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Thriving, vibrant, healthy and self reliant communities.

MISSION

To create opportunities and provide support that enhances the holistic well-being of the people in our community.





























Waikato WDFF Karamu Trust











Norah Howell Charitable Trust











Lions

Waikato Lyceum Charitable Trust

Thank you to these businesses that have supported the work we do by going the extra mile providing discounted services, resources, products or have made a donation to our work. Colourplus Hamilton, Colin Monk Contractors, Bill's Heat Pump Cleaning, Lodge Real Estate Dinsdale, Jefferies Nock & Associates, Frank Dibben painter, Kiwi Klean and our Western Community Newspaper Advertisers.

Thank you to all those community members that come into the centre and make financial donations, donate items, clothing, food but most importantly give time.

1111/2020, 30 June 2021

Board Members



Jamie Toko *Chairperson*







Pare Ruha Secretary

Bill
Rees
Vice Chairperson





Carl Jackson

Shanti Ralm





Stacey Dring

Dave Macpherson Life Membe



WCA CHAIRPERSONS REPORT 2021

He mihi atua tuatahi ki te Atua
Ko ia te Timatanga a te whakamutunga o ngā mea katoa
Ki ngā mate kua neke atu nei haere haere
Kei te upoko Ariki a Tuheitia te whakakotahitanga o ngā kāwai Rangatira o te motu
Noho ora mai i te ahurewa tapu e o mātua tīpuna
Waikato horopounamu, Waikato Taniwha rau, he piko he Taniwha, he piko he
Taniwha

Ki te whare e tu nei a te marae e takoto nei, tēnā rā kōrua ngā waihanga o rātou mā He mihi aroha ki a koutou katoa No reira tēnā koutou tēnā koutou, Mauri ora kia tātou katoa Tenei te mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

Welcome to our 2021 Annual General Meeting. To all distinguished guest, members of the community and our Funders welcome!

To Neil and Staff, thank you for maintaining such a high standard of wellbeing at the Centre and for the families that we support every day. I am always overwhelmed by the commitment and support you give to others. I am never surprised when I see one if not all of you giving more than you receive, a common occurrence in most cases. Thank you for going that extra mile, ensuring that food is distributed evenly so that everyone benefits from our Kaivolution service.

To our many volunteers thank you for those dedicated hours of hard work that you endlessly provide without hesitation. I know how busy the Centre gets but the gardens, the exterior the interior are always pleasantly presented, not an easy job so thank you so much.

Please know that we appreciate everything that you do, for the Rangatahi programmes, the whanau intervention and interaction, community connecting, the holiday and after school programmes, our Senior group outings, TJ, Jules, Jenny the list of gratitude is super long but that's because without you, we couldn't do what we do.

Everyone's dedication and commitment are impeccable. Your work does not go unnoticed. We see you and appreciate all that you do. Please remember to care for your own wellbeing first and foremost and ensure that you feature first on your priority list.

Covid-19

It appears that we have found ourselves yet again in Covid-19 but with an orange traffic light system. It has certainly come with its challenges, lockdown alert levels cancelled many events, placed staff and their families at risk when returning to work due to the community spread of Covid-19. It was humbling to see Neil and his teams still providing food, school lunches and support during all Covid levels. With a more contagious variant Delta and now Omicron? We welcome, good community guidelines from the Ministry of Health, keeping everyone safe. I would like to acknowledge all Covid-19 Vaccination clinics that have set up at our Centre vaccination as we know is a positive step towards decreasing our limitations and increasing our opportunities of being inclusive.

Remembering last year, we were without a vaccine or medication to withstand the virus. Personally, I am grateful that we have a vaccine that will help build/teach our immune system to fight this virus. Covid may become the new flu that we will have to learn to live with. Therefore, please take every precaution necessary to keep safe. But the work is not completely done. Our Centre policies like every other

organisation and business are waiting to be updated to include new Covid legislation. This is currently a work in progress.

As we move into the new traffic light system, the WCA Board acknowledge that we have introduced the Vaccine Pass at the Centre, but this does not mean that our services and food parcels are unobtainable by those that are not vaccinated. It simply requires a little more thought and precaution. Face coverings, 2-meter distancing, scanning our QR code is mandatory. I am confident that our staff have precautionary measures in place. Be kind and please be patient, while we transition into the traffic light system.

Funding

Thank you to our Funders for your continued financial contribution to the Centre, I would like to acknowledge Hamilton City Council, WEL Energy Trust, Trust Waikato, COG's, Lion Foundation,Lottery Grants Board, DV Bryant and Ministry of Social Development just to name a few. Without this funding it would be very difficult to deliver our services and activities. Your funding has not only supported the operations and administration, but it has also contributed to the wellbeing of our community. We have seen upgrades in our venue hire, redecorating and refurbishing, new flooring, new walls in some of our venue rooms making the Centre more welcoming, operational, and affordable. Again, thank you!

WCA Board

To my WCA Board, thank you so much for the many hours that you give voluntarily to the growth and development of the Centre. We could not do this work without you. For your dedication, commitment, passion, and your love for the health and wellbeing of the West Community it is deeply felt. We have come a long way together as a team, your commitment to the Centre is impeccable. Please know that I appreciate all that you do.

Lastly, I give my time openly and freely, I have been dedicated and committed to fulfil this role to the best of my ability. To support my committee, and to grow our resources. We are all in this together. Commitment can be challenging, but I believe if you put your hand up be prepared to do the work. I wish the WCA Board all the best for the future.

Keep safe and healthy during this Covid Virus.

Ngaa mihi nui

Jamie Toko JP

CHAIRPERSON

WCA BOARD





this year.

community groups, faith organisations, faith based communities, education providers and clubs used our venue.

unique services
were provided
during the year
improving the
quality of life for
quality of all ages.
residents of all ages.

People attended our Learner Licence Courses

People attended bookings

Licence Courses

Lots of goodness, laughter, opportunities, growth, memories shared, creativity, progress, challenges, connection, positivity, support, hard work and fun has taken place at our busy hub throughout the year. Everyday our vision of "Thriving, Vibrant healthy and self reliant communities" is being fulfilled and is clearly evident in the positive outcomes we see and hear everyday.

