



**KAIKOURA  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

**1 APRIL 2009**

**Memorial Hall Supper Room**

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.00 AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2009 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,  
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**AGENDA**

1. *Apologies*
2. *Matters to be raised as General Business*
3. *Matters Arising from Report of 4/3/2009* *page 1*

4. *Minutes Action List Update*

<i>MEETING</i>	<i>ACTION REQUIRED</i>	<i>BY</i>	<i>DATE ACTIONED</i>
<b>04 March 2009</b>			
Write to Fulton Hogan thanking them for the vests		Committee	Letter sent refer agenda page 11
Write to Department of Conservation regarding a toilet at the Seal Colony		Committee	Letter sent refer agenda page 12
Investigate signage on South Bay Parade and the possibility of a one way area		Engineering Support Officer	A verbal update will be provided at the meeting

5. *Community Networkers Minutes 10/2/2009 & 10/3/2009* *page 5*
6. *Community Development Officer's Report* *page 9*
7. *Correspondence*
  - Letter to Fulton Hogan *page 11*
  - Letter to Department of Conservation *page 12*
8. *Mayor's Update*
9. *General Business*

## **Kaikoura Community Networkers – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009.**

### **Present:**

Megan Pfeifer (KDC), Colleen Cowan Lee (Te Tai O Marokura), Jenny Bolton Roche (Te Whare Putea), Ailsa Carey (REAP), Joan Clark (REAP), Shaun Frizzell (Public), Ma-rea Unahi (CCS Disability Action), Susi Haberstock (ACE), Frank Maxwell (HNZC), Gordon Strang (Community Law Marlborough), Linda Craig (CDHB), Lisa Kahu (Te Tai O Marokura), Richard Aspinall (FACS), Colleen Cox (W&I), Margaret Smith (PSS, Nth Cant), Marie Normile (CYFS), Susan Kovacs (RCPHO Mental Health Liaison)

### **Apologies:**

Lyn van Velzen (W&I), Marama Takao (DIA), Pauline Wilson (Advocacy Services), Kim McMaster (Epilepsy NZ), Adrienne Carter (Kaikoura Hospital), Wendy Campbell (Kaikoura Medical Centre), Kevin Heays (Mayor), Dawn (REAP).

Discussion re a new format for the Community Network meetings. One agency per month will do a mini presentation regarding their services going into a little bit more depth than at a normal Community Network meeting. If an agency has a project launch they would like to discuss this could be a good opportunity for them to promote it to the network. Often agencies do approach wanting to do a presentation, so this would be an ideal time for this to happen. Please contact the Community Development Officer if you would like a longer slot (around 15 minutes maximum). The rest of the meeting will still offer the rest of the agencies present the opportunity to give a brief update. Linda Craig volunteered to do first presentation.

**Colleen Cowan Lee – Social Worker (Te Tai O Marokura)** Has been busy as peoples financial situations post Xmas start to create tension. Lots of one on one work with whanau.

**Jenny Bolton Roche – (Te Whare Putea/Heartlands)** Xmas food hampers doubled in numbers last year. Things have been busy at Heartlands. There will be a stall at the A&P show and advertising for Childrens Day.

**Alisa Carey and Joan Clark – (REAP Marlborough)** Handout of course available in 2009 in Blenheim. If people are interested in any of these courses for Kaikoura please see Barbara Timms at Te Whare Putea to discuss. REAP doing a Pacifica project in Blenheim looking at advocacy etc. There is now a REAP contact in Kekerengu and course can be organise up this way.

**Susan Kovacs – (Rural Canterbury PHO – Mental Health)** Workload is increasing and Susan will be up fortnightly working with clients. There is awareness out there that the recession is having an impact.

**Shaun Frizzel** – Access difficulties in the community for those whom are disabled. The telescope at the look out can not be accessed; the Sonic is difficult to access as is the Whaler. These are all private businesses, and Ma-rea from CCS Disability Action will work with Shaun to address these.

**Ma-rea Unahi – (CCS Disability Action)** A workshop was carried out with council in 2008 and there was discussion regarding forming an access committee and an audit of the town. CCS is currently waiting to hear from council to go ahead with this.

**Susi Haberstock – (ACE)** Term One night classes are starting up. 19 courses are advertised and 10 are going ahead at this stage. Cheese making and pickles and preserves are very popular.

