problems. The planned opening of the units has had to be postponed twice due to the weather and it is hoped that the opening will take place shortly. A date is yet to be set.

Kaikoura Community Events Calendar

AUGUST 2008

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[September >>>](#)

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

6th - Kaikoura District Council - Social Services Committee meeting, 9am Memorial Hall Supper Room

12th - Community Networkers meeting - an informal networking meeting for service providers to keep up to date with each others work and collaborate on projects. 12noon, Memorial Hall supper room.

Bring your lunch

13th - Care of Children Act - Free Seminar presented by Community Law Marlborough. 9.30am - 12.30pm Memorial Hall Supper Room. For further information or to confirm your attendance please contact Heartlands Services on 9099292

13th - Kaikoura District Council - Tourism and Economic Development Committee meeting, 1pm Memorial Hall Supper Room.

19th July – 3rd August - 48 Hours in Kaikoura Photo Exhibition, Kaikoura Winery

www.kaikourawinery.co.nz

19th - Lions Club of Kaikoura - Dinner Meeting, Kaikoura Bowling Club rooms, Ludstone Avenue, 6pm.

20th - Kaikoura District Council - Works and Services, Environment Services, Finance and Policy and Council meeting, 9am Memorial Hall Supper Room

29th - Daffodil Day – Cancer Society

Supermarket Price Comparisons

	Grocery Item	New World Kaikoura	New World Kaikoura	Countdown Blenheim	New World Star Rd
		23/06/08	07/07/08-coupon	7/07/2008	07/07/08 -coupo
List A	Potatoes - (5kg)	\$8.49	\$8.49	\$7.99	
	Carrots - (1.5kg)	\$3.59	\$3.69	\$2.82	
	Broccoli - (head)	\$2.59	\$2.69	\$1.99	
	Bananas - (1kg)	\$2.69	\$1.49	\$1.49	
	Apples - (1kg)	\$2.95	\$1.79	\$1.99	
	Rump Steak - (1kg)	\$15.99	\$8.99	\$7.97	
	Mince - (1kg)	\$9.99	\$7.99	\$8.99	
	Milk - (2l)	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$3.89	
	Butter	\$3.89	\$3.79	\$3.59	
	Juice - (3l)	\$3.99	\$3.99	\$3.79	
	Tea Bags - (100s)	\$2.99	\$2.49	\$3.00	
	Flour - (1.5kg)	\$2.69	\$2.29	\$2.09	
	Sugar - (1.5kg)	\$1.79	\$1.79	\$2.49	
	Tinned Tomatoes	\$0.80	\$0.80	\$0.99	
	Rice - (1kg)	\$1.59	\$1.89	\$1.95	
	Pasta - (500g)	\$0.89	\$1.15	\$0.99	
	Eggs - (1doz)	\$3.29	\$3.29	\$3.29	
	Frozen Peas (1kg)	\$2.49	\$2.55	\$3.09	
Frozen Chicken - (18)	\$9.99	\$9.99	\$10.52		
List B (+A)	Biscuits	\$2.89	\$2.49	\$2.45	
	Toilet Paper - (4pack)	\$1.79	\$1.49	\$1.98	
	Dish Liquid	\$1.89	\$2.59	\$1.99	
	Laundry Powder- (1kg)	\$2.49	\$2.49	\$1.89	
	Edam Cheese - (1kg)	\$11.10	\$11.49	\$9.99	
	Bread - (toast)	\$1.10	\$1.79	\$1.05	
	Weetbix - (1kg)	\$4.49	\$4.49	\$4.39	
	List A: Subtotal	\$83.74	\$72.30	\$72.92	
	List A+List B: Total	\$109.49	\$99.13	\$96.66	

COMPOSTING DISPOSABLE NAPPIES

Introduction

In 2007 the first commercial scale disposable nappy composting service was trialed by Karen and Karl Upston in Rangiora, North Canterbury using HotRot technology developed by Christchurch based company R5 Solutions. Based on the completed trial, the demand for this service exceeded all expectations and identified a need for a composting facility.