There have been many achievements our western whanau can celebrate:

- We continue to provide a space for our community to access a wide range of support services. A big focus this year has been making it easier for our families to access food.
- Whilst our focus is predominately within the Hamilton west area we have become a hub and home to over 180 of Hamilton's community groups, organisations, faith based communities, education providers and clubs.
- This financial year we were able to grow our venue and table and chair hire income to over \$100,000.
- The centre has had a number of key upgrades and investment to keep this community resource working well, looking good and a place our community can be proud of.
- The 2020 General Election provided us with an opportunity to encourage our community to enrol and to vote and have their say. Our centre saw the highest number of people vote across all of the Hamilton west electoral boundary and across the city we were the 3rd highest voting place.
- After much fundraising and support from a number of funders we were able to purchase a new van. This has been a tremendous asset for us and resource that has greatly helped our work.
- To be able to get our timing right and run the Inflatables in the Park event was a highlight. The large number of youth volunteers coming through taking up roles and helping us facilitate our events is a great strength. It is a reminder that our children and youth are not just the leaders of tomorrow but they can be be the leaders of today.
- Our skatepark and playground upgrade was completed, thank you Hamilton City Council, Acid NZ and Fluhler Contracting Ltd. The refurbishment has been a game changer and allows for a greater amount of people to use the space at the same time. Numbers using the space have at least tripled.
- Our board continues to be a great support and strength for the work we do. Thanks for your support, encouragement, advice and guidance throughout the year. Thank you to our chairperson Jamie Toko, I really appreciate the direction you provide the centre and your ongoing willingness to assist with advice and practical support is a huge help.
- Thank you to all those funders who have partnered with us financially to provide the services and programmes that we strongly believe are making a real positive difference in this community. It has been great to have a number of funders visit with us throughout the year to understand the work that we do.
- We have a great team of staff and huge army of volunteers. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to helping make our part of Hamilton a great place for our people.
 Thank you for for making the centre a fun and rewarding place to work and for supporting me in my role.







Ko te manu e kai te miro, noona te ngahere. Ko te manu e kai i te maatauranga, noona te ao. The bird that consumes the [miro] berry, reigns in the forest. The bird that consumes knowledge, reigns the world.

He hoonore he korooria ki te Atua he maungaarongo ki te whenua, he whakaaro pai ki ngaa taangata katoa.

Naa reira, haere mai ki a au

Ko Tainui te waka

Ko Waikato te awa

Ko Maungakawa te maunga

Ko Ngaati Hauaa tooku iwi

Ko Ngaati Waenganui tooku hapuu

Ko Waimakariri tooku marae, No Waimakariri ahau

Ko Linda Raupita ahau

What a year it's been! It's fair to say the impacts from Covid-19 are and will be felt for sometime. During these times of uncertainty, you can take comfort in knowing our funders are there to awhi. Over the past 12 months you being there to have helped us get our applications right. Your awhi helps us keep our lights on, doors open, and do the mahi we need to do, A big mihi to you to all.

As an organisation our books and records are kept in a timely manner; reconciliations are completed on a daily basis; invoices and payments are allocated accordingly, and our financial reports are prepared and presented to the Board of Trustees [BOT] monthly, with our compliance requirements consistently completed on time.

In closing, my sincere thankfulness to our accountant and auditors for their respective mahi in finalising our end-of-year accounts; to the BOT for your unwavering support for WCC and, of course, to my work colleagues for your continued awhi and manaaki for me, ngaa mhi nui kia koutou.

Naa reira teenaa koutou i ngaa kaimahi o Western Community Centre, ka nui te mihi aroha o te ngakau ki a koe e tiaki e manaaki ahau i aaku mahi i nga waa katoa.

Noo reira teenaa koutou, teenaa koutou katoa. Ka huri





Where our funds came from



Grants and Contracts \$573,027

Venue Hire \$101,842

46 Hyde ave 108 Grandview Tables and Chair Hire

Service Fees \$69,934

Tutor Fees Counselling Donations/ Fundraising/ other \$22,509

Printing & photocopying, works, seeds, Fundraising Initiatives Bank Interest, Veggie sales

Participant Fees \$53,311

After School Care Holiday Programmes Western Wheels Driver Licence Event Contribution \$2,846

Inflatables in the Park. This year we couldn't hold Chill or Treats in the Park.

Western Community News \$16,312

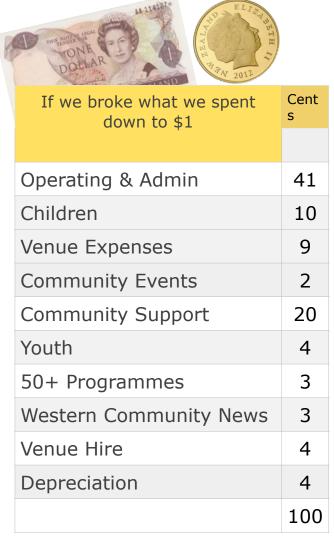


Income

How we

spent those funds





Admin & Operating Expenses \$310,469

Staff Wages
volunteers
Electricity/Water
Insurance
Motor vehicle Expenses
Phones/Internet
Rates
Repairs/Maintenance

Repairs/Maintenance Accountant/Auditor Training Cleaning

Advertising/Promotion Lots of Cups of Tea/Coffee

Community Support \$155,115

Covid 19 Response Whanau Support Services Counselling Services Fruit & Veggie Co-op

50+ Programmes \$17,879

Luncheons, Trips, Shopping Wages

> Community Events \$17,482

Chill in the Park
Treats in the Park
Waitangi Day
Extravaganza in the Park

Children \$74,172

After School Care, Holiday Programmes Staff Wages Events/activities

Venue Expenses \$71,946

Repairs,
Maintenance,
Cleaning
Advertising/Promotion
Electricity/Gas/ Water
108 Grandview rd Rent
Security

Western Community News \$33,183

Production, Distribution, Software

> Youth \$32,608

Youth Programmes Western Wheels Youth Development Staff Wages

Venue Hire \$20,790

Internal & External Venue Hire

Depreciation \$31,667

Note: Definition of
'Depreciation' Definition:
The monetary value of an
asset decreases over time
due to use, wear and tear
or obsolescence. This
decrease is measured
as depreciation.

Expenditure

Note: Total Wages across WCC amount to \$405,516



All Aboard!

Our 50+ group woke up early this morning to catch the awesome Te Huia to Papakura. A day out to pop in to the shops, visit the museum and enjoy lunch at the RSA. Big thanks to our awesome funders as we were able to offer this day at no cost. The Te Huia team are really incredible and made the whole process of booking our large group so easy. They looked after us well - Thank you! All 59 of us love our new train!

