

Community Co-ordinator Report

Background

Mangakino Community Led Development (MCLD) was a five-year pilot project supported with funding by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) Mangakino / Whakamaru and the surrounding rural area were one of four communities chosen to participate.

The MCLD pilot ended 30 June 2017. An application was made to DIA prior to this date to carry over the surplus funding that had been tagged in the main to continue with the Mangakino Cosy Homes project, this application was granted to 30 September 2017.

Learning

Driver Licence Training:



A working relationship has been developed with Moving Mountains based out of Tokoroa who are currently supporting Mangakino/Whakamaru with Driver Licence Training.

We have 11 local people booked for the first course to start mid-August. This ranges from Learners through to Full Licence, different learning abilities are supported. Some of the training can be held at the library in Mangakino (theory) the driving lesson and licence testing is to be held in Tokoroa. Moving Mountains have just purchased a van and are applying for a P endorsement when that comes through they will then do a pick up and drop off from Mangakino/Whakamaru twice a week to support this free course.

Moving Mountains also support in other areas such as

- C.V preparation
- Training to become work ready/personal development
- Connecting with employers

These are all areas that have been a focus for MCLD and we plan to continue to develop this mutually beneficial relationship.

Earning

EGLT - Mangakino Business After Five (BA5)

There have been two opportunities in the last three months where locals and business have been able to meet and network in a social environment. Included in these BA5 events has been the discussion around potential lake front development options this has been facilitated by Deryck Shaw of APR based in Rotorua. External surveying and meetings with community members and key stakeholders have been included in the report. Generally, there was agreement about the uniqueness of lakefront area and how we would like it to look into the future.

Opportunities locally for support is ongoing around networking / social media / mentoring / employer & employee connections. New businesses locally are all in demand and there have been a number of employment opportunities from this.

Mangakino

- Maraetai Construction
- Milbud Project Solutions

- Rosies takeaways - new owners
- Yoyo Bakery – new owners
- Tom & Shorty Café – New owners formally Hui Hut Bar & Eatery
- Elaines Kitchen at the District Services & Citizens Club.

Whakamaru

- Russmans – new owners formally Ned’s Place

Destination Great Lake Taupo (DGLT)

Updating of information on www.greatlaketaupo.com is currently in progress. There has been a lot of changes in business ownership in the last 6 months and currently there is only one empty shop in the Mangakino town center. The potential for a summer pop up shop is being investigated.

Mangakino Hotel

A lot of work is going on at the Mangakino Hotel to get the accommodation up and running efficiently for the increased demand of visitors over summer. The property is still on the market for lease or purchase.

Resource Storage Shed

This facility is nearly ready for hand over to Mangakino Central Charitable Trust (MCCT) for ongoing management. Advertising and applications packs have been available recently with a great response, all of the current storage space has now been pre-booked.

Currently one bay will be commercial storage and the two other bays will be occupied with four different community groups/organizations.

What has been identified is the demand for commercial storage so this is a real business opportunity for a future investment.

Healthy Well & Forward Focused



Mangakino Cosy Homes

The Mangakino Cosy Homes Project is now managed by the Mangakino Health Services.

Phil Gregg from Sustainability Options based out of Tauranga has supported with over 30 home assessments so far. Phil can do small fixes during assessments but his real focus is on educating the home owner/tenant during the assessment and the importance of keeping the conversation and connection into the future. Some homes do require a second visit with a kit that focuses on draft proofing / mold removal and energy efficiency, humidity readers have been purchased and are also available.

There have been three free community workshops supporting the Cosy Homes project

- How to plaster & repair a hole in the wall – 28th April (Nathan Ransfeild)
- How to replace the glass in a wooden window frame – 15th June (onsite workshop with a Mangakino home with Phil Gregg)
- Energy Saving – 29th June (Phil Gregg)

A 4th workshop supported the practical learnings for the current Cosy Homes facilitators. (Phil Gregg)

The Mangakino Curtain Bank will be housed in the Resource Storage shed with a purpose-built space, volunteers are needed to support this for approx. 2-3 hours twice a week. There has been good support in both donations and homes curtained. Six homes have received sets of curtains in the last three months.

Vibrant



Social Media

The Mangakino Community Facebook page currently has 1424 likes with 1420 followers. This continues to be the best way to get information quickly out to the community.

There is a growing number of messages requesting historical information and connections with past friends/family.

The information caravan was utilized by the event coordinators at Waitetoko Marae for the Ngati Tuwharetoa Deed of Settlement Signing on the 8th July. The caravan has now had some light rebranding including TDC, Mercury and Waikato River Trails (WRT) logos in preparation for its new life with the Waikato River Trails Trust. The caravan will still be seen in the district and is available for Mangakino & Whakamaru events if requested.

Mangakino.net

Ongoing work needs to be done to encourage listings on the website, this is at a very low cost.

July stats for the Mangakino website are:

- 580 visits
- 426 new visits
- Average time per page is just under two minutes


Notice Boards

Community notice boards are updated regularly including the monthly community calendar which lists local and districtwide events. Community information is emailed out to the non-resident data base as required, a large majority already follow the Facebook page.



Information is slowly being gathered for the potential of a “e-book” that will work along with the heritage trail signage.

Examples of Facebook posts and advertising

Thursday 4th May



If you would like to chat about potential lakefront development options Deryck Shaw from APR will be available in the Mangakino library from 1pm. You can also catchup with Deryck at the BA5 @Muckys Backyard Bar from 5.30pm

Rsvp Lisa mcldmangakino@gmail.com or 0274914194

Energy Saving Options Free Community Workshop



Thursday 29th June 10 am @the boardroom in the Mangakino library

Phil Gregg from Sustainability Options has been supporting the Cosy Homes Mangakino project with home assessments. Come along and listen to his practical advice on making your home warmer, drier and more energy efficient.





For more information and to register your attendance please contact Charlene @ Mangakino Health Services or Lisa mcldmangakino@gmail.com or 0274914194



Do you need to get your drivers licence?



DRIVER LICENCE PROGRAMME

- > Study to get your learner, restricted or full licence
- > Get a formal driving lesson with a registered instructor who takes you on test routes
- > A car available to sit your driving test to get your restricted licence
- > We pay for the Licence

We need 7-9 committed people from Mangakino or Whakamaru who