



# Wainuiomata Community Centre

## Annual Report 2002 to 2003

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Community is our 'middle name' and that's who we are here to serve.

We are privileged to see so many people from the community come through the doors of the Centre and make use of the services and activities provided.

The culture of the Centre is enriched by the diverse range of people who come here, all ages from zero to almost 100 and people from a variety of ethnic and

cultural backgrounds.

The Centre is being well utilised and a high standard of services continue to be provided.

*"I look up from my work and count seven people gathered in the reception area, all with important tasks at hand, some personal, some for community groups- we are thrilled the Centre has developed the resources to help in so many ways!"*

The biggest challenge that faces many Not for Profit Organisations including ours is

finding funds to pay the Centre's staff who work hard to sustain high quality and effective services.

This makes Fundraising a high priority for the Centre Manager and Governance Team.

Inside on page two you will see the long list of community organisations and funding agencies that we gratefully thank. Without their support the services & activities we could provide would be minimal.

## Youth Are Our Future

Ever since the community brought to our attention the lack of activities for youth in Wainuiomata the Centre has worked to help alleviate the problem.

Starting with 'Tha Rage' in 1998, youth

activities are gaining momentum with the emerging Rage Club and some exciting new projects planned for the coming year.

We are glad to see our younger population taking advantage of the space here at

the Community Centre and volunteering to help with projects.

See pages 7 and 8 for more about the Centre's developing youth activities and a list of the cool ideas our youth have come up with.

## Acknowledgments

Many thanks! To the many Community Groups and Funding Agencies that have contributed to the success of the Community Centre



Hutt City Council  
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 Community Organisation Grants Scheme  
 J R McKenzie Trust  
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 Wainuiomata Marae  
 Woa. Maori Wardens  
 Woa. Community House  
 Community Grants Foundation  
 Woa Licensing Trust  
 Sargood Bequest  
 Creative New Zealand  
 William & Margaret Bear Trust

Community Trust of Wellington  
 Wainuiomata High School  
 Wainuiomata Intermediate  
 John Illott Trust  
 T G Macarthy Trust  
 All Wainuiomata Primary Schools  
 Capital Community Newspapers  
 New Zealand Police  
 Woa. Police J Team  
 Bank of New Zealand  
 Inland Revenue Department  
 Ian Abraham, PC Tu-

tor and Technician  
 Matt Maihi Reporter  
 Video Ezy  
 Ricoh  
 Eddy's Bar  
 Wainuiomata Shopping Centre  
 Shona Robb Electorate Secretary to MP for Hutt South  
 Community Development Group  
 Community Employment Group  
 Williams Florist  
 Wainuiomata Community Trust  
 Volunteer Centre

*-To give opportunity for education, support and personal growth"*

## Wainuiomata Community Centre – Principles

>To provide access to social activities and services that are meaningful to individuals and groups in the Wainuiomata community.  
 >To ensure we are viewed as a worthwhile organisation working

for the common good of the Wainuiomata community.  
 >Ensure we run according to a code of ethics. Be ethically and culturally sensitive and accepting of all people.

>Support the spirit of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and work in partnership with tangata whenua groups and interests.

## Wainuiomata Community Centre – Objectives

>To provide a warm open environment.  
 >To offer learning opportunities.  
 >To gather and disseminate information on community resources and/or concerns relevant to Wainuiomata  
 >To manage resources effectively so as to ensure ongoing provision

and development of high quality services.  
 >To enhance job satisfaction of volunteers and paid workers.  
 >To liaise with and support the Wainuiomata Community House and other similar facilities in the area.  
 >To liaise with and support community based

social service organisations.  
 >To maintain close liaison with the Community Development and Recreation Divisions of the Hutt City Council.  
 >To do all such other things that will further the charitable objectives of our organisation



## Governance Team

**Marina Pouesi:** Chairperson since 1999. Parent of three children involved in NZ Playcentre Foundation since 1990, NZQA Early Childhood Education, Registered Community Nurse, Family Therapist of Child and Family/Te Oranga Hinegaro, Service Coordinator of Central Region Puriri Whakamaru Central Region. **Paula Paton:** Wainuiomata Resident since 1955. Retired School Teacher, taught in Wainuiomata for 22 years. Chairperson Grey

Power. Wainuiomata Historical Museum volunteer for 16 years. Volunteer Community Coordinator for Senior Citizen's Unit.