Kei Kirikiriroa ahau e noho ana, Ko Ngatokimatawhaorua tooku waka Ko Hikurangi raua ko Omaanuka ooku maunga Ko Tawapuku raua ko Otaenga ooku awa Ko Ngapuhi tooku iwi Ko Ngati Mahia tooku hapuu Ko Te Huruhi tooku marae. Ko Rangi Whaikawa Te Tumu Reweti tooku koro Ko Ngaputiputi Wiremu Heremaia tooku kuia Ko Rihai Rangi Whaikawa tooku paapaa

I te taha o tooku Maamaa

Noo Arutanga Aitutaki ahau
Ko Takitimu tooku waka
Ko Maunga Pu tooku maunga
Ko Te Moananui a Kiwa tooku moana
Ko Tamatoa Ariki tooku iwi
Ko Ngati Paaki tooku hapuu
Ko Marae Orongo tooku marae
Ko Paniora Mairaro Mangatama tooku koro
Ko Tungane Te Tupuorongo Kaoki Pirangi Mokere tooku kuia
Ko Kairangi Mairaro Paniora tooku Maamaa
Ko Raymond J A Mills taku hoa taane

Ko Rangi-Whaikawa-Mills, Aileen taku ingoa

Centre mornings usually begin with greetings. From there we progress to our set tasks. But the real time application is hugely different with some unique and interesting outcomes.

The centre has continually evolved, as a reliable entity for most community needs imaginable. Approximately 60 persons in the 50+ seniors attended the sights of the Auckland Sky Tower 11th November 2020. They showed fearlessness and excitement for the harbour views. The hum of smiles came when we caught the ferry to Devonport sighting the beach scenes and unique boutiques alongside unusual eateries. In December another trip took this group on a Raglan harbour cruise hearing the historical insights of nature while sipping real coffees and locally made tasties. We lunched at the Orca Restaurant for a Christmas themed menu.

Awesome memory building for our 50+ seniors who are mostly in the ages of 65+ through to 96 years young. Some from this group alight the shopping van to PakNsave Mill St, on pension weeks.

Yet again our 50+ Seniors Woolly Club who meet weekly, celebrated Anzac 2021 by crocheting small red poppies thereby making an extra large sized display poppy for the commemoration.

Our 50+ senior walking troop meet regardless of the covid 19 intervals. These friends are so dedicated as a team and seek healthier outcomes when the levels prevail.

Learner Licence courses has been tutored with approximately 253 participants at our centre, Fraser High School and Hui Te Rangiora Marae. Big thank you to Awhi Tanoa for his awesome tutoring skills and youth input for exactness in learning. And to Tom and Tāmati Hunt for making such a big difference to the health and well being of the participants using strategic games that elevate their perceptions and team building skills.

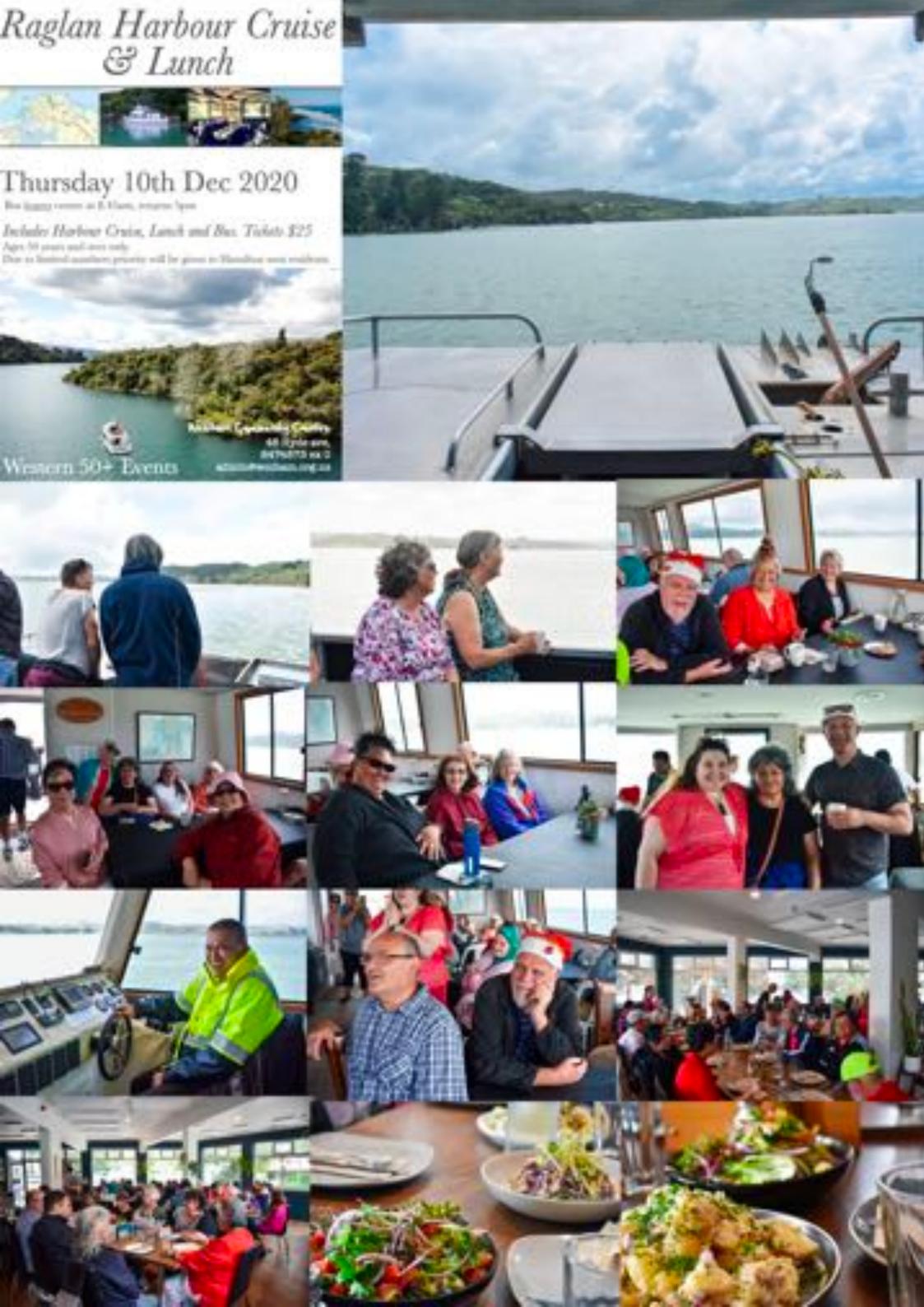
Our unique volunteers are so onto everything with energy and life experiences

they give and keep giving regardless.....Thank you all very much.

When a solution is evident. ...TALK it up ... WALK it out No reira tena koutou tena koutou Katoa

Aileen Rangi-Whaikawa-Mills Learner Licence and 50 plus facilitator









Poipoia, Poipoia te kākano kia puawai, tihei mauri ora.

Kakano the Seed, Poipoia to Nurture, it's the responsibility and need to develop the next one's future.

The Western Community Centre have implemented the means to be MANA enhancing and to nurture each other as we move forward.

