



Onehunga Community Centre

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Wrapping up for Christmas

A time for reflection

Soon the stress of Christmas shopping, battling traffic and school exams will all be over and we'll find ourselves getting in tune with the holiday season. Christmas is not only a time to reflect on the year, but to also remember what Christmas means to us as individuals. For some it is religious, for many it is filled with magic and for others it is business as usual. In all of the hustle and bustle of the silly season, I am sure there are a few important themes we can all agree on: family, friendship and giving.

People, place, participation...that's what the Onehunga Community Centre, Pearce Street Hall and ONE Pearce are all about. These facilities create a platform to showcase the many initiatives and activities that take place in our Centre and Library complex.

Reflecting back over the year, one of the significant highlights for 2011 has been acquiring the lease of a new building coming under the umbrella of the Onehunga Community Centre. This great new community space, which is located at 1 Pearce Street, was officially opened last week and aptly named 'ONE Pearce'. ONE Pearce adds to the eclectic mix of the Community Centre with a range of activities already in place including painting and drawing classes, sewing workshops, Weekend Art group and Yoga... just to name a few!

With the renovation of our centre office, Lisa, Michelle and I now have the opportunity to portray the face of the centre as a welcoming, friendly environment.

'Matariki@onehunga', 'Common Ground' youth event, valuing our older people at the 'Evergreen Art Exhibition, facilitating Senior Citizens group (SCENE) and of course engaging in the 'Volume 2 songwriting and music production' with our local youth have added to the wonderful, diverse mix which is our community.

Everyday the Centre and Library breathes an air of excitement and expectation as we welcome an increasing amount of new faces into our place. It is a pleasure to meet so many people who are enthusiastic and motivated in our community.

This newsletter is full of photographs showcasing significant occasions in 2011.

The Community Centre and and Library wish you all a joyful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. The centre closes on Friday 23 December and re-opens for business on 17 January 2012.

Jenny McKay, manager, Onehunga Community Centre



ONE Pearce on 1 Pearce Street

Onehunga Community Centre is making places for people



To our wonderful community:

A huge thanks and appreciation for supporting the Onehunga Community Centre, Library, Pearce Street Hall and ONE Pearce. Roll on 2012!

Talented PICASSO KIDZ

Little Picassos' at work

ART CLASS: children aged 2yrs to 5 years old.

When: Tuesdays

Time: 9.30am to 10.30pm

Cost: \$5 per child

This fabulous kid's art class has been creating masterpieces over the past year. Grit Becker, our very talented art teacher, says "I am just loving working with the kids and the class has exceeded my expectations".

Picasso Kids is a specifically designed programme for young children between 2 and 5 years. During the class, these little 'Picassos' are stimulated with colour, textures and thought. Art is such a fun and creative way for this age group to develop their fine motor skills while supporting their kinesthetic development

To register for classes please ring the Onehunga Community Centre
Phone 634 9253.



Fish designs

New
day/time
2012

White Ribbon Day – 25 November 2011

Our community wore their White Ribbon with pride

From 11am on Friday 25 November, the message was out there loud and clear 'say **NO** to violence'. In support of our motto 'promoting a safe and healthy environment' in Onehunga, numerous people gathered to support White Ribbon Day.

The Onehunga Community Centre and Library were joined by the Onehunga Police, Father and Child Trust, Shakti Women's Council, Salvation Army and CYFS, to raise the anti-violence message by 'making sure everyone is okay'. Information stalls, sausage sizzles and great entertainment were also provided.

Thank you to everyone who supported the afternoon by attending the activities, providing info stalls and manning the sausage sizzle. Wearing a white ribbon is a personal pledge to always speak out against violence in families and it was wonderful to see so many people who were prepared to take a stand against family violence. White Ribbon Day is recognised by the United Nations and further details about this day can be found at <http://whiteribbon.org.nz/get-informed>.



ONEHUNGA SCENE

Senior Citizens Events & Expeditions

Activities Club – weekly on Fridays, 1.00pm to 2.30pm
indoor bowls, scrabble, cards, books and magazines

Monthly Meeting-1st Tuesday of every month, 1.00pm to 2.30pm
informative speakers, entertainment, exercise as well as a
tasty afternoon tea. **Next monthly meeting 14 February 2012**

- **Tuesday 6 December 2011 - \$5 - Christmas lunch, begins 12 midday Keyboard & flute by Raphael Morgan**

Closed till 10 February 2012

- **50's forward are welcome to our programmes**
Gold coin donation is appreciated

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ONE Pearce - our new place

People, place, participation

The Onehunga Community Centre (OCC) strives to reflect all aspects of its diverse community. The addition of ONE Pearce to the facilities, allows the OCC to increase its ability to respond to all groups in the community and build on our mission statement "To support safe, healthy, and strong communities by fostering a sense of pride and belonging....make places for people and build community capacity through our values.

ONE Pearce is ideal for business venue hire, conferences, community groups and of course celebrations.

50+ people attended the opening of ONE Pearce a couple of weeks ago. A joyous occasion celebrated in true community spirit.

A huge acknowledgement to Gerry Beeson, who was the Mayor of Onehunga between 1968 to 1974. Gerry has served the Onehunga community for over 60 years and is our wonderful new landlord for ONE Pearce.