**Reginald Webb:** Wainuiomata resident for 41 year involved with the Wainuiomata community during that time. Member of the Arthritis Exercise Group and Wainuiomata Historical Society, Retired Technical Officer Physics Lab.

**Bede Mexted:** Wainuiomata resident for 23 years and a member of the CORD group.

**Paul Paton:** Resident of Wainuiomata 41 years. Radio engineering with Civil Aviation 20 years. Responsible for buildings and works maintenance Civil Aviation 10 years. Responsible for new construction and maintenance of Foreign Affairs Properties on a global basis 8 years. Security Intelligence Service 6 years.

**Beau Markland:** Wainuiomata Kokiri

Union Health Service Kaitiaki Runanga (committee member), Whai Oranga O Te Iwi Health Centre Community Worker, Community Centre Youth Worker. Student NZQA National Certificate in Human Services.

**Anne Mohi:** Centre Manager since 1996, Secretary HVBA, Trustee Keith Eddy Trust. Student UNITEC Graduate Diploma course in Not for Profit Management. Trustee Hutt Valley Youth Health Service & WCFLT (Parenting Seminars).



## Chairperson's Report

### Tena Koutou Katoa Nga Mihi kia koutou.

We have continued to participate in providing opportunities for Youth this year. Our participation in Youth networking, highlights the growing importance placed upon providing for youth of which Wainuiomata Community Centre has been in the forefront. The youth events team, have hosted events that encourage the young people of Wainuiomata to contribute their skills, and feel they have their place in the Community.

The governance team

continue to discuss issues that are pertinent to encouraging participation of members of our community. The services that are presently provided by the community groups, involve counselling, family support, legal and computer assistance and an opportunity for elderly, young, middle aged community members to form friendships, educate themselves and generally have fun.

With the increase in use of the Community Centre we have seen the need for a permanent administrator who can assist our centre manager.

Matu has been invaluable, unfortunately we are to lose him at the end of August; and will be seeking someone to take on this position.

The Wainuiomata community continues to develop, enhancing the need for their Community Centre to grow with them.

We see that visible signage, reviewing efficiency of how our Centre operates, and accessibility of community groups vs. needs based

assessments; will ensure that we continue to meet the changing demands of a growing community.

Funding is always an issue for a Community Centre. It often impedes the growth of providing for the community, but it will never impede the endurance of soul and the strength of body.

**Nau to Raurau, Naku Te Rourou**

**Ka ora Te Tangata**

**With your basket, and my basket We will nurture the people.**



## Staff

The Centre is presently staffed with a manager (Anne Mohi), assistant manager (Matu Taingahue), eight part time youth workers (Eru Tanirau, Beau Markland, Hamuera Mohi, Talia Timoti, Fortchyne Kepa, Garry Hunt, Willie Aukino, Johnny Crawford and a cleaner (Linda Fitzgerald resigned last week, Juliana Patelesio commences next week).

An increase in projects means additional staff will be necessary for the coming year. To fulfil the Centre's staff needs we are looking at employing

a manager, administrator, youth project co-ordinator, eight part time youth workers (for 'tha rage') and a cleaner.

Congratulations to our Manager Anne Mohi who has received a CEG scholarship to study toward a PGD in the management of NFP organisations.

Matu will be leaving at the end of August for his 'big OE' and to pursue a career in music. With his advanced computer knowledge and ability to pick up new skills, he has been an invaluable asset to the

Centre. Matu receives regular compliments from visitors about his warm and welcoming nature. Thank you Matu for your work.

Linda Fitzgerald was with us for seven years and will be missed as she has moved on to a full time job.

Thanks to the staff who stretch their hours and border on also being volunteers.

We value all our staff as each person brings their own skills, abilities and personality to the Centre making it a truly better place.

## Volunteers

Like most community groups and social service organisations volunteers are the people who work steadily to keep project and activities alive.

Linda Olsen, Ana Otenfeld, Lisa Mohomoko, Lisa Kerehi, Awhina Hunt, Daniel Rangiwetū, Aroha, Walshe, Nancy Hakopa volunteer their time to help out at 'Tha Rage' and the Centre's other youth projects.

For several years Ian

Abrahams has been our reliable volunteer computer technician, coming to the Centre whenever we need him to troubleshoot our computer problems – he has been responsible for keeping the Internet Cafe computers operating to the best possible technical level.

A new volunteer to offer his services and incredible computer skills is Daniel Phillips.

A group of ten volunteers from the Mor-

man Church returned to give the Centre another coat of paint making it look fresh and clean.