I returned to the Western Community Centre late last year on November the 2nd 2020.

Since then, we have shifted into a time of extra care while we work through another year of Covid. We have continued to work through as normal and always going above and beyond what is expected for our community.

2020 and 2021 has completely changed the way we care for one another. The consistent checking in and making sure the community and team are ok as we battle through Covid.

My role here, is to journey alongside the young people of our community.

I take the title as the Youth Development Worker at the Western Community Centre.

This year has re-influenced the "WHY" of my journey in my community and the "WHY" of how I Journey alongside young people.

To connect our young people to their roots, to connect them to their past story's and connect them to a future. Rydell and I have created a youth program within the Western Community Centre called Toa Whakapuawai.

Toa Whakapuawai is based on creating safe spaces of learning, bringing out individual talents, celebrating wins and losses and allowing young people to creatively share their own story. All of this is for the development of our young leaders in our community.

2021, We have supported over 70 young people on this journey.

Generally, you can catch me down at the skate park hanging out with the young people.

There are many ways of finding info about what the Western Community Centre have to offer.

The Western Community Centre advertise on many social media platforms.

You can find us on our general website, Facebook, Instagram, or Spotify.

Linked to our Spotify is our radio session called "Outwest Radio". Zeta and I co facilitate Outwest Radio with the purpose of sharing our content from past, present, and future. You can catch us live on Free FM 89.0 every Friday at 11am.

Nō reira,

Thank you for your continued support to make Nawton great.





All these awesome groups used the centre throughout the year!

CHILDREN

WCC After School Programme, 200 days WCC Holiday Programme, 9 weeks,

PLAYGROUPS

Iloha Japanese Playgroup, weekly Little Stars Playgroup, weekly Manitas Spanish playgroup, weekly Creative Kids Home Based Education, 2 times per week

YOUTH

WCC Toa Whakapuawai 2 times per week
WCC Toa Whakapuawai Holiday Programme 4 weeks
WCC Western Wheels Learner Licence, 10 per year
WCC Youth drop in, daily
Star jam, 2 visits per week

EDUCATION/SUPPORT

Legal Advice Clinic-Neimand Peebles Hoult, weekly
Justice of the Peace Clinic, weekly
Chain Link, monthly
Hamilton Budgeting Advisory Trust
Hamilton West Network, bi monthly

ACTIVITIES/CLUBS/GROUPS

Hamlets Hamilton Fighting Game Club, fortnightly
Toastmasters, weekly
Whatawhata Maori Women's Welfare League, monthly
Man Up, Woman Up, weekly
Chain Link Bike Repair, monthly

OFFICE SPACE PROVISION

WCC staff and Volunteers
Tainui Maori Women's Welfare League
Patients Rights Advocacy
Courage Counselling
Plunket

HEALTH

WCC Laughter Club, weekly Plunket Nurse, 1 day per week Courage Counselling, daily WCC Western Walkers, weekly

50 + PROGRAMMES

WCC The Wooly Club, weekly WCC 50+ Luncheon, monthly

Faith Based Regular Gatherings

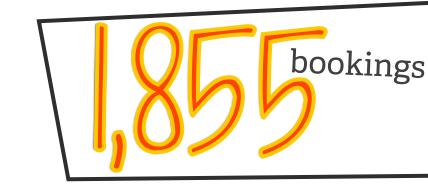
Westside Church, weekly
Church of Christ, Thursday & Saturday
UCKG, fortnightly
Every Nation Hamilton, fortnightly

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Inflatables in the Park
Waitangi Day - cancelled
Chill in the Park - cancelled
Treats in the Park - cancelled
Skate Park Opening,
Extravaganza in the Park - cancelled



community groups, organisations, faith based communities, education providers and clubs used our centre.





Active Explorers Farnborough, 2 visits

Acumene

Afghanistan Hazara Association — Waikato Inc. (AHAW) 3 visits

AOK, 2 visits Belle of the Ball, Best Start

Betta Property Compliance, 5 visits

Brain Injury Waikato

Breast Screen Midland, 18 visits

Bunnings, 2 visits Career Force, Chess Power, 3 visits

Chorus Technician Meeting
Christian Life Bible Church, 12 visits
Community Crime Meeting
Community Law Waikato, 2 visits

Crest Clean, 5 visits Delve Counselling

Dinsdale Community Action Group, 2 visits

Dinsdale Lions

Dinsdale Toastmasters
Dr Gaurav Sharma

Etu, 3 visits

Electoral Commission, 18 visits
Enabling Good Lives, 4 visits
English Language Classes, 3 visits

Family Search History, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3 visits

First Union, 5 visits

Fraser Tech Junior Rugby, 3 visits

Go Eco, 3 visits

Grandview Community Garden committee, 2 visits

Grow

H-Town Muslim Youth Pioneers

Hamilton Budgeting Advisory Trust- Education, 3 visits

Hamilton City Council, 3 visits

Hauraki Primary Health Organisation, 8 visits

HealthCare NZ, 9 visits Hogswart workshop, 2 visits

Interactionz Internal Affairs

K'aute Pasifika

International Yoga Day - High Comission of India

Kairua, 4 visits Kanorau Digital, 3 visits Kauri Centre, 2 visits

King Cass Event

Kiribati Federation Aotearoa, 12 visits

Labour Party, 11 visits Le Va, 3 visits Literacy Aotearoa

Man Up,

Manga Waitawhiriwhiri Kaitiaki

Maori Woman's Welfare League, Nawton and Whatawhata, 20 visits

Ministry of Education, 2 visits Moerangi Whanau Trust

Ministry of Social Development, 3 visits

My Skill National Party

New Covenant Worship Team, 7 visits

Nexus Dance Crew Nga Tai Whakarongo

Ngaati Hauaa Tribal Trust, 9 visits

NZ Hempress

NZ Institute of Highway Technology Ltd (NZIHT), 2 visits

NZ Police, 2 visits NZEI, 3 visits

NZPP, 3 visits Oranga Tamariki, 66 visits

Parent 2 Parent, 2 visits
Parents Centre NZ Inc, 15 visits
Patients Rights Advocacy AGM
Plunket Training, 3 visits

Praxis, 8 visits

Pregnancy Counselling, 13 visits Private Booking, 160 visits Project Restore, 9 visits

