

Pre-Forum Forum!!

**An invitation to come and talk about
the Confidential Forum for Former Psychiatric Inpatients
is extended to consumer networks of your area.**

On the 15th June from 1.30-3.30pm at the Mount Albert Recreation Centre on
New North Rd, in the Taylor Room.

**The purpose of this meeting is to listen to your concerns and questions about the
Forum process.**

**Jan Dowland and Anne Helm will be visiting our area to respond to consumer
networks about the Forum. We will cover such things as**

- What it is hoped may be achieved out of the process
- Clarification about the counseling available.
- Practical support in attending
- History of the Forum formation
- The where to from here ? Question.
- Possible collective good?
- Why bother?

The Meeting also wishes to

- Listen to your ideas and be informed by them
- To provide a meeting place for collective concern

Thank you

Anne Helm

Complaints procedure

Here at 762 Mount Eden Rd. we aim to please if you have a complaint please feel free to
use the process attached to get your complaint heard. There is a complaints form to
accompany this procedure available at the office.

(Occasionally compliments help too!!)



Inter-Sectorial Housing Update

‘Since early 2004 a northern region (4 district health boards) inter-sector ‘Housing for
Mental Health’ steering group has been meeting regularly to canvas issues and develop
ideas about how the housing needs of people with mental illness might be better
addressed across the region.’

John Wade 2005

This is a unique project because it pulls together organisations that have not worked
together previously. The organisations include: Housing NZ, WINZ, Mental Health NGO
providers, Mental Health workers, consumers, Network and overseas experts in housing.
The project has come to a stage where the steering group are beginning to work on a
range of solutions (property development, housing facilitation, policy, operating
frameworks) that will be created to better meet the diverse housing needs of people.
Different ‘workstreams’ (teams) are just beginning to look at different areas of this project
eg. Affordability, client pathway, research, improve workforce capacity etc.

If you would like more reading about this project or if you would like to become involved
(there are a few spaces on some of the workstreams) contact myself at the Network office.

He Panui mo nga Tangata Whai ora katoa

Please see panui for this hui attached to this Newslitt.

Accommodation

4 bedroom semi-furnished house available for rent on Dominion Rd, Mount Roskill end, suit 25-35yr old flatmates. Suit people wanting to move into an independent flatting situation. Ph. Chris Adamson or David Breen 360 0745 or admin@arahura.org.nz for more details. This is being offered by Arahura but you do not have to be receiving any support from them to apply.

Ministry of Social development - Sickness and Invalids Benefit Project

The aim of this project is to improve the service to people who are receiving the Sickness and Invalids Benefits.

What do they want to achieve?

- Support people to be employed in real jobs for real pay.
- Deliver a service that recognises diversity and a service that is not 'one size fits all'.

Since August last year, a reference group of 10 people with different disabilities from all over NZ have been meeting monthly. They make decisions regarding WINZ policies and procedures and the decisions that they make are then taken to the management team for the Ministry of Social development and from there they make recommendations to the Government. Some of the decisions they make are related to bringing the Social Act of 1939 into the 21st century.

If you would like to be able to be involved our contact is Lila Baker in Whakatane Ph 07 307 9392 or fax 07 307 9391. or if you have any feedback regarding the current Sickness and Invalids Benefits Ph. Fax or email them to me and I can get them to Lila who will gladly take them to the next meeting. Lila says that this is the first time that the Min. of Social Dev. has involved clients or ex. clients of WINZ to make improvements.

There are some documents here at the Network related to this project.

Consumer Caucus

Reminder the next Caucus is on June 16th from 1.30-3.30pm here @ the Network.

Agenda items include 'Effective Consumer Participation' in the Mental Health arm of the Health Research Council (MHRDS) – Recommendations.

Newslitt 'Speakers Corner'

Feel free to write in about any issues that bug you, shock you, or really impress you.

Network operational hours are:

9-3pm Monday - Friday

Premises: 762 Mt Eden Rd, Mt Eden. It is best to ph. before you come so that we can plan to be here.

PO Box 10 256 Dominion Rd.

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Any comments or feedback regarding the Network are always eagerly received.

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Regards,

Claire Moore Coordinator – Regional Consumer Network

He Panui mo nga Tangata Whai ora katoa

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Whare o te Regional Consumer Network
Tamaki Makaurau

Taake: To develop a Maori roopu for Tangata Whai ora focusing on peer support, networking and local and regional issues challenging us.

This first hui will focus on what direction our roopu would like to take regarding our issues and needs.

Te Ra: Wednesday
8 June 2005

Te Wa: 11.00am

Kei whea: 762 Mt Eden Road
Mt Eden

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