Various other volunteers have helped out during the year to gain work experience and just give a hand

The biggest group of volunteers are the ones who work to coordinate the 20 or more community groups providing activities for health, education, employment and friendship.



## Community Groups

*“Susu mai, Afio mai  
E faamoeoe o le a  
outou auai mai ”*

The Community Centre’s meeting rooms are home to a diverse range of community groups that provide essential social services and activities to people in Wainuiomata.

Activities for health, hobbies and friendship groups are regularly available from the following Community Groups;

Arthritis Exercise  
CORD

Kowhai Health  
Floral Art  
Free Spirited Friends  
Grey Power  
Line Dancing  
Malologa Mo Samoa  
Maori Land Court  
PAFT PI  
Spiritualist Church  
St. Pats Youth Group  
Tha Rage Club  
Woa Samoan Cricket  
Youth events Team-  
Woa Foodbank  
Wainuiomata Social  
Services Network

Wainuiomata Youth  
Workers Network  
Weight Watchers  
Casual User Groups  
this year included;  
Aoga Amata, Barnardos, ,Development  
Woa., Nanaste Nga  
Taonga O Te A Tua,  
NFONZ, RSA, Tangata  
Pakari, Tomorrow’s  
Trees, , WINZ, Woa.  
Regional Public  
Health, Rotary, Whai  
Oranga O Te Iwi,  
Yoga, & several chil-  
drens Birthday Parties.

## Community Centre Meeting Room Activity Timetable

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday/sunday   |
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| <p><b>Healthy Lifestyles</b><br/>10am to 12pm</p> <p><b>Floral Art</b><br/>1pm to 3pm<br/>First Monday of each month</p> <p><b>Youth Events Committee</b><br/>4:30pm First Monday of each month</p> <p><b>Te Ara Reo</b><br/>6pm to 9pm weekly</p> | <p><b>Social Services Network</b><br/>12:15pm<br/>Second Tuesday of each month</p> <p><b>Youth Workers Network</b><br/>12:15pm Third Tuesday of each month</p> <p><b>Weight Watchers</b><br/>6pm weekly</p> | <p><b>Malologa Mo Samoa</b><br/>9am to 2pm weekly</p> <p><b>Maori Land Court</b><br/>9am to 4pm by appointment<br/>second Wed of each month</p> <p><b>Grey Power</b><br/>1:30pm to 3:30pm on the last Wed of each month</p> | <p><b>Arthritis Exercise Group</b><br/>10am to 11:30am weekly</p> <p><b>Te Umiumiga PAFT</b><br/>10am to 12noon monthly</p> <p><b>Classic Homeopathy</b><br/>By appointment</p> <p><b>Applejack Lindancers</b><br/>1pm to 3pm Weekly</p> <p><b>Free Spirit Friends</b><br/>7:30 – 9:30pm weekly</p> | <p><b>CORD</b><br/>11:30am to 1pm fortnightly</p> <p><b>St Pats Youth Group</b><br/>First &amp; third Friday of each month</p> <p><b>Youth Drop In</b><br/><b>3pm to 5pm</b><br/>2nd Friday of each month</p> | <p><b>Tha Rage</b><br/>8pm to midnight<br/>Last Saturday of each month</p> <p><b>Free Spirit Friends</b><br/>7 – 9pm<br/>Every Sunday</p> |

## Social Services



Wainuiomata Marae Family Support Service

Sadly we lost John Waenga this year who passed away over Christmas closing the doors to the Open Door Voluntary Counselling Service.

With the increasing youth activities in the Centre we decided to use this space as a youth drop in area and as a base for the youth groups to meet and organise their activities.

Wainuiomata Budget Service, Citizens Advice, Wainuiomata Community Trust and

Wainuiomata Marae Family Support are the four services that hold permanent office space in the Wainuiomata Community Centre.

These four organisations provide many valuable Social Services including advice, advocacy, budgeting, counselling, family support, information, secretarial, training opportunities, help with finding employment and many more. Many thanks to the Wainuiomata Marae for the extra support

their manager and staff give to the Centre. Not only has their service created a noticeable increase in the number of people coming to the Centre, their staff and volunteers have also made themselves available to help with various Centre activities.

Shona Robb, Electorate Secretary for MP Hutt South Office facilitates the very active Wainuiomata Social Services Network meeting every month in the meeting room.

## Information Resource and Referral Service.



The Community Centre is open from 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

We are approached on a daily basis by groups and members about accessing relevant information, anything from how to gain legal status for a community group to where to find funding for a community project.