Red Cross

Restorative Justice, 64 visits Ringa Atawhai Matauranga

Rob Veale RTLB Cluster 16

Safe Self Defence & Close Quarters Combat, 4 visits

Sant Nirankari Mission

SAOG Trust Seed Waikato

Shea Pita & Associates, 9 visits

Shot Bro

Shree Swaminurayan Temple Hamilton

Spanish Playgroup Spectrum Care

Sunny Side Educare, 2 visits Takawai & Chris Ltd, 5 visits Te Kawa Mataaho

Te Rito Maioha

Te Roopu Taurima, 6 visits Te Tumu Paeroa, 11 visits

Te Whakaruruhau Maori Women's Refuge, 20 visits

Ti Tihi O Moerangi Marae, 2 visits

Tokaikolo Church

Transcendence Holistic Fair, 3 visits

Triple One Care, 28 visits Tupperware, 7 visits Turitea Marae

United Families for justice, 2 visits

Universal Church of the Kingdom of God, 13 visits

Vertical Horizons, 8 visits

Vision NZ

Wāhine Kura, 6 visits Waikato DHB, 14 visits Waikato home birth, 9 visits

Waikato Shaheed -E-Azam Bhagat Singh Sports and Cultural Trust, 6 visits

Waikato Tainui Waikato TimeBank Waikato Touch Association Waiwhakaata Trust, 2 visits

WCC AGM

Western City Sports Club Whānau Āwhina Plunket

WILSS WINTEC YMCA

YOLANDA SORYL LITERACY, 3 visits Youth Health Assessments, 7 visits

Zeal

Zumba Classes, 4 visits

Tēnā Koutou,

Greetings to all,

Ko Aoraki te maunga, Ko Arahua te waka, Ko Matau te awa, Ko Ngai Tahu te iwi. Mount Cook is my mountain, Arahua is my waka, Matau is my river and Ngai Tahu is my Iwi.

I started last year on the 2nd of November, my birthday! Over the past year, we have been fortunate enough to give out 161 HereToHelpU food parcels for a total of 642 whānau, and walk alongside 35 whānau through their journey's. Since being here at the western community centre we have had an amazing time making our community stronger together and working with our community to have some fun events.

Since being here, last year with Christmas we were able to help families with Christmas food hampers thanks to Go Eco (who we run 'kaivolution' though) as they dropped off some. We were also really lucky to help a family who had been really impacted by Covid during March 2020, the husband had lost his job due to developing health conditions and then the wife had to reduce her hours at work to be able to look after him and their children. A company then donated their secret Santa money and went to get gifts for this family, and on the 23rd of December they were able to meet each other and exchange the gifts, it was so special to be part of.

We also opened up our Kaivolution Free-Store on the 24th of December and were able to give out rescued kai to help some people for Christmas.

Some last thoughts, for the year ahead I look forward to working more with our Nawton community and meeting new people. I wish everyone well and good health as we move forward. I am excited to see where this future year leads all of us and our community.

Ngā mihi nui





Kia ora koutou. I began my role as Community Connector at Western Community Centre last year on December 1st of 2020, returning to the community I called home growing up. The Community Connector role was created to ensure people are able to access information and services across multiple government agencies and service providers, as well as supporting our team to do the incredible mahi they already do with the increased capacity due to COVID-19s effects on our community.

Over the past few months, I have joined our centre in serving our community through all different levels of COVID-19, adapting to the different rules so that we could be sure that our community has access to everything they need. I would like to give a huge shout out to our team for their mahi as well as to our community for their extra care towards each other.

In my time here at WCC, I have met with over 60 community services to build good relationships that ensure quick referral for our clients. We have also interacted with 246 individuals through joint events such as the Te Aka Matua Retreat, Nawton Primary Schools Holiday Breakfast Club, Wise Group Youth Co-Design Mentoring and a Women's Retreat with the YWCA to share our skills and spread knowledge of our centre and what we do.

I have also been involved heavily in our Western Community Newspaper and have been lucky enough to invite some of the individuals in our community to write about their community contribution as well as some of our community partners to write regular articles that are informative and interesting for the 19,000 homes in our community our Newspaper reaches. We also expanded our reach through our OutWest Radio show on FreeFM 89.0, which Tom and I co-host, when we rebranded in early 2021. This rebrand meant new imaging as well as an increase in interviewing services in our community, having youth interviews (run by Tom) and streaming live from our big events. We have increased our listeners from 100-200 per month to 500-600.

By building stronger relationships we have brought other organisations like Kanorau Digital into our community hub to bring the classes our community need to their doorstep, as well as pairing with the Meteor to bring the Shot Bro production to our doors for an incredible event that opened up the conversation about mental health. We have also changed our bi-monthly Network Meetings to be more interactive so that we can encourage more conversation and connections because we know we stand stronger when we stand together.

I cannot wait to see what the next year brings for our community and our centre and look forward to journeying along with our amazing staff for it.





2021 a year of certainty AND uncertainty

In a time when COVID has introduced new and ongoing uncertainty, the Western Community Centre team have continued to work toward offering the certainty of community connection, as well as the certainty of food on people's tables. It has been an honour to be part of the certainty that the Centre has offered.

Certainty for our community.

Courage Counselling has also been able to offer certainty for our community. We have consistently offered a counselling service throughout the changing COVID levels. As in previous levels of lockdown, we have met with community members via zoom in levels four, three, and two. In level two, we also offered an option of meeting face-to-face wearing a mask. Phone support has also been an option. Many people quickly adapted to these ways of meeting. Some people have developed a preference for the convenience of meeting via zoom. Others have found this way of meeting to be challenging, and are choosing to wait until we return to lower levels. Finding ways to meet from home while looking after small children presents a challenge for some. During this time the Community Centre has been efficient in making sure that COVID compliance is a smooth and safe process.

"Thriving, vibrant, healthy and self-reliant communities"

Courage Counselling has supported the Community Centre theme of "Thriving, vibrant, healthy and self-reliant communities". Courage Counselling has continued to support a wide range of people, who come to the service from different geographical and lived-experience spaces. Families, couples and individuals have found healing and hope on their pathway forward. We have worked hard to make counselling support accessible for those who need it on their journey toward self-reliance, and have continued to make Community Centre referrals a priority. Of the 827 counselling hours offered, nearly half have been offered at a reduced rate (382), and close to one in seven sessions has been offered at no cost. Thank you to Andrew Hopkins, who also offered support to clients throughout 2021. We wish Andrew well as he moves forward on his journey.

2021 a rewarding year

2021 has been another rewarding year for supporting resilience for couples, families and individuals in the Western Community Centre.



Since my last report we had Melissa Symington join our After School Care team in 2020. We also were sad to say goodbye to our amazing volunteer Sandie Austin, she did loads to help us out throughout the years at After School. She is sorely missed by the kids. We are excited to have a new volunteer join us, Caleb Symington. He has been an awesome edition to our team and the kids absolutely love him.

