

A BRIGHTER FUTURE



The Tauranga/Western Bay of Plenty Newsletter connecting Newcomers and their families to local Information and Service Providers for Settlement needs

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"Connecting Newcomers Locally"

Tena koutou katoa - (Greetings to everyone)

We're well and truly settling into 2011 as our first newsletter this year is drafted. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer months and taken advantage of the great outdoor opportunities in the Bay of Plenty. As we reflect on the past 4 ½ years of the Settlement Support New Zealand initiative locally it is timely to recap that the service is funded by the Department of Labour and the Lead Agency is YMCA Tauranga for the Western Bay of Plenty region. We offer information and referrals to services to assist the newcomers' settlement process. Our bi-monthly newsletter aims to provide a communication to service providers, employers of migrants and to newcomers. We distribute to a combination of migrants, service providers and employers of approximately 1400.

An activity programme of 8 forums per year are arranged equally for service provider training and for newcomer orientation and 2 local stakeholder network meetings are arranged per financial year in an effort to share ideas or to lift awareness of newcomer settlement needs. Look out for the newsletter What's On page and other services featured on our website and for detailed fliers of SSNZ informational seminars or workshops coming your way.

We are always receptive to ideas and feedback from our 'partners' and other services or from new arrivals in our region. Please feel welcome to email the coordinator, with any feedback. It's always great to receive fresh feedback and ideas.

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employer awareness of services available to assist them with resettlement of the families of their newcomer employees.

December newsletter correction and acknowledgements

The 'Cultural Clipboard' of the December newsletter contained a story about Jagdeep Kaur and her flatmate & friend Gurpreet Kaur. We spelled Gurpreet's name incorrectly. Our sincere apologies for this error Gurpreet.



Jagdeep also asked that we acknowledge her grateful thanks for the all those people in the community who supported her through the sudden and sad loss of her husband just 17 days after the birth of her baby son.



Thank you so much Jagdeep and Gurpreet for sharing with us.

Port of Tauranga Tours We hope many of you took the opportunity to participate in one of these tours. A group of us took the tour on a Wednesday morning when a cruise ship was berthed at the Port. Our waiting period for our coach and driver allowed us to observe the cruise ship passengers disembarking to either wander the Mount and Tauranga for the day while others took one of the many tour operators offers for an adventure or a coach tour for the day. Noticeably some of those tour operators were here from across the Tasman! Mmm...

Anyway, our driver it turns out is the Security Chief employed at the Port of Tauranga, which allowed him so much knowledge about all the happenings on the wharf at this largest [and growing] export port in NZ. I often wondered how those empty logging truck trailers were riding atop the truck tray. And how did the heavily laden log trucks get unloaded? It's a glimpse into how many industries around the region are support industries to our Port activities.

I'm not going to tell you anymore because I hope you will take the tour yourself next year.

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What's On...



Sat 19 March – 12th Multicultural Festival - Opens at

10am Entry \$5 for adults with children under 12 years. At The Historic Village, 17th Ave, Tauranga. For further information, phone 07 571 6419. See musical and dance items on stage, crafts and international foods available and many service providers will be exhibiting for your reference. It is a fun day of multi-cultures.

Mon 28 March – Relating Well In NZ 9-4.30pm. A free One day workshop for newcomers to New Zealand – see details opposite on this page ⇒

Thurs 31 March - Marae Visit – 9am – 2pm. Wairoa Marae, Bethlehem. A bi-cultural learning day for Newcomers to discover Māori protocols, customs and understand the carvings within the Marae. Share a light meal for lunch and ending with a Question and Answer session. For further information, contact Settlement Support NZ at Ph: 07 579 6532 or register interest by emailing ssnz@ymcaturanga.org.nz . [Note: A detailed invitation will be posted on our website on Friday 18 February]

Next Local Settlement Network [LSN] Meeting - Date & Venue to be advised for this twice yearly forum where all stakeholders are able to share information and discuss ideas toward building a welcome, a sense of belonging, and retaining our skilled migrants within our workforce.

For further information about these and other upcoming forums, please contact...

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Web news and events: <http://www.migrantsupport.org.nz/news.html>

Relationship Services invites you to Relating WELL in New Zealand

A FREE one day course !!

- * **MEET OTHERS** who are new to NZ
- * Gain an **UNDERSTANDING** of NZ culture
- * Extend your **NETWORKS** to get ahead quicker
- * Learn how you can apply your **SKILLS** in NZ
- * Set **GOALS** for the future

9-4.30pm Monday 28th March 2011
At the CCS Centre, 74 Fourteenth Ave Tauranga



IT'S EASY TO ENROL –

Phone Relationship Services 576-8392
or email tauranga@relationships.org.nz

This course is taught by two Tutors in English.
It is suitable for migrants who can understand spoken English, and who can explain themselves in simple English

Relationship Services
Whakawhanaungatanga
COUNSELLING AND EDUCATING





Kingdom of Tonga

Pule 'anga Fakatu i 'o



Flag Description

Red with a bold red cross on a white rectangle in the upper hoist-side corner; the cross reflects the deep-rooted Christianity in Tonga; red represents the blood of Christ and his sacrifice; white signifies purity

