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We have an amazing collection of highlights from our services! Thanks to everyone for their contributions.

We have recently updated both the **Communication Book** (a who's who at the Napier office and WASSTB information) and the **Orientation book** (for new staff to read and complete). Look up Google Docs for these new versions.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTING CEO:

After quite a long gestation period WASSTB's Board has produced its response to a review for which the research was done in late 2011. The document can be discovered under 'News' in the WASSTB website, but if you prefer a direct link click [here](#).

Boiled down, the report is concerned with governance not services. It isn't going to much affect the work at the grass (or flax) roots. Changes that do occur over the coming months will be new faces rather than new structures. The possibility of structural change can't be ruled out, but it's unlikely much structural change will occur before 2013.

What we do know is that **Leigh McGahey** will follow **Richard Spence** into the front office, with the job title of General Manager. In the first instance the position is for three months (July to September). Leigh, currently Quality and Systems Manager, has joined us since the last issue of *Pathways Forward*, and is already having an impact on our organisation. Wish her well in her rapid transition to the driver's seat.

The Waiapu Anglican Social Services Trust Board will continue to exist, with some new faces (and one not so new) on it: **John Palairet**, **Geoff Yates**, **Christine Scott** and **Stephen Jacobi** (who's not quite new but nearly so). **Anne-Elise Miles** and **Brian Watkins** will be missing from the lineup, as will **Revs Arthur Bruce** and **Robert Bruere**, both of whom retired earlier this year.

What's new is that the six individuals who make up WASSTB will also be the Directors of Anglican Care Waiapu Limited, so the personnel of both boards will be the same.

Other comings and goings include the departure of **Karen Fagan**, whose replacement **Shirley Lammas** will start with us after Queens Birthday, and **Joy Tomoana** who - as everyone knows - cannot be replaced but the rest of us will soldier on somehow.

Anglican Homebased



Grace and peace
Richard Spence

MESSAGE FROM LEIGH MCGAHEY:

I am very pleased and humbled to be a part of Waiapu Anglican Social Services as I have reached a time in my career where it is extremely important to me to be serving my community and assisting to build an environment in which my grandchildren can grow and flourish.

I have been very lucky throughout my career path to have managed the Information Management teams in secondary health for both Whanganui and Hawke's Bay, lead the project for merging three of Hawke's Bay social services organisations, practice managed one of Hawke's Bay's largest law firms and, more latterly, managed the finances and human

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resources for one of Hawke's Bay's larger employers.

Having moved to the Bay in 2000 with my husband, daughter and two step daughters, we have found some truly wonderful people here and are very happy to call this region our home. There are always people calling around home on a Friday evening to unwind and play a game of Yahtzee, which helps to keep my family home filled with laughter and love.

I look forward to meeting all of you at the coalface as I hope to visit all sites in the next couple of months, so make sure you have some good hard work ready for me to roll up my sleeves and lend a hand.



Leigh McGahey
Quality and Services Manager and soon to be Acting General Manager

WHAT'S NEW AROUND WASSTB

Pakeke Centre for the Over 60s, Waipukurau

"CENTRAL HAWKES BAY BOCCIA LEAGUE"

To begin the New Year of Boccia in style, the recently started Central Hawke's Bay Boccia League has gone off with a bang!

The Pakeke Centre was the second Centre in C.H.B. to adopt this new game, which is now very popular with our clients. It was introduced to us by Mike from Sport H.B.

Capitalising on the success and popularity of the sport from late 2011, the league was formed between three local Centres and two Resthomes and the number of players continues to soar with 14 teams in all, plus staff and volunteers as referees and scorers.

Boccia pronounced, Botch-ya, is a cross between Petanque and Indoor Bowls and is played with a ball about the same size as an indoor bowl, but it is padded on the outside and also lighter so it may be bowled or thrown towards the kitty. It is an ideal game for the Elderly and Disabled as it can also be played seated.

Jill Bagley, Co-Ordinator



The Kauri Centre & Te Puke, Papamoa

At the Kauri Centre there is lots of love, laughter and friendship. This year we are celebrating our 10th Anniversary at the Papamoa Centre and our 5th Anniversary at the Te Puke Centre.