Immediately after the first nationwide lockdown we saw a decrease in numbers due to the impact on jobs etc. For 2021 we have seen an increase of kids being enrolled for After School Care. It's been great to see the bounce back our community is having from the first covid lockdown.

For December 2020 After School Care was able to go to the Livingstone Flats to perform their annual Christmas Carols which was a big hit with everyone. However we were unable to continue with our visits earlier this year due to fluctuating alert levels. Nevertheless we always made sure the kids were able to enjoy themselves at After School Care. Having the new playground has been a great asset and the kids love utilising the space there. Cooking and baking is always a crowd favourite. Our Mother's Day gifts this year were magnificent. Each Mother received a mug with a drawing created by their child as well as a photo of their child printed on the mugs. The Mother's also received a Mocha bomb with specific

instructions to enjoy it when their child wasn't present.

It's always a privilege and a joy to be at After School Care and I can't wait to add our newest edition to our team that is due in December.

Ngahuia Nelson Centre Reception and After School Coordinator



What a year 2021 has been!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Trish and I coordinate the Western Stars Holiday Programme for tamariki 5-13 years of age. Straight out of Nawton myself, it's great to know that we here at the Western Community Centre facilitate such programs and many more to our community.

Throughout the year we held 8 weeks of programmes for 195 tamariki from the Hamilton West area including Nawton, Crawshaw, Frankton and Aberdeen primary schools. Daily activities are created to help our tamariki learn skills such as crafting, teamwork, baking and problem solving skills. Our programme includes in-house days such as movie fundays, arts & craft, baking challenges, sports days as well as days where we leave and go to the Zoo, movies, local parks, and nearby beaches. Each day is carefully planned so that it is action-packed keeping children engaged and busy throughout the day

We are able to keep our prices low to accommodate for whānau on a budget, and help assist families with their Oscar funding if they need assistance. We have a great team of staff who do an amazing job of providing care to our participants, as always their assistance on the program is invaluable.

Assisting our team, we have some incredible volunteers who continue to give their time to come down and spend the day with us helping wherever they are needed.

Trish Terry

Centre Reception and Holiday Programme Coordinator



Kia ora, my name is Melissa. I am still one of the newer faces at the Western Community Centre as I joined the team at the end of last year. My role is Western Stars After School Care Supervisor and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our tamariki. I have also been able to help out with the holiday programs, and other areas within the community centre. It has been a privilege to work with and meet so many incredible people in the Nawton community.

Last year and at the beginning of this year at after school care and at our holiday program, we saw decreased numbers in our tamariki's attendance. This was unfortunately due to the effects of COVID 19 on our community. However, we soon saw increased numbers in both our after school care and holiday programs. Some days at after school care we were having up to 20 tamariki in our care. It's been awesome to welcome both old and new faces back to our after school care. We also welcomed a new volunteer to the after school care program in June, my brother Caleb. The kids have absolutely loved having Caleb on board.

This year at after school care, our tamariki have done a lot of things in the kitchen! We have made cupcakes, cookies, pizzas, pancakes and we even had one of our volunteers at the community centre, Julz, teach us how to make homemade pasta. We have also done some awesome arts and crafts. During Easter, we made bookmarks, cards and had an easter egg hunt. For Mother's Day, each child designed a coffee mug for their parent and made them a card. Throughout the year we have done painting, colouring in, drawing, puppet shows, and many other arts and crafts. The kids also enjoy playing sports or going on the playground, so when the weather was nice, we tried to spend as much time outside as we could.

During the holiday programs, we were able to do some awesome trips to the beach, lake, zoo, movies, and playgrounds. The tamariki loved the outings, but especially loved the bus trips! We also did some cool crafts, played some sports, and had cooking competitions. It was awesome seeing the increased numbers of tamariki throughout the year.

I found this year extremely beneficial as I have been able to work with both our tamariki and in various roles within the community centre. For myself, the most rewarding thing about working with our tamariki, is seeing them not only enjoy their time at after school care and holiday program but also getting to see their confidence grow and flourish over time.

Melissa Symington
After School and Holiday Programme Supervisor



Hi my names Matty!

I've been part of the Western Community Centre for 20 years, I love it here! For last five years I have been employed by the centre part time. I look after the recycling and waste management and I'm the man that gets the table and chair orders ready and gives our customers a helping hand to load them into their vehicles. Every Friday hundreds of chairs go out and come back in on Monday ready for cleaning. I'm good at setting up projectors and happy to give our groups a hand setting up. I move things from A to B and back to A and then sometimes to Z throughout this place.

I help monitor our remote alarm system and keep an eye out to make sure our alarm system is unset and set when groups are in and out. Our Events are my favourite times working here and I always give it 150% to get the jobs done and keep everything running smoothly.

Mathew Shadbolt

Custodian



Kia Ora! My name is Tina Tanoa

I have worked at the Western Community centre for about 8 years now and I still love working here! I help out in a few different areas at the centre, I help out at the reception, I love getting to know the people in our community and helping out at the reception gives me a chance to do this, often chatting while they wait for printing or using our computers or even just coming in to help out or have a cuppa. It's always nice to catch up. I have been able to learn a lot from working at the reception, we have so many services it has taken me some time to learn how to use each one so that I may serve our community better, like printing, photocopying, laminating, table and chair hire, venue bookings, skinny jump broadband sign up, kaivolution and food parcel distribution through Here to help u. I also help out with our wonderful Western Stars holiday program and after-school care program, we have so much fun there and I love seeing the kids from all over hamilton come to our programs. We have watched many come over years and grown up and come back to the Western Community Centre to volunteer also. That is wonderful to see in itself. What we do here works and makes a difference in our community, and I am so proud to be apart of that.

We have had lots of awesome events over the years but by far this years chill in the park was the best for me. I loved the set up, the Nawton's got talent show, and the yummy food. I'm sure next years will be

even better. It was so good to see so many people out at our event and supporting us and having a great time while doing it. It was a great day. There's no other community that I would rather live and work in than Nawton.



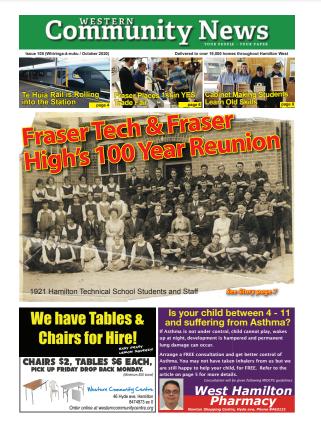
Tina Tanoa

Centre Reception and Holiday Programme Supervisor





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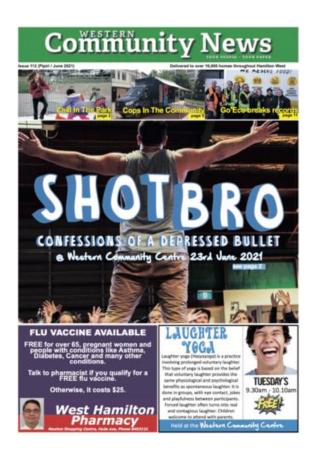








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We have been sending out our positive stories for over 40 years!

