

**Minutes of Tairawhiti Community Voice Network Meeting  
BNZ Partners Building 15<sup>h</sup> February 2016, 12:30pm**

**Present Executive Committee:**

Gillian Creach (Tairawhiti Community Law Centre), Christine West (Independent), Liz Graham (St John)

**Present Members**

Ivan Cash (Various Orgs), Barb Baillie (CAB), Jane Kibble (Hospice Tairawhiti), Rata Nepe (Inland Revenue), Marg Price (Health & Disability Advocacy), Glenda Stokes (Sunrise Foundation), Winston Moreton (Independent), Mandy Johnstone (Workbridge), Nigel Marshall & Mahala Reynolds (Explore), Carol McGhee, Jonas Te Aho, Karen Peneha, Sue Byford (TWOA), Nicole West (Autism NZ, Fruit Harvest, TCV)

**Apologies:**

Jenny Greaves (Gis Volunteer Centre), Leslynne Jackson (MSD), Lynda Markie (Gis Budget Advisory Centre), Carl Pedersen (Te Ora Hou), David & Tina McEwen (Salvation Army).

**Guest Speaker:**

Raewyn Tretheway, Tairawhiti Community Law Centre's new lawyer who comes with a varied and interesting background having just come back from Buka in Papua New Guinea after doing volunteer service abroad and areas of specialised legal work such as Human Rights, Mental Health, Employment, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Wills, Youth, CYF, ACC and WINZ.

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

Minutes of previous meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record: Moved by Christine West 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liz Graham.

**Matters arising from previous minutes:**

1. Hon Jo Goodhew replied to our letter re Closure of WINZ Kaiti Office. She stated that no decision has been made and recommends that MSD clients use MSD on-line services and this would reduce their need to visit Work and Income sites.
2. Gift to Guest Speakers – a decision will be made at the next Exec Meeting in April

**General Business:**

Heartlands discussion to be held at the conclusion of today's meeting.

**Catch Up Round:**

**Autism NZ – Nicole West**

I am now based at Bright Space Offices, 124 Bright Street, my hours are 9.30am to 12.30pm Mondays and Tuesdays.

We have two workshops coming to Gisborne this year: Framework for Autism in NZ (FANZ) in June and Way to Play in August.

I will be starting up a LEGO club afterschool for 5-12 year olds, please contact me if you know of any children who would be interested: [gisborne@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:gisborne@autismnz.org.nz)

**Explore – Mahala Reynolds and Nigel Marshall**

We have a small waiting list at present. We work with adults and children with disability. Referrals to us are through NASC.

### **Health & Disability Advocacy – Marg Price**

I provide free training on the 'Code of Rights'.

### **St John Medical Alarms – Liz Graham**

First Aid Training Courses are available, please see our website for all courses, prices and to book.

### **IRD – Rata Nepe**

Our new address is 42 Grey St, ground floor entrance is Childer's Road, 9am to 4.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 10.30am to 4.30pm Wednesday.

### **Workbridge – Mandy Johnstone**

We have a Facebook page starting up shortly.

Mainstream Employment Programme – MSD provide subsidies to employer's who would like to offer a position to someone with a significant disability. The programme provides:

- A 100% salary subsidy for the first half of an agreed term of a maximum of 104 weeks/2-years, and 80% of the salary for the second half.
- Funding for agreed external training for Mainstream participants and their direct supervisors.
- Funding to meet participants' agreed adaptive technology or specialised assistance costs.
- Follow-up support for participants and their direct supervisors.

### **Citizens Advice Bureau – Barb Baillie**

Please come and see us for immigration information.

### **Hospice Tairawhiti – Jane Kibble**

We are hosting a charity auction on March 11 at The Vines Restaurant. We have outgrown their current premises and hoping to raise \$50,000 at 'Celebrate Gisborne' to kickstart a capital fundraising project.

Our Chef is Bryn Lewis and Jackie Clarke is our MC for the night. The auction will include 'bucket list' experiences alongside work from select local artists. Tickets \$1,150 for a table of ten, or \$120 each.

Contact the Hospice Office for ticket sales, 869 0552.

3rd April is our Giant Pumpkin Competition and Festival at Bushmere Arms.

### **Sunrise Foundation – Glenda Stokes**

We are almost near \$1 million! We're about capital preservation, meaning that your donation will keep on supporting our community forever. We can help organisations set up regular giving via their payroll system.

### **TWOA – Jonas Te Aho, Karen Peneha, Carol McGhee, Sue Byford**

Jonas tutors Level 2 Carpentry 15-17 yrs, this is a free course.

Karen is the Performing Arts and Tourism tutor.

Carol is the tutor for Vocation Preparation for Adult academic study.

Sue is the Course Supervisor for the Bachelor of Education Primary Teaching programme. There are scholarships available for schools leavers and undergraduates who are either proficient or fluent in te reo Maori. This scholarship pays course fees plus a \$10,000 allowance. Applications close March 7, to apply visit [www.teachnz.govt.nz](http://www.teachnz.govt.nz) or call 0800 165 225.

### **Tairawhiti Community Law Centre – Gillian Creach**

Our volunteer Dianne Carter is available Wednesday's 10am to 2pm for Maori Land Court issues and Maori Trusts.

Our pilot service of 'Over the Phone Legal Advice' was very successful and we want to continue. We are available to provide free legal workshops, please let us know your areas of interest. We currently have a German intern working with us.

Network Meeting adjourned 2pm.

Next Tairāwhiti Community Meeting will be **March 14<sup>th</sup> 2016**, 12.30pm at BNZ Partners Centre

### Heartlands Discussion

We want to revitalise this service.

#### Why it worked

- There was a coordinator from MSD.
- Organisations were able to travel on Anne Tolley's van.

#### Why it waned

- organisations would spend a day sometimes with no outcomes.
- Venue was the Courthouse which is seen as intimidating.
- low numbers of residents attending.

#### Ideas to revitalise

- Reduce visits to 3x per year.
- Ask the school to perform a cultural performance.
- Change venue to the Marae.

#### Action Plan

- Marg to contact Connie to put panui out to ask what services residents would like to see.
- Gillian to contact Anne Tolley's Office to ask about the van.