We have a range of pamphlets and notices on display providing information

on a diverse range of topics including, educational courses, counselling services, community interest meetings, HCC annual plans, legal services and many more topics.

When people come to the Centre requiring information, our job is to ensure that person is given the correct information or if we don't have the information required it's our policy to try and help find where that information can

be found.

When people come to the Centre needing access to a particular service it's our policy give all the options available for the most appropriate services.

Our referral process ensures people are given the best information for the services they need.

A cup of tea, a friendly face and quiet place to sit are just part of the service.

## Tha Rage



ALL THE RAGE: Tha Rage range of hoodies (logo by Hira Hollis) are modelled by Tha Rage team of Rachel Markland, Moewaka Coffey and Janet Mohi. Image: Peter Hall

The Rage continues to be successful for Youth as an event that provides a safe and secure environment for young people to mix and enjoy various forms of entertainment.

The entertainment offered, has been a collation of ideas gathered from several youth events since "Tha Rage" conception.

We have found that providing a range of D.J.'s, Hip Hop, Events, Dance Competitions, and Rap Competitions

ensures that the musical needs of youth is met.

Some time ago, as "Tha "Rage' evolved, youth wanted to have something that marked "Tha rage" as being theirs.

A logo competitions was created, and the eventual voting from youth and other members of the community created the sweatshirts or "hoodies" that can be seen in the attached insert.

Art plays a prominent role in the process of making these events youth friendly. Below a group of students display the murels they painted for 'Tha Rage'.



These creative minds are the leaders of the future.

## Youth Membership Project

*John Illott  
Charitable Trust  
Donated \$1,250 to  
get the Project  
Started*

It started at 'Tha Rage' kids asking 'can we have 'Tha Rage' more often?' or 'can we have something on Friday nights?'

We realised through past attempts that we needed a way of contacting kids between 'Tha Rage ' events if we were going to get other activities happening.

So we started gathering names and addresses of kids who wanted to become members and help us organise some more activities.

We had a Barbecue

and a planning meeting with 30 kids and gathered many great ideas, we trimmed it down to the 'top 10' most popular ideas. The ideas included; **Talent Quest, Radio Station, Video & Popcorn Night, Website, Friday Night Hang Out evening, Playstation Night, Game Room, Breakdance Competition, Free Style Rap Battles & Karaoke.**

We started with the Video & Popcorn Night because that was the easiest to organise and a number of kids put their names down to help

with various activities.

That's where we're up to and our next step is to organise the groups and start planning the various activities.

With an obvious need for youth activities and a great bunch of kids wanting to help out we have included in our plans for the coming year, fundraising to employ a youth activities co-ordinator. Some one who relates well to young people who can bring it all together and keep the momentum going.

# Tha Rage FM

## Tha Rage is ready to rock – well almost

The future of a local radio station is up in the air, although it's struggling to get off the ground at the moment.

The Wainuiomata Community Centre is starting a station for youth with a working title of Tha Rage FM.

Don't touch that dial – just yet.

Before they can pump up the volume they need an urgent injection of funds.

Grants of \$2500 from Creative Communities and \$1285 from the community board, leave them a long way short of the \$6000 needed.

Centre manager Anne Mohi has applied to Kidz's Bar for funding from police subsidies money but says some physical fundraising will still need to be done.

Mrs Mohi needs all hands on deck to get it done. "I'm hoping a lot of people will want to get involved, we've already got radio on the air 24 hours a day to get a li'l sense, we need experienced or others.

The team 'valent' need training from technical tip to hearing broadcast ing standards.

Anyone interested in the future of how can call Anne Mohi at 06 7082... *By Matt Marsh*



The Youth membership club has signalled that a youth radio would help meet some of the youth needs within the community.

The Community Centre Governance team decided to give support to this project, they envisage the benefits will reach far and wide.

Anne Mohi (Centre Manager) and Paul Paton (Governance Member) met with Doug Ingham, a leading expert in Radio Technology. Doug has provided Anne

and Paul with Technological information, and quotes to support creating a low powered youth radio.

We are presently seeking funding for initiating this project. So far we have received support from the Wainuiomata Community Board \$1,285 and Creative Communities \$2,500.

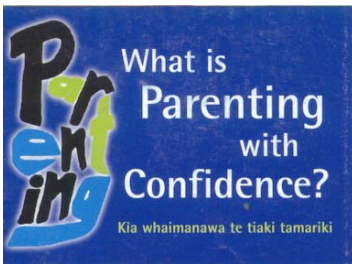
Since an article about the Radio Station went in the local newspaper we have received a lot of interest from people with radio broadcasting training and experi-

ence, who are interested in volunteering their time to getting the radio up and running.