The trial showed that disposable nappies and incontinence products in the waste stream could be commercially composted thereby reducing pressure on landfills. The results of the five month trial from March to July 2007 have been used to develop the Huggies Envirocomp Solution which will open at the end of 2008.

Discussion

Karen and Karl Upston own a business selling both disposable and cloth nappies and are very aware of the environmental impacts of both nappy streams. They decided to trial composting disposable nappies on a commercial scale and contacted R5 Solutions who manufacture the HotRot range of in-vessel composting systems. R5 Solutions were able to provide advice and guidance as well as a prototype composting unit that the Upston's were offered for use in their trial.

R5 Solutions have designed a custom built composting facility. This is a modular in-vessel system which can compost up to ten tonnes per day. With the addition of bulking agent (wood chip/ kitchen waste/ construction and demolition waste), disposable nappies and incontinence products will be composted through R5 Solutions commercial plant.

After a specialised screening process to remove plastic contaminants, the final product will be sold to commercial gardening/ landscaping businesses, and also made available to community based projects for fundraising.

The five month trial involved over 200 families; six pre-schools the local maternity hospital, elderly residents and a Christchurch branch of the IHC. Over the five months approximately 450,000 nappies were composted, which equated to 56 tonnes of household waste.

By introducing the Envirocomp Solution in Canterbury it will divert up to 3000 tonnes of disposable nappies from landfills each year. For Kaikoura this figure will be a lesser volume, but nappies at sanitary items are 7-10% of our waste stream or 0.8 tonne per week. This equates to 42 tonne of waste to landfill per year.

For Kaikoura

Nappies will be collected from childcare facilities in 'wheelie bins' and households will be offered a weekly domestic collection using a bio-degradable bag at a subscription fee. All bags will need to be taken to Innovative Waste Kaikoura, and will be transported weekly in wheelie bins to the Composting Plant in North Canterbury.

The biodegradable bags will be sold to Kaikoura District Council with the cost of the disposal included. It is envisaged that the bags will cost around \$4 each, for a bag the size of approximately a 10L rubbish bag. The cost is currently higher than the cost of disposing of a normal black rubbish bag, so subsidizing the cost would be advantageous to promotion of the scheme. Final costs are as yet unknown, but if the Committee were of a mind to support this initiative, final costs shall be sought and subsidizing the scheme could be considered by the Committee.

Conclusion

It is recommended that this initiative be supported by the Social Services Committee on behalf of Kaikoura District Council. The initiative may help to achieve the Zero Waste vision for the District, but also removes some of the guilt of using disposable nappies for environmentally conscience mothers.

Final costs will be sought from the composting facility and a proposal for subsidizing the initiative can be brought to the Committee.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

- ***The Social Services Committee receives the information contained in this report.***
- ***The Social Services Committee gives support to the composting nappy initiative.***
- ***The Social Services Committee instructs staff to seek final costs on the composting nappy initiative.***

PROPOSED NEW KAIKOURA HEALTH FACILITY

An Update for the Kaikoura Design Team
3 July 2008

Some progress to report. We last week received, from the Canterbury DHB (CDHB) Corporate Services, the good news that we can proceed with the development of a concept plan for a new health facility at Kaikoura. Team members will recall that this was the next step we needed to take to progress the development of a new facility. Approval has come following the March submission of a paper, to the CDHB Corporate Services, requesting funding for a concept plan.

While there has been no definite outcome at this time from initial discussions held with Ngai Tahu, we are now in a position to be able to engage an architect to develop the concept plan.

To this end it is hoped to have an architectural firm committed to taking on this task within the next fortnight. Information gathered from the Kaikoura Design Team at meetings held last year, and since the meetings, will be submitted to the architects. Following this it is expected to take some weeks for the initial drawings to be developed.

Please be assured that as soon as the concept plan is available further consultation will be facilitated with you.

It is important to remember that the concept plan will only be, in a sense, a basic first drawing. It will allow further discussion to take place around more precisely what is needed at Kaikoura. It will not be the final architectural document. But it is a good move forward and a very important stage in an exciting project.

Garth Bateup
General Manager
Ashburton & Rural Health Services.