

Connect Newslitt Issue 11 29th June 2005
CMWB Regional Consumer Network

Welcome to Connect Newslitt Issue Eleven.

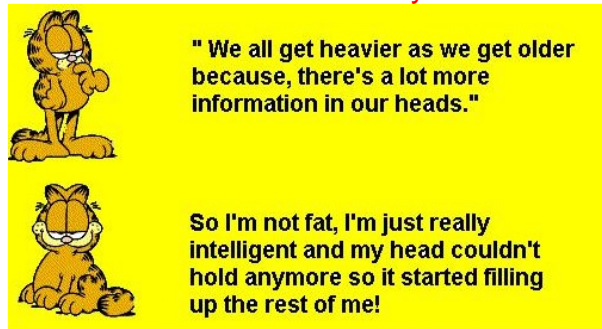
Consumer Caucus

The next Consumer Caucus is on Thursday 21st July from 1.30 – 3.30pm here at the Network.

Jim Burdett and Te Pare are coming to do a presentation on MH SMART @2pm.

The following Consumer Caucus is on Thursday the 18th August from 1.30 – 3.30pm. Ross Phillips will be at this one he is doing a Masters in Social Policy at Massey University addressing 'consumer experience and understanding of risk.' He would like to tell us about his research and hear about our understanding of risk in relation to our experience.

This Garfield explanation was sent in to Deb by a member:



Peer Support

Mind and Body Consultants have a new Peer Support Team – See the attached advertisement. To contact Mind and Body Ph. 630 5909.

Housing Project Update

This project has developed out of an expressed concern from many sectors regarding housing availability for people who are seriously disadvantaged through mental illness. The aim is to make housing much more accessible, easier to keep, and more suited to the individual's wishes.

The housing project headed by John Wade is shaping up at quite a speed. Below are the workstreams (areas or teams) that have been identified by the Steering Committee as small projects needing to be worked on.

1. Statement of Intent
2. Client Pathway
3. Affordability
4. Housing Association
5. Information about Housing
6. Stigma and Discrimination
7. Workforce

Some members of the Network are already becoming involved in a workstream and if you see one listed that you are interested in contact myself at the Network and we will get you on a team. The teams are made up of some people from WINZ, Housing NZ, other Consumers and some Mental

Health workers though some teams have not formed yet. Meetings will probably be once a fortnight and there should be a budget for meeting attendance and travel. It would be great to get 2 Network members on each workstream.

Up and Coming

Human Rights Training for members.

Newsletters

The Newsletters are now placed on the website every time one is produced (it takes up to 2 days to appear on the website). The website address for the network is www.rcnet.co.nz We know that some of the wording on the website needs changing so just bear with us!!

Resource Room update

We have five people, three of which were randomly selected, to form an Advisory Group for the developing Resource Room – this group will be advising us on these types of issues:

Particular information required

Improvements to the website and advertising material

Access to the Resource Room (open hours, days)

Identifying any barriers to the use of the room

The group will begin meeting next week and will probably meet for the following three or four weeks.

Jim Campbell here at the Network has been working on cataloguing archive mental health documents written by consumers that the Network is fortunate enough to have. These documents are valuable to us because they go back to 1983 and so illustrate the path that we as consumers/tangata whaiora/survivors/service users – what ever you like to call us have taken as a movement. Now that we have most of the documents catalogued the next step will be to put the catalogue list on the website. Update next Newsletter.

ADHB Housing Project

Caroline Miller is doing a Housing Project within the Auckland District Health Board area and she is also involved with the other housing project mentioned above. She would like to come again and speak with the same people and anyone else who might be interested about her project progress and also gain more feedback about the difficulties people face when trying to get and keep a house that they want. The next meeting is on **Thursday 28th July at 1pm here at the Network**. Travel assistance will be available if you need it.

Give-A-Ways

We have had two bags of bed linen kindly donated by Alison. If anyone is in need of linen just give the office a call.

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.

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

Regards,

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