We have invited many special people including those that started the centres and made them a reality. We are going formal for the occasions so members and partners can have a chance to dress up and strut their stuff. And by the looks of the photo it could be quite an eventful occasion.

So many older people in our community are benefitting from their days at our centres and their partners and families enjoy some respite at this time.

It is with thanks to my wonderful staff with their commitment and passion and our valuable volunteers that make the Kauri Centre a pleasure for all.

We have had a few staff changes over the past year with Janice and Brenda bringing a whole lot of new skills and bundles of energy. With our ageing population I can only foresee us getting bigger and better and bringing hope and joy to more older people, who so rightfully deserve it.



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Anglican Homebased Childcare, Whakatane

Whakatane Playgroup

We hold this playgroup every Friday for the Educarers and children to get together. Recently we held a Red Puppy Bikkie day to raise funds for the Foundation of the Blind. The children learnt about guide dogs, and what being blind meant. Some of the comments from the children were interesting - "Why don't they just open their eyes?" and "They should buy glasses". The children pretended to be guide dogs leading another child with closed eyes. They then iced some puppy shaped bikkies, and shared them with others at playgroup.

Opotiki playgroup

Opotiki playgroups are every Tuesday and recently we had a very successful Sports Day. The children did a variety of activities, such as: sack races, running races, 'egg and spoon' races, relays and obstacle courses. The most popular activity by far, was the 'egg and spoon' race! Even the Educarers had a turn.

Dianne Bulled, Visiting Teacher



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Our Kaiwhakamarama Moari/Maori Advisor

Kia ora, I'm Leo Te Kira!

Though born and raised in suburban Wainuiomata, Wellington, I'm a fluent Te Reo Maori speaker, and active member of the East Coast 'Ngati Porou' tribe of both my parents.

Ko Hikurangi hei toka tu!

Ko Waiapu hei riu rere!

I trained as a High School Teacher in Wellington and taught for 3 years.

Since 1994 I've been an Anglican Priest, ministering in parishes both Maori and Pakeha, urban and rural.

Currently I'm part-time Kaiwhakamarama Maori-Maori Advisor for Waiapu Anglican Social Services. That means I'm available to any Waiapu Social Service or cluster of Services to both talk about the kaupapa-philosophy of the Tiriti O Waitangi: and explore how Services can live out the Tiriti in achievable and mutually satisfying ways.

I'm also a part-time chaplain to Anglican Care (Waiapu) Limited's Colwyn House Rest Home in Mahora, Hastings.

I enjoy good company, good films and good coffee!

Leo Te Kira



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Helping to make CHB a safer Community

Our Services to Older People manager (southern) Trish Giddens, is representing Waipapu as a member of the Safer Central Hawke's Bay Communities Group in CHB, a community that is looking forward to being recognised and accredited as a Safe community.

Community Partners include the CHB District Council, ACC, the HBDHB, MSD, Police, Age Concern, Ngati Kahungunu, Taiwhenua, DOVE, Fire Service, Central Health, EPIC, Pleroma, St. John's Ambulance.

We have recently completed an application to be accredited and will be assessed and have a site visit undertaken on 6 June 2012.

Our Intervention strategies and case studies are on Fire - Get Firewise, Falls Prevention and Family Violence Intervention Network.

Following this of course continues the work of strengthening the links between the organisations and whole community to ensure we stay a Safe Community.

Trish Giddens, Services to Older People Manager



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St. Francis Whanau Aroha Centre, Rotorua

We have had a busy April here at St Francis Whanau Aroha Centre. The children enjoyed a visit from 'Hearty', the Heart Foundation mascot.

The visit was in recognition of St Francis being the "reddest" ECE on Red Heart Day. "Hearty" brought with him a fruit and vegetable platter to share and everyone participated in lots of physical activities.

Before Easter families and children visited St. Lukes Church to share the story and songs of Easter followed by morning tea and an Easter egg hunt.

Wonderful weather in the school holidays gave us an opportunity to visit the local trout hatcheries and picnic in the sun. The children were fascinated with seeing so many fish in the stream and with finding the small orange triangles which pointed out the trail around the hatchery.

Sandra Anderson



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