Waiata group-opening ONE Pearce



Pasifika group-opening ONE Pearce

Mere Kirihimete from Waiata Group

Joseph and Iona lead Waiata every Monday in the community foyer from 1.30pm to 2.45pm. "It has been an absolutely amazing experience with a very diverse range of cultures" enthuses Joseph. "Participation and attitude shown by all who attend is very infectious and a lot of fun" Joseph adds.

The last session for 2011 is **Monday 19 December**. Join in and sing some Christmas carols with us in the centre foyer on this day.

Joseph and Iona will recommence Waiata sessions on **Monday 13 February 2012**. Everyone, including children are welcome.

Entry is FREE. For info call Centre Office: 09 634 9253



Iona & Joseph - Waiata tutors

Enjoying a 'Yarn'

Every Thursday between 1pm and 3pm, clever, crafty women and 1 fella, meet in the centre foyer to share their yarns in more ways than one.

A couple of weeks ago we said our farewells to 'Jane W' and wished her well in her re-location to Tauranga. Now we are saying hello and welcome to 'Jane T', our new facilitator for this crafty group.

"We crochet, we embroider, we knit, we sew, but most important we connect with others... in other words we chat and laugh...a lot!" muses Jane.

Come and join Jane T and her crafty group to not only learn a craft or two, but also to make friends, have a cuppa or just relax.

Some materials are available, but a good idea to bring along your own.

Gold coin donation gratefully received. For info ph centre office 634 9253

Great NEWS! New school holiday programme 'Cast Aways' - Kids learning to knit! 23-27 January 2012 - 10am -11.30am daily - \$5 per day. Materials provided to make a soft toy. **Open to kids 6-10years of age.**



Yarns group

Our busy Library wishes you a joyful Christmas

What a year we've had! 2011 has been filled with excitement and change, and we've had many successes. We just want to say a huge thank you all to our customers and the wonderful community of Onehunga for making our work so enjoyable.

We are having a special Christmas wriggle and rhyme session on **Thursday 15th December**, and a Christmas storytime on **Friday 16th December**.

Make sure you keep an eye out for our revamped summer reading programme! There will be lots of activities and fun here at the library over the summer. Here's wishing you all a wonderful festive season filled with whanau, laughs and fun.

Rachael Town-Treweek, manager Onehunga Library



Library team

OSCARS all round for Pearce Street Hall

So much to do through the YMCA!

Did you know that the Jordan Recreation Centre operates an 'After School Care Programme' at the Pearce St Hall Monday to Friday, and did you also know that a walking school bus collects children from St Josephs, Golden Grove and Onehunga Primary school?

This exciting 'After-School programme' offers help with homework and provides a full programme of activities including sports, art, cooking, science, Library visits, DVD days, free play and of course a yummy afternoon tea.

Amy, the coordinator, tells us that the last two terms have been very full with exciting activities. "We have been cheerleaders at the community Basketball competition, braved the wind to perform at the Onehunga Heritage Festival, made comic books during comic book month, participated in book week, practiced making butter the 'ol fashioned way' during heritage week, and took part in the Onehunga Santa Parade!"

This OSCAR programme is full of great activities including participating and supporting community events. Amy adds "over the past weeks, we have been focussing on 'Celebrations' and wow what a lot there are!" "We have celebrated the International Day of Older Person by preparing afternoon tea with folk from Onehunga SCENE" and to add to the festivities we have also celebrated Halloween with a 'Freaky Friday' party where everyone dressed up, and had party games, a colouring competition and a fashion show." Amy adds "A real highlight has been making a 'celebration tree' to show off our photos and creations".



Now what about these school Holidays?

Jordan YMCA Onehunga also provides a fun and safe holiday programme for children 5-14 years. Activities and outings include: Auckland Adventure jet, Action World, mega zone, Rainbows End, Clay Sculpting, Nzz breakers, Santa's workshop and so much more. Weekdays 15- 23 December 2011 & 5- 27 January 2012. **Only weeks to go book early...**

For more info ph Amy Moreland, OSCAR Programme Co-ordinator, 6368825
Phone Onehunga YMCA 636-8825/email y-kids.jordan@nzymca.
Registration online www.ymcauckland.org.nz



Social Services Available at the Centre

Auckland Counselling & Psychotherapy and Man Alive: Community Room 1. Operates a confidential one-to-one counselling and group work for men and women. For appointments phone Al-Freed 09 6365550; mob 0211601335.

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Onehunga: based at 81 Church Street, provides a free, impartial and confidential service to the community and is available to everyone. CAB offers guidance on many issues including, budgeting and legal and consumer issues, as well as providing a Justice of the Peace service. Call our team of interview trained volunteers on 634 1613 or check out our website www.cab.org.nz.

Father and Child Trust: office and weekly Wednesday meetings based in Community Office 3. Ph Brendon 5251960/021 892 980. website www.fatherandchild.org.nz

Harmony Trust: based in ONE Pearce. Individual and group counselling, alcohol and drug support, including 'one for the road' programme. Phone 0211839759 or checkout website www.harmonytrust.co.nz

Recreate Auckland: based in Community Office 2, Church Street. Service provides age appropriate recreational opportunities that enhance the social, emotional and physical development of children and young people that have disabilities, while also providing support and respite for their parents and families. Call Brett 634 3474. Website www.recreatenz.wordpress.com

To'utupu Tonga Trust: based in Pearce Street Hall. Provides social services to Tongan families. Call Ikilifi 0274450205.

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