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Neil Tolan - WCC
Jan Plumley - Proof Reader







Nawton Skatepark

Towards the end of 2020 a refurbishment of the existing Nawton Skatepark was completed facilitated by the Hamilton City Council. Suggestions from the skate community helped to greatly improve the skatepark design with some features adapted for beginner skaters as well as scooter riders.

The playground beside the park was replaced with new equipment, seating, tables, water fountain, more shade and a new half basketball court. Constructed by Acid NZ and Fluhler Contracting LTD.

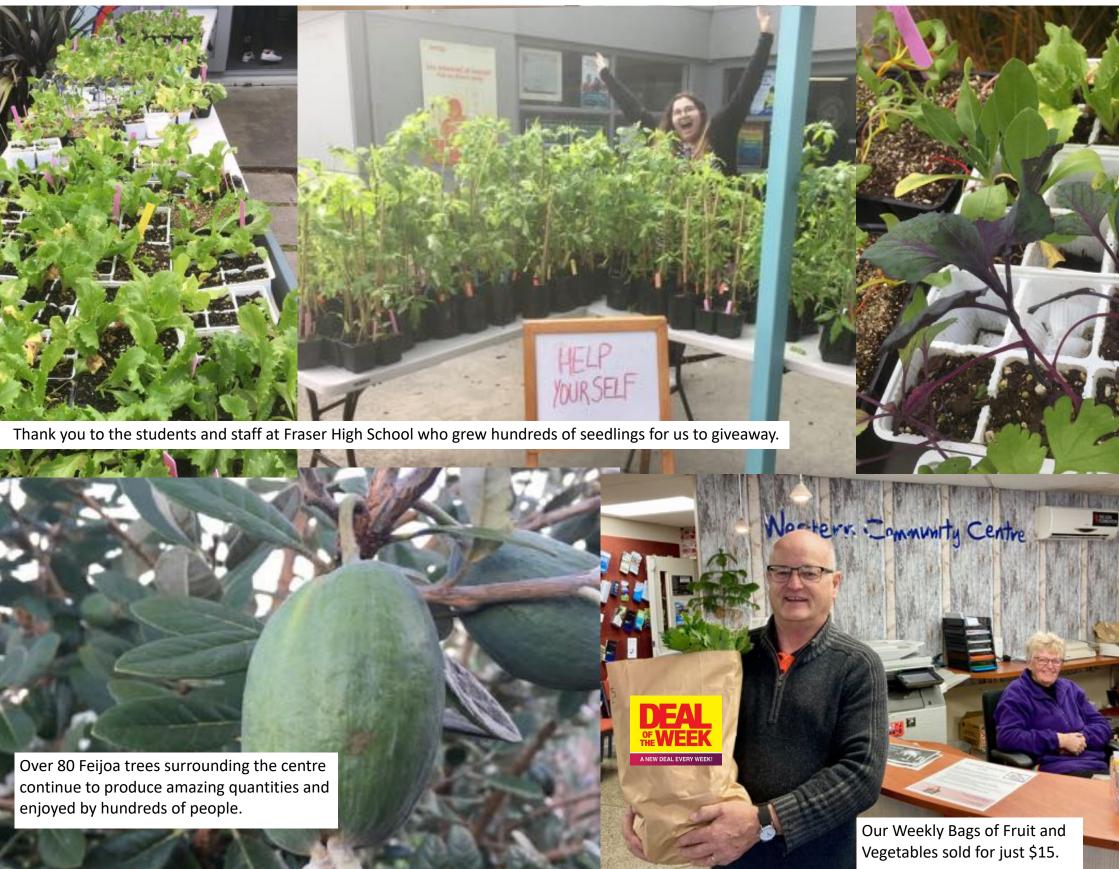
"There is plenty of research that clearly states that skateparks can contribute positively to creating vibrant and healthy communities and this has been our experience. The opportunity for people of all ages to interact, make good social connections and lasting friendships has been clearly evident. "



THANK YOU to the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints Food Drive. A huge amount of food was collected and passed on to our centre to give away!



Over 3,000 Fruit and Vegetables packs distributed - Thanks to our awesome supplier Food Together!



Power from the Sun



2020 13,606 (kWh) produced

2019 15,467 (kWh) produced

2018 14,524 (kWh) produced

2017 15,356 (kWh) produced

2016 14,732 (kWh) produced



Our solar system has saved us almost \$20,000













unique services were provided during the year improving the quality of life for our Hamilton residents of all ages. Here's a few examples..



Free public computers Free public phone to make calls

We have tons of

Information

information.



9am - 9.20am

9.20am - 9.40am

9.40am-10am by appointment

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Jump

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Subsidised broadband for Kiwi homes





skinny.co.nz/jump



The Western Community Centre

We have copying and printing services available! We can print from your USB, laminate those documents or scan to em Open 8.30am - 5.30pm, Mon- Fri.

Prices: A4 B&W 10c, A4 Colour 50c. A3 B&W 15c, A3 Colour \$1

Laminating A4 \$1, A3 \$1.50







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YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM

> Kai and a cuppa provided. **Greater Hamilton** Community Health Forum Monday 12th October 2020 Western Community Centre

> > 46 Hyde Ave HAMILTON

10.00am—12.00pm



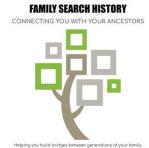


Great to have Hambats back at the centre this Sunday! Check out all the info on the event page.



Tiger Worms \$20





Monday's)





basic digital life easier? 8 June: 10.30-1.30pm



MP Clinic Here

ny issues you may need help and support with.

