



New Minister For Sector

The new Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector is Luamanuvao Winnie Laban, Member of Parliament for Mana.

Minister Laban also has associate ministerial responsibilities in Pacific Island Affairs, Social Development and Employment and Economic Development.

She has a long history of community service and has worked in the voluntary, government and private sectors in New Zealand and overseas. For many years Minister Laban has worked on a number of boards and committees presenting a Pacific perspective on mental health, women, justice, foreign affairs and consumer affairs.

Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector Director Brenda Ratcliff says the Office is looking forward to working with Minister Laban, “who is well known to many people in the community and voluntary sector”.



Minister Luamanuvao Winnie Laban.

Managing Well

A new catalogue of resources for people running community and voluntary organisations has been published by the Ministry of Social Development.

The catalogue, *Managing Well: Resources for Community and Voluntary Organisations*, lists over 120 websites, newsletters, manuals and documents that provide information about running an organisation. It also includes a directory of organisations that provide capacity-building support for the community and voluntary sector.

For a copy of the catalogue write to: *Managing Well* catalogue, Family and Community Services, PO Box 1556, Wellington, phone 04 916 3919, fax 04 917 2080 or access www.community.net.nz/managingwell

Funding For Results

The public sector funding of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) was the focus of a seminar held recently by the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector (OCVS).

The seminar was the final Good Practice in Action seminar for 2005 and was the first of a two-part presentation on funding. The second seminar will be held as part of the 2006 series of Good Practice events.

The Good Practice in Action events promote the sharing of good practice between government agencies. They are designed to strengthen government's relationship with community and voluntary organisations.

The funding seminar examined how government agencies can make the best use of public money when funding NGOs, and issues around collaboration, trust and control. Colleen Pilgrim, Sector Manager, Office of the Auditor General, also discussed the views of the Auditor General on transparency and accountability.

Two case studies were presented that formed the basis



Members of the Whirinaki community with the newly-delivered waterpipes before starting 11 months of hard work installing a filtered water system to serve the community.

for workshop discussions. The first, by the Bay of Plenty District Health Board, outlined how funding of contractors encouraged co-operation among local palliative care providers.

The second case study, from the Ministry of Health's Public Health Directorate, discussed the funding of a pilot project to repair drinking water supplies in the small community of Whirinaki in Northland following the 1999 Hokianga floods (see photo above).

A report on the seminar and the 2006 programme of seminars are available at www.ocvs.govt.nz

For more information about the Good Practice in Action series contact: Hugh Lawrence at hugh.lawrence002@msd.govt.nz

Unsung Heroes Celebrated

One day a year all those unsung heroes who work as volunteers in our communities are celebrated.

International Volunteer Day, instigated by the United Nations in 1985, is now celebrated by more than 125 countries. The day is celebrated in New Zealand on December 5.

While the day lauds the work of volunteers, both formal and informal, it is also a chance for

voluntary organisations to highlight the work they do.

In New Zealand more than a million volunteers contribute thousands of unpaid hours to social services, emergency services, and services in the health, education, sports and recreation, arts and culture, human rights, environmental, animal welfare and community development sectors.

Victim Support is one organisation where volunteers outnumber paid

staff by 12 to one. These volunteers, who provide a 24-hour crisis service for victims of crime and trauma, are supported with training and supervision.

Also there when you need them are New Zealand's 13,000 surf lifesavers. They spent 151,845 hours patrolling our beaches last summer and carried out 2,000 life-saving rescues.

At Wellington's Museum of City and Sea, volunteers with a maritime background are enabling the museum to archive and catalogue the Wellington Harbour Board's collection of 125,000 objects and 25,000 photos.

For more information on volunteering contact the Volunteer Centre Network at www.volunteernow.org.nz or phone 0800 VOL CNTR. Volunteer centres work with organisations to match volunteering opportunities to individual skills.

The Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector has also joined forces with Volunteering New Zealand and the Department of Internal Affairs to produce a toolkit to help organisations promote volunteering in their communities. This is available at www.ocvs.govt.nz



A volunteer from Victim Support comforts a child at the scene of a car accident. Volunteers provide a 24-hour crisis service for victims of crime and trauma and are supported with training and supervision. This photo, supplied courtesy of Victim Support, uses models to publicise the work of volunteers.

Keeping It Legal E Ai Ki Te Ture

A legal resource kit is now available to guide voluntary and non-profit organisations through the rules and regulations governing the way they operate.

Keeping It Legal E Ai Ki Te Ture can also be used to develop risk management strategies.

The kit comprises four brochures, each covering a particular area of law, and a series of fact sheets.

Brochure 1 provides a framework for checking how well you know the law affecting your organisation. Brochure 2 helps you identify your organisation's legal structure and administrative tasks. Brochure 3 helps you identify the key laws and regulations concerning the management of your organisation and its activities. Brochure 4 provides guidelines about compliance programmes and information about using insurance to manage risks.



The raised hand on the cover of Keeping It Legal E Ai Ki Te Ture symbolises the spirit of volunteers and the act of volunteering in New Zealand.

The information is organised into sections and presented as a series of questions. Each question is followed by reference to a fact sheet that summarises the relevant information and lists useful references.

Keeping It Legal E Ai Ki Te Ture is only a starting point. It is intended to help you check you are on the right track, or to help identify legal areas in your organisation that need work. Your own lawyer is the only appropriate source of legal advice.

Plans to provide online updates as laws change are still being finalised.

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