Source: <http://www.everyculture.com/To-Z/Tonga.html>

The Relative Status of Women and Men

The hierarchical system's emphasis on the higher status of females guarantees an equal role in society for females and males in spite of the fact that men usually inherit titles and land. Both women and men actively participate in parenting. Food preparation is shared between the male and female members of a family. The preparation of the '*umu*' (underground oven) now restricted to Sundays and special occasions, is an almost exclusive male activity. Older children help with activities and household chores. **Marriage.** There are no explicit rules for marriage, and couples are formed through reciprocal free choice. Pronounced social stratification discourages marriages between people of vastly different social status. Divorce is legal and not uncommon. During a wedding, the two *kainga* involved exchange mats, bark cloth, and food. On the day of the ceremony, the bride and groom "wear their wealth." They are wrapped in their best mats and bark cloth, their bodies shine with precious oils, and they wear flower necklaces and hair adornments.

Infant Care and Child Rearing The birth of a child is among the most important events, but the official social introduction of a child to the community is celebrated only at the end of a child's first year. Mothers increasingly give birth in modern hospitals, and infant mortality has decreased. Infants typically are breast-fed and sleep in their parents' bed until age 5 to 8 years. Parents are the main caretakers, but in an extended family everybody contributes to parenting. This feeling of shared parenting extends as far as the village and even further. Older siblings often care for younger ones, but compulsory education has made this practice less common. Adoption is common. An older couple whose children have left to form their own families may adopt from a younger couple with many children. A couple may decide to give a child to a relative of higher social or economic status, and many parents who work abroad leave their children with relatives.

Etiquette Formal attire for men includes a *tupenu* (skirt) and a *ta'ovala* (mat) worn around one's waist and kept in place by a belt of coconut fiber. Prestigious old belts made of human hair also are used. A shirt with a tie and a jacket complete the attire. Women wear long dresses and *ta'ovala* as well. The softness, color, and decorations of a *ta'ovala* indicate status and wealth. People shake hands when they meet, and relatives kiss by pressing each other's noses against their faces and soundly inhaling through the nose. The men preparing the '*umu*' or roasting for a big feast do not eat with the guests and are allowed at the table only when the first round of people has finished eating and left. Most food is eaten with the hands, although silverware also is used. It is customary to wash one's hands at the beginning and end of a meal.

The gesture of raising the eyebrows in conversation expresses one's understanding of the speaker's speech and is an invitation to continue. It is difficult for people to admit failure in understanding or to respond negatively to requests. **Note:** *The Western Bay of Plenty has a significant population of people and families from Tonga in Katikati and a lesser number living in Te Puke and Tauranga.*

Background: Tonga - unique among Pacific nations - never completely lost its indigenous governance. The archipelagos of "The Friendly Islands" were united into a Polynesian kingdom in 1845. Tonga became a constitutional monarchy in 1875 and a British protectorate in 1900; it withdrew from the protectorate and joined the Commonwealth of Nations in 1970. Tonga remains the only monarchy in the Pacific.



Helpful Services for Newcomers to NZ and Western Bay of Plenty



For other "What's On" events in the region, please visit the websites below... for lots of activities for all the family...

Tourism BOP Events – Visit their website at:
<http://www.bayofplentynz.com>

For Arts and Culture events – visit
www.creativetauranga.org.nz

For other things to do, places to go, places to shop and eat, try this website
www.bestoftauranga.com

For information about Te Puke and what's on, visit ...
<http://www.tepuke.co.nz/>
****** www.katikati.org.nz/

Look at the Community newspapers each week. They're really comprehensive and contain sections about "What's On" in the region

A great way to meet others – "City On It's Feet" is co-ordinated by Nicki Miller. There is a group to suit you – daytime, after work and even pram walkers!

Visit their website for lots more information
www.cityonitsfeet.org.nz
Or call them on 07 578 9610

ATTENTION INTERNATIONAL WOMEN [February 2011]

IWG – International Women's Group meets each month in Katikati – normally on 3rd Thursday of each month. If you live in or near Katikati and would like to join this group, contact Sylvia at 07 549 3432 or email: sylvia.s@xtra.co.nz

WING – Women's International Network Group meets each month, normally on the last Friday. Venues alter between Tauranga and Papamoa. Contact Ingrid Quartel via email niekus99@xtra.co.nz or Ph: **Settlement Support NZ – 07 579 6532**

Free Nursing Services - Western Bay Of Plenty PHO Community Nursing Services - Kaitiaki Nursing

We are situated at the address below and offer free walk-in clinics 5 days a week for health assessments, dressings, Blood Pressure checks, Cholesterol, Blood sugars for families and individuals. We have Robyn Christensen as part of the team and Gemini services are now under our services. We also have registered nurses that can support cancer patients and work closely with Waipuna Hospice.

We are very happy to receive you without an appointment or to answer enquiries. **Kaitiaki Nursing Service**
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