

# Community Sector Taskforce



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*‘Haere ra te toka tu-moana; Awbio mai talofa lava’*

Nga mihi o te Tau Hou and New Year’s greetings to all Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Organisations.

As the New Year progresses – it is an opportune time to reflect on the past year’s achievements as well as the changes and challenges heading into 2007.

## **A New Co-Chair and interim Taskforce member**

It is with regret we announce the resignation of Co-Chair Peter Glensor following his recent appointment as Chair of the Alcohol Advisory Council (ALAC)/Te Kaunihera Whakatūpato Waipiro o Aotearoa.

E te hoa Peter, ka nui te mihi ki a koe. He nui to mahi i mahingia e koe i waenganui i nga whanau, hapu, me nga iwi o Aotearoa nei, e tautoko ana te tino rangatiratanga o te tangata ki te tangata, ki te moana me te whenua, ki runga ki raro. No reira, me haere tonu to mahi i roto i te tika, i te pono me te aroha. A, ma te Atua koe e tiaki e manaaki e arahina i a koe i nga wa katoa.

While the Taskforce is saddened by his departure, Peter has always espoused the Taskforce kaupapa that healthy membership requires active participation and regular replenishment.

Current member, Sam Sefuiva will serve as interim Co-Chair in Peter’s place and Dave Henderson from ANGOA has been co-opted as a Taskforce member until June 2007 when the Taskforce will undertake a replenishment process for some of its members.

## **Replenishment process**

2007 will see the implementation of a replenishment process designed to actively expand community representation within the Taskforce. The process will be initiated in April 2007 and be aligned with the Taskforce’s current major work project – a community/government forum in June 2007.

## **A new funding agreement**

Just prior to Christmas the Taskforce signed off a new funding agreement with the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector. The new agreement emphasises current collaborative work to strengthen the community/government relationship. The main outcome is a National Forum intended to discuss the Statement of Government Intentions (2001), sector-wide issues that impact on these relationships and find a better way for government and the Sector to work with each other.

## **Regional forums, hui and Fono**

As a lead up to the National event, the Taskforce will be collaborating with local communities to co-host a series of 21 regional forums, hui and Fono. The programme for each will include sector-wide issues, regional examples of government/community relationship, alternatives to current contracting models, better ways to fund and sustain community organisations and the selection of representatives to attend the National Forum.

The regional forums are an important vehicle for the collective voice of the regions to be heard by government. The Taskforce is currently developing the themes for the forum programme and would encourage you all to promote and attend the regional meetings where you will have an opportunity to advocate for your local communities and organisations on issues that impact on you.

## **Our knowledge, our sector**

Finally, one of the successful and exciting projects from 2006 has been the establishment of an interim governance group for a Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector Research Centre. The Interim Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Robyn Kamira as the Project Manager for the Clearing House; Robyn is a director of Toi Associates Ltd, a virtual technology consulting company that offers strategic and planning advice to Government, community and Iwi. She completed her IT qualifications at Waikato university in 1990 and has since taken a strong ‘people’ focus working in a range of technology-related projects for Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector as well as the Government sector. She has presented here in Aotearoa and in various countries on Kaitiaki (guardianship) and technology issues for Indigenous Peoples, and is on the advisory group for the NZ Government’s Digital Strategy. The Taskforce wishes Robyn and the Interim Board every success for 2007.

Every New Year brings a raft of aspirations, expectations and resolutions. 2007 promises wonderful opportunities for the collective voice of the community sector – let us hear yours ... see you at the forums.