The team will meet in July to develop the project plans, this will include training for technicians and DJ's and all the nuts and bolts of creating the Radio Station.

There is no shortage of up and coming DJs from our youth population – this is a new and exciting project for us and we can't wait to be heard over the air waves.

# Parenting With Confidence Seminars



Pastor Paul Edlin from the Baptist church came to the Centre with the excellent idea of bringing the nationally renowned Parenting with Confidence seminars to Wainuiomata and asked if we could do it under the umbrella of the Community Centre.

Parents often come to the Centre to inquire about parenting education so we decided to give our support to the project but for the purposes of fundraising we advised forming a separate Trust.

The Wainuiomata Community Family Life Trust was formed with Pastor Paul Edlin, Deputy Mayor Ray Wallace and Centre Manager Anne Mohi. A committee was formed and the work to bring the seminars to Wainuiomata began.

Our role has been around getting community groups that we have connections involved with this project, taking registrations for the seminars and providing a venue to meet and plan the seminars.

The Salvation Army, WOA Marae, Soroptimists, Police J Team, & WOA High School were some of the groups involved in meetings, and advertising to families. The seminars were held over two nights at the Wainuiomata High School auditorium.

Over 200 people within the Wainuiomata Community Attended the Hot Tips for Parents seminars. Feedback from these seminars was very positive and further toolbox workshops will be held.

## Internet Cafe



We first opened the Internet Cafe in 1998 with three computers donated from the Inland Revenue Dept. and a dial up modem.

Since then we have advanced to 10 computers (3 for staff use) and with the help of the Community Grants Foundation through Eddy's Bar have gone on to Jet Stream, providing our users with much faster Internet Access.

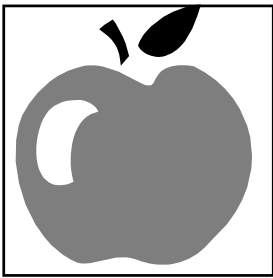
We charge \$3 per hour for Internet access which helps cover the cost of maintenance and the Jet Stream downloading charges.

We provide free access to word processing (*although donations are welcome*). This gives people a place to prepare CVs, Job applications, school assignments and various other documents.

With about twelve people each day coming to use the computers or Internet we are not making huge profits but we are pleased that we can give people access to Information Technology.

Our staff are here to help people set up their own email addresses and provide basic training in the use of Internet .

## Foodbank



The Wainuiomata Foodbank Collective provides emergency food parcels to families in need.

The Collective consists of volunteers from the Wainuiomata Marae, Wainuiomata Community House, the Salvation Army, the Community Centre and our Deputy Mayor Ray Wallace.

The monthly committee meetings are held at the Centre.

Community Centre staff assist with various food bank duties such as shopping, packing parcels, ensuring stocks are adequate and giving parcels to clients.

The Collective organises an annual com-

munity food drive that brings in enough food to last about 3 months, donations from various church groups, schools and individuals plus regular fundraising enable the Food Bank to provide up to 15 emergency parcels every week throughout the year.

## Wainuiomata Community Directory

*'It makes looking up your community group and club contacts easy'*

The Community Directory provides an up to date listing of all the community groups, social services and various useful names and addresses relevant to Wainuiomata.

Every September we phone all the entries to check their details are current, and throughout the year we search for new listings and up date any changes that come to our notice.

The Directory can be purchased at the Centre for \$3 per copy, it is attractive and easy to use.

Special thanks to the staff & volunteers who help with the up-date

## Wainuiomata Community Events Calendar



You can find out what's happening in Wainuiomata and you can advertise your community group's events on the Wainuiomata Community events Calendar.

The J R McKenzie Trust donated \$569 toward a lovely big whiteboard that can be viewed any time (even through the double glass doors when the Centre is closed).

We invite all community groups and organisations to make good use of the Events Calendar by writing up their events and checking the calendar to see when it might be the best

time to hold an event.

The Events Calendar is displayed just inside the front entrance to the Community Centre, it's there for all to use.

Just ask the Centre staff to lend you a whiteboard marker and you can write your entry up.

This innovative idea was suggested to us to prevent some of the annoying double-ups of events on the same day and provide a focal point for 'what's happening' in our community.

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The Wainuiomata Community Centre  
Incorporated Society was founded in  
December 1995.