**Gordon Strang – (Community Law Marlborough)** Community Law Centres are victims of the recession. They are funded through interest on lawyers trust accounts and these funds have dropped at least 43.9%. Two staff members left at the end of 2008 and will not be replaced at this stage so CLM

is operating with 3 staff. For this reason they will only be able to come to Kaikoura once a month. Education programmes may suffer as one on one work will be the priority. Petition available to sign – going to the Prime Minister for some funding support.

**Frank Maxwell – (HNZC)** Those living in HNZC properties facing hardship can have their rents reviewed. There has been an increase in applications.

**Linda Craig – (CDHB)** Lots of new babies in Kaikoura. The Draft Strategic Plan from the Education Kaikoura working group is now with the Minister.

**Lisa Kahu – (Te Tai O Marokura)** Youth Clinics are running on Monday evenings from 12 Torquay Street with a Registered Nurse. The Te Whare Putea holiday programme was very successful this summer. The PHO held their board meeting here in Kaikoura. They had discussions around the new health facility which they are supporting. A cervical screening clinic is running with Sue Parsons. Welcome Home Seminars are coming to Kaikoura again. Now a feasible project in Kaikoura as you can buy a house for \$280000.00 which you couldn't a year or so ago. Very worthwhile seminar which will be advertised in the Kaikoura Star. The Waitangi Day event was very successful – a free event for the community. The Hip Hop dance group (Kaikoura Youth Skills project – [www.kaikouraallstars.com](http://www.kaikouraallstars.com)) were awesome.

**Richard Aspinall – (FACS – MSD)** Business as usual – waiting to see what happens with the new government.

**Colleen Cox – (FV response – MSD)** Business as usual – works with Case Managers and the community. November 19/20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Family Violence Conference in Blenheim. This was very well received last time and costs will be kept as low as possible.

**Margaret Smith (PS North Canterbury – Family Works)** Brief intervention in Kaikoura and Cheviot with Les Watts who is here on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Marie Normile (CYFS)** Through the Differential Response Model there is a new supervisor position which has been created to work with the community. Her name is Andrea Naughton. Things have been busy in Kaikoura lately.

**Megan Pfeifer (Kaikoura District Council)** Mainpower project currently underway in Kaikoura to insulate 300 homes by June. All qualify and is \$200 for low income families and \$500. If anyone is aware of a family that might need their home insulated before winter information can be found at the council or at Heartlands.

Our Family Violence and Strengthening Families coordinator has resigned to return to her family in the North Island so we are currently looking for someone to fill these roles. The two groups have decided to merge the positions which will make it a decent job for someone at 26 hours a week.

The Youth Skills project is going really well and will now be operating out of the space below the community gym. Currently looking at funding for the 2009/10 year.

The Kaikoura Long Term Council Community Plan is currently under review. The draft will be open for submission in April so please take the opportunity to have a say in this Community Document.

A new Community Development Officer will be at the next meeting covering Megans maternity leave. Megan will be back in a years time.

All the best for 2009.

# **Kaikoura Community Networkers -10<sup>th</sup> of March 2009.**

## **1. Present:**

Colleen Cowan-Lee (Te Tai O Marokura), Jenny Bolton-Roche (Te Whare Putea), Shaun Frizzell (Public), Frank Maxwell (HNZC), Stephanie Moses (Community Law Marlborough), Linda Craig (CDHB), Susan Kovacs (RCPHO Mental Health Liaison), Lyn Van Velzen (Work & Income), Susi Haberstock (KDC)

## **2. Apologies:**

Brian Allison (Kaikoura High School), Ailsa Carey (REAP), Joan Clark (REAP), Colin King (MP), Suzanne Le Huray (Hurunui Kaikoura PHO), Margaret Smith and Penny Taylor (PSUSI), Pauline Wilson (Nationwide Advocacy Service), Ma-rea Unahi (CCS Disability Action), Marie Normile (CYFS), Leanne Stowell (MSD)

## **3. Presentation/agency promotion**

**Mike Kennedy** (Kaikoura District Council Civil Defence Coordinator) presented a Civil Defence Plan in case of emergencies such as: flooding, landslips, tsunamis, storms, blizzards, earthquakes, human induced disasters, vegetation fires and pandemic outbreaks (flu). The basic premise is communities helping themselves – no-one else will! For more information or in an emergency, ring Mike on – 0274375630. If you would like regular updates on impending emergencies you can e-mail Mike and put your name on the Emergency Contact List – [mike.kennedy@kaikoura.govt.nz](mailto:mike.kennedy@kaikoura.govt.nz).

