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Thankyou to everyone for your contribution.

Please let Rhondda Poon know if anything happens in your service. I can be contacted on 06 833 9138 or rhondda@wasstb.com

Pictures are great!

If there have been any personnel changes in your office and you would like other services know, then why not communicate it through Pathways Forward? Just send Rhondda Poon an email on rhondda@wasstb.com

GOOGLE DOCS

Our Administration and Financial manuals, the Orientation book and the Annual Business Plan are all loaded onto Google Docs. If you need help accessing these documents and policies please contact Joy on 06 8339104 or email joy@wasstb.com



Six months ago, the Reverend Dr Richard Spence left his quiet work at the Seafarer's Mission and other activities to enter a hurly burly life as WASSTB's Acting Chief Executive. Richard finished his tenure on Friday 30th June.

Message from Richard Spence, Acting Chief Executive

There are many people in history who have been asked to take up positions for which they would not normally apply. Vice-Admiral Robert Fitzroy of the Royal Navy in the early 1800's was one such person. Fitzroy was an able Captain and was notable for his position as Charles Darwin's Captain of the HMS Beagle for that most famous voyage.

More interestingly however, Fitzroy was a pioneer of modern meteorology and was responsible for the development of accurate weather forecasting as a means of keeping seafarers safe. It was his over riding concern for the welfare of people at sea which was his main motivation for pursuing this.

In 1843, this most able man who was also an expert navigator and surveyor, was appointed Governor of New Zealand. It was a difficult period in history, balancing the needs of an ambitious pioneer society with the rights of the indigenous Maori population.

In 1845, Robert Fitzroy returned to England and resumed his naval career. Importantly for the world's meteorological profession, he was eventually made President of the Royal Society and established what was to become the modern meteorology office.

Like Robert Fitzroy I was pulled in from a completely different environment to take up this short term role at WASSTB. How I feel about the last six months will become more apparent in the months to come as I gradually return to my 'normal' life. There is no doubt however that I have learned a great deal about our Anglican Social Services.

Many of us are given responsibilities at any stage of our lives that we may not have anticipated. These may be extremely testing and it may not be always apparent why we have been asked to take them up. What is clear however that we will always learn and grow from them and the meaning will emerge and serve to broaden our lives and enrich other aspects of our professional and personal lives.

CLOSER TOGETHER WHAKATATAI MAI

Do you still have a Whakatata Mai post card sitting on your desk or in a pile of things to do? PLEASE take a few minutes to fill it out and pop in the post. We would like our services to show their support of **reducing inequalities** in New Zealand. Check out their website www.closetogether.org.nz

To those of you who have made Social Services a smaller, friendlier world for me, accept my heartfelt thanks. Your good humour in often bewildering circumstances, has made these six months bearable and just occasionally, fun. You will remain in my prayers and memories with affection.

Grace and peace
Richard Spence



On July 2nd, Leigh McGahey will move from her role as Quality and Systems Manager to take up the role of General Manager (Acting) for Waiapu Anglican Social Services. Heading up a large team is a challenge she keenly anticipates.

Greetings to all!

I am most sincerely grateful to Richard for his assistance and guidance over the last few months. I am looking forward to taking up the role of General Manager on Monday 2nd July and the adventures it will bring.

In the General Manager's role, I will be an advocate of transparency, accountability and accessibility. A direct communicator by nature, I plan to enjoy a relationship with all Waiapu people that is based on openness and honesty. I have already met many of you, but I ensure that you will all know me in the time to come.

My plan for Waiapu Social Services is to help develop a model for ongoing sustainability that registers community need, but also reflects a business plan that is robust and sustainable. A balance between cementing our relationships with the parishes, ensuring that our services are well supported to meet community needs and being financially viable is critically important to Waiapu Social Service's long term future.

This will be a challenge. There will be a focus on the costs of running our social services and how they are marketed. I intend to improve our financial planning, introduce evidence based marketing strategies and provide genuine procurement assistance to reduce operational expenditure at a service level.

Most important is to ensure that we communicate and engage effectively with all of our stakeholders. For me, all Waiapu's social services are my stakeholders and my door will always be open to you.