Nawton **Every Thursday** from 9am-11am To make an appointment please contact

0800 624 882 or

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- Do you have daily line charges?
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Hamilton West Community Network



4th March organisations and residents the 6th May 8th July 9th Sept 11th Nov

> More Info contact ana Manu 021 359 878 or contact the community centre 07 8474873 Ex0

1pm - 2.15pm Held at The Western Community Centre KAWAKAWA SPÄ PRESENTS HEALERS-READERS
CRYSTALS-SPEAKERS

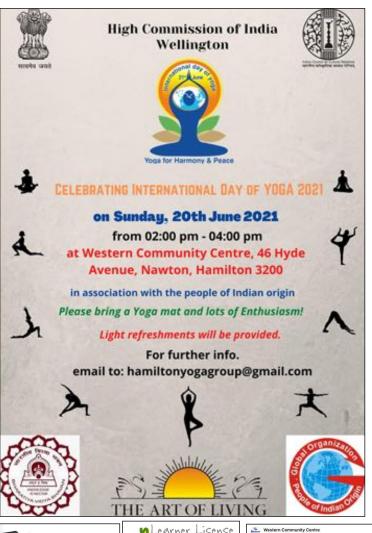


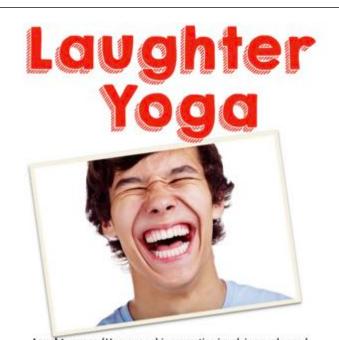




MIRIMIRI HEALING SESSIONS

WESTERN COMMUNITY CENTER 46 HYDE AVE NAWTON HAMILTON 10-3PM





Laughter yoga (Hasyayoga) is a practice involving prolonged voluntary laughter. This type of yoga is based on the belief that voluntary laughter provides the same physiological and psychological benefits as spontaneous laughter. It is done in groups, with eye contact, jokes and playfulness between participants. Forced laughter often turns into real and contagious laughter.

Tuesday's 9.30am - 10.10am

The Western Community Centre

Children welcome to attend with parents and it's free to attend

check out www.laughteryoga.org



You're invited to:

Korero about the Fruit Trees in Homes

Friday 14 August 2020 11:30am, at Western **Community Centre**

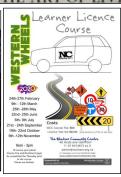
Check the Community Centre Facebook page for more information

Pizzas will be provided. Prizes up for grabs!

RSVP to the centre or on Facebook If you can't make it on the day, we are able to visit you at home on **Thursday 13 August**



before! Hamilton dogs only.









- Learn to borrow sensibly info on credit cards, contracts, credit rating
 Learn to save (emergency savings, retirement and kiwisaver)



his is a FREE Workshop, Limited Space Availab Get registered at Western Community Centre Reception or contact as belo

Western Community Centre 46 Hyde Ave. Hamilton reception@budgeting.co.na







registration and microchipping i your dog hasn't been registered before! Hamilton dogs only.

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of address is required. Cash payments only Contact 07 838 6632 for more info.

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Cheap Dog rego and microchipping if your dog hasn't been registered

If your dog is already microchipped, registration will only be \$23.75. Proof

Community Centre Wednesday 10 March pm to 3.30pm Community Centre Wednesday 17 March 1pm to 3.30pm

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NDERLEY PARK Community Centre Wednesday 24 March 1pm to 3.30pm

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People reached

Hamilton City Council



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We want to hear your thoughts on What would encourage more people to get involved in their community or involved in big issues that

affect the country?

and understand its work, actions and decisions?

-How government should work with New Zealanders

when designing policies and services?

Join our workshop, learn, share your ideas and have some kail There are no wrong answers.

Where: Western Community Centre, 46 Hyde Avenue, Nawton, Hamilton

When: 4.00pm-7.00pm - Monday the 12th of April, 2021

Call 0211986489 or email agpnz@publicservice.govt.nz for more info or to RSVP for the workshop. Subject to Alert Level I.



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BREAST & CERVICAL SCREENING centre, 46 hyde street, NAWTON, HAMILTON



Learn about the services we offer in helping to keep Hamiltonians safe.

Come along to one of our drop-in sessions at the Western Community Centre:

Tuesday 13 October 10am to 11am

Tuesday 10 November 10am to 11am

hamilton.govt.nz
 0800 723 324







Mobile breast screening service

18 March to 9 April 2021

Regular breast screening can find what you can't feel

FREEPHONE 0800 270 200

Free Cervical Screening at Western Community Centre



TUESDAY'S & THURSDAY'S **16TH MARCH - 8TH APRIL** 9 - 12/3PM

Drop in for a korero & a smear Gift Hamper Draw & Giveaways For more information or to book phone 0800 428 672









We found a great home for the mobility scooter George kindly gave us to pass on. Thank you

for paying it forward George this will make a really positive difference for Jim getting around

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Local electricity. Simple cheap power. OURPOWER

Western Community Centre Published by Neil Tolan @ - 17 March - @ Dinsdale Toastmasters is a friendly group where you can improve your public speaking skills.

They meet each Tuesday at our centre, 7 pm to 9 pm. Tumanako Haumaha, shares what he has gained from Toastmasters. Check out the Dinsdale Toastmasters for more info or to answer any questions

Dinsdale Toastmasters 17 March · 🚱 https://youtu.be/HZ7ia3gbl4I



Western Community Centre Published by Neil Tolan 💿 - 15 July 2020 - 😚 If anyone has good blankets, heavy curtains they are not using or needing feel free to drop them off at the centre for our sharing table. We can pass them on to families who will be very

YOUR LOCAL

COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM

KIA ORA

We invite you to come along and discuss what matters to your community

Also on the agenda are

- Proposed changes to the Health system
- Recovering from the Cyber Attack
- Covid Vaccination Update

Wider Hamilton Community Health Forum Thursday 1st July 2021 Western Community Centre

> 46 Hyde Ave HAMILTON

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MIRIMIRI KOHA CLINIC

Western Community Centre

centre till 7pm today!!

FRI, 31 JUL 2020

Need a ballgown, suit, shoes or accessories for your upcoming ball. The Ball Fairy is at the



Meet the team Hamilton - Nawton

You like Waikato Police



Come and meet some of the candidates standing in this general election in a fun facilitated session. Listen to our three speakers share the question that they most want election candidates to answer in Election 2020. Monday from 5.30pm at our centre

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Suryanamaskar training for children (and adults) and children's competition Performance by Sutra Academy (School of Bharatanatyam) Young Children's activities - 'Art of Living' International Yoga Day Programme (for Adults and older children) 1) Yoga Protocol 2) Laughter Yoga

3) Yoga for rehabilitatio Yoga International Day

You like Hamilton Yoga Group

The Ballfairy



If you need to see a Financial Mentor we now have Shabana from the Hamilton Budgeting Advisory Trust at the centre every Tuesday.

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You can book an appointment at https://budgeting.co.nz/ just scroll to the bottom of the site nd click Book Now. You can also make contact with our team at t you in. Also keep a look out for the awesome MoneyMates workshops that will be coming up. More details to come

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"Each one of us is like that butterfly the Butterfly Effect . And each tiny move toward a more positive mindset can send ripples of positivity through our organisations our families and our communities."

Shawn Achor,

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