**Suzanne Syme** is Kaikoura's Welfare Officer. Please contact her if you would like to know more about what to do in an emergency. She organises courses to up-skill volunteers- home 3196675, work 3195026.

**Dorothy Oakley** is the contact person for the Rural Support, the organisation that helps farmers dealing with civil emergencies. Contact details – [spudfarm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:spudfarm@xtra.co.nz). Phone 03-3181742

If you or your agency have a project or any major changes you would like to share with the Kaikoura network, this is a good opportunity to present these. We aim to have one presentation per meeting of no more than 15 minutes. There will still be enough time to offer the rest of the agencies present the opportunity to give a brief update.

**Next presentation:** Lyn van Velzen (Work & Income)

## **4. Agency update**

**Stephanie Moses – (Community Law Marlborough)** Stephanie reiterated the cut-backs facing community law firms. The result for Kaikoura is that CLM will only be able to come to Kaikoura once a month. Education programmes are still high on the list so if you need Stephanie for a talk or a seminar let her know. This may be possible if tied into a day when she is coming to Kaikoura anyway. She will be back to Kaikoura Tuesday 12 May and is available in the afternoon.

**Jenny Bolton-Roche – (Te Whare Putea/Heartlands)** The stall at the A& P Show was a really good PR day despite the appalling weather. Jenny distributed a Family Charter. This was very popular – she will bring some to the next meeting!

There are more men coming in looking for work as the recession cuts back jobs. This emphasises the need for more donations towards food parcels. The supermarket could be approached to install a food parcel drop-off corner. It would be great if the huge support over Christmas could be kept up through the winter.

**Lyn van Velzen – (Work & Income)** There have been only 2 applications for the ReStart programme. ReStart is a targeted programme of assistance for people who have been made redundant from full

time work. It is made up of three parts: **ReCover** - income support for families with children and who are no longer eligible for the in-work tax credit – \$60 a week for families with one to three children and \$15 a week for each extra child. **RePlace** - available for those who qualify for the maximum Accommodation Supplement after they have been made redundant – increases the amount by up to \$100 a week **ReConnect** - employment and job services.

**Colleen Cowan Lee – Social Worker (Te Tai O Marokura)** The recession has begun and people are anxious as they struggle with food and power bills. Unfortunately, the falling interest rates are not lowering rents, so there is no relief for low income earners. The runanga is growing a big veggie garden that will be distributed with food parcels. There is a Men's Health Hui on 17 March at the Memorial Hall. There will be discussions on cancer etc and health checks – all men welcome.

**Susan Kovacs – (Rural Canterbury PHO – Mental Health)** With the growing awareness that the recession is having an impact, Susan urges networks to steer people esp. men to their GP's for free counselling services. Doctors are the first care givers. Wendy (Kaikoura Medical Centre) is onto it and does referrals. Early intervention is very important.

**Shaun Frizzel** – Is thinking about writing to his MP to list all the things that are getting too expensive like the telephone charges.

**Frank Maxwell – (HNZC)** Kaikoura has all HNZC properties filled! There are no vacancies. The Gardening Competition was well received and Leanne Stammers from KK won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. If anyone needs more affordable accommodation than what they've currently got, get in touch with Frank. Rupia happily ensconced in a house in Tauranga.

**Susi Haberstock – (ACE)** Participants very happy with the quality of their tutors.

Meeting closed – 1.20pm. Next meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 09 – 12pm

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

## Report to the Social Services Committee – March 2009

### Kaikoura Youth Skills Project

The pub charity application towards “computer, drapes and equipment” was unsuccessful. Andrew Penman and Susi Haberstock will need to reword and reapply. Otherwise the project is well underway. A lot of first class musical and film equipment has arrived and is already being used in the room under the gym called the “Allstars” room. The first performance will be during Youth Week, when a “Short Movie” evening will be held at the Memorial Hall.

### Kaikoura Youth Council

Two Youth Week (May 21-27) funding applications have been approved. The Youth Council will organize a Quiz night in a similar format to last year – Old versus Young. They are also looking at organizing a “Short Movie” night created by members from the Youth Skills project.

### Kaikoura Physical Activity Plan

Aaron Webb from Sport Canterbury discussed how he can help with the implementation of the Physical Activity Plan. If the funding application to the Canterbury Community Trust for a recreation coordinator for Kaikoura is successful (April), the Community Development Officer will pass Aaron's details on to the new recreation coordinator.