Leigh McGahey
General Manager (Acting)

New Waiapu Social Services Trust Board

In May the new Waiapu Anglican Social Services Trust Board was commissioned at the Waiapu office in Napier. All staff were present and it was an excellent opportunity for everyone to meet. The Board members (L to R) are: Evan Turbott, Christine Scott, John Palairet, Bishop David Rice, Nicola Roberts, Geoff Yates, Stephen Jacobi.



New People at Waiapu



Shirley Lammas is the new Community Services Manager. Shirley has come to Waiapu from Te Rangiahaeta Oranga Trust, a mainstream service for people with gambling addiction. Shirley is a counsellor by profession with a business management background.

Shirley wishes to make a visible difference to Waiapu's community services. She will contribute to the business and the development of sound practice sustainability.

Paul Hughes is Waiapu's new IT Manager.

Many of you will already know Paul, but now he is on the Waiapu payroll for 20 hours a week. Paul is available on ithelpdesk@wasstb.com for any IT queries. As he is Waiapu staff, there is no charge for his time. Paul's objectives in the medium term are to implement a Wide Area Network, centralise applications and make as many IT efficiencies as he can. Paul is also in charge of cyber safety.



Sheryll Hoera has joined the Dannevirke Family Centre as their new Manager. Sheryll will be responsible for the general management of the Centre.

We will hear more from Sheryll in the next issue of Pathways Forward.

Abbotsford Early Childhood Centre has three new staff: Marietta Enticott is the new Centre Supervisor, Colleen Barr joins the qualified teaching staff and Leanne Evans takes up the post of Centre Administrator.

What's happening around Waiapu Social Services?

Hawkes Bay Volunteer of the Year



At a ceremony at the Taradale Town Hall on Friday 22nd June, Anthony Richardson, a volunteer with Heretaunga Seniors, won the award for "Volunteer of the Year" in the individual category. Tony has been with Heretaunga Seniors for 7 years and regarded by Barbara Byford as a "reliable, gentle and thoughtful" volunteer.

We are very proud of all our volunteers at Waiapu and we wish Anthony all the very best with his valuable work at Heretaunga Seniors.

Anglican Homebased Childcare BOP



The Whakatane playgroup recently borrowed St George's doctor and hospital play equipment for medical day. The resulting play was amazing. The children loved the dress ups and got into the role playing immediately. We had the receptionist liaising with the ambulance and admitting patients and the doctors and nurses in ED. Surgeons performed operations and specialists checked out x-rays and lots of injured patients.

The children were so absorbed they didn't want to stop for morning tea!

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Growing Through Grief

New Co-ordinator: In Growing Through Grief news this month we welcome a new **Co-ordinator to GTG Taupo**. Charlotte Maddern has joined the team and will be working with Gaylene Dobbun. Charlotte has come to GTG from CYFS and was inspired to join us after a presentation made by Gaylene. We welcome you Charlotte and we know that you are going to enjoy your work with children.

GTG and Seasons Co-ordinator's Gathering: Taupo 21st to 23rd June

All go in Taupo! Charlotte had barely joined Gaylene with the entire team of Co-ordinators from around Waiapu and the country all arrived for our annual gathering. There were 29 of us this year. Taupo was a new location for and our programme was extended to better meet the needs of our growing group.

Getting together to talk about our work is something we love about our Gatherings. Other highlights included a workshop designed especially for us by psychologist Paul Pettigrew. The topic was "Working with Challenging Behaviour". We also saw our new promotional video for the first time which was made for us by students at AUT. We loved our midwinter Christmas feast too!

Thank you to the GTG Taupo team - co-ordinators and committee including Rev Peter Minson, Vicar of St Andrews. Thank you for your warm welcome, food and the great care you took of us. The best ever Gathering we think!

In Memory Sadly the team at Seasons North Shore and many more widely are mourning the sad loss of Kaye Riddell. Kaye was a founding member of the service there in 2003 and was the first Co-ordinator. She remained a Companion and Committee member until her passing. Kaye will be very sadly missed by all who knew her.

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