### Labour Market Development Strategy

The Community Development Officer and Tourism and Economic Development Officer are still waiting to hear if the expression of interest for the Labour Market Development Strategy is approved. The next stage will be development of a business plan and application for funding. It is hoped that this stage, research and community consultation, will be completed by November this year so the funding is available to commence work on putting together the actual strategy. It is hoped that funding will be secured for three years. The first year will involve researching and putting together the strategy and the next two years will be implementation of the strategy.

### Kaikoura Health Facilities

Community consultation about the proposed Kaikoura Health Facilities with the CDHB is well underway. Representatives at the fortnightly meetings are: Kaikoura Hospital, GP Practice, Hurunui/Kaikoura PHO, Public Health Nurse, Physiotherapist, Kaikoura District Council, Business Services Manager, Architect, Nurse Manager, Te Tai o Marokura/Te Runanga o Kaikoura, CDHB Planning and Funding, Maintenance Manager and various consumers. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 8 April 11.30am at the Memorial Hall supper room. At this stage points of discussions are space requirements and omissions. Any further Kaikoura Health Facility requirements need to be in prior to June 2009, by which time the funding arm of the CDHB will have its full business case ready.

### Family Violence Network and Strengthening Families

A new Strengthening Families/ Family Violence Coordinator has been appointed. Lois Vallance starts on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. She comes from Healthcare NZ based at Heartlands, where she will continue to be based in her new FV/SF role. The Regional Funding Advisor from Family Community Service, Richard Aspinall, the chairperson of Strengthening Families Bruce Pagan and the Community Development Officer will work together closely to ensure the new FV/SF coordinator is supported in her new roles, ensuring a smooth transition. Further monitoring will be done by the Community Development Officer for the next 3 months.

The Family Violence Network is applying to the Community Action Fund (Ministry of Social Development) to start a Community Men's Shed. Kaikoura FV should know the outcome by early June.

#### Community Events Calendar

Please e-mail all upcoming events to the new Community Development officer for monthly updates of the Community Events Calendar. It is becoming well utilized and a valuable resource for both locals and visitors alike to check out what is going on for the month. The calendar is available on line at [http://www.kaikoura.govt.nz/special\\_features/events/](http://www.kaikoura.govt.nz/special_features/events/) and is also published on a monthly basis in the council newsletter in the Kaikoura Star.

#### **April 2009**

**1st** - Kaikoura District Council - Social Services Committee meeting, 9am Memorial Hall Supper Room

**4th** - Kaikoura Tramping Club - Sandy Knob-Kowhai Valley A lovely round trip with plenty of variety and laced with good mountain scenery. Grade M. Please phone Wednesday prior - Leader Ailsa Howard, phone 319 6797. Fuel \$2.

**8th** - Kaikoura District Council - Tourism and Development Committee meeting, 1pm Memorial Hall Supper Room

**9th** - School Term 1 ends

**9th** - Seaward Lions Meeting

**10th** - Good Friday

**13<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Monday

**10-13th** - Kaikoura Tramping Club - Easter tramp. Lake Mcrae from the Clarence Valley A different route into this sapphire, mountain-rimmed gem of a lake. Grade M. Please phone Wednesday prior - Leader Ailsa Howard, phone 319 6797. Fuel \$20.

**11th** - Kaikoura Schoolyard Market - Kaikoura Primary School 10am to 1pm. phone 3195440 for further information.

**11th- 12th** - Sharpies Easter Tournament, Kaikoura Golf Club, <http://www.kaikouragolf.co.nz/golf/events/>

**13th** - Easter Monday

**14th** - Kaikoura Family Violence Meeting - introduction to the new Family Violence Coordinator - Lois Vallance. An informal FV networking meeting for all involved in family violence. 10.30 Memorial Hall supper room

**14th** - 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

**15th** - Kaikoura District Council - Works and Services, Environment Services, Finance and Policy and Council meeting, 9am Memorial Hall Supper Room

**18th** - Kaikoura Schoolyard Market - Kaikoura Primary School 10am to 1pm. phone 3195440 for further information.

**21st** - Lions Club of Kaikoura - Dinner Meeting, Kaikoura Bowling Club rooms, Ludstone Avenue, 6pm.

**21st - 24th** - Kaikoura Golf Club National Left Handed Tournament

**25th** - ANZAC Day

**27th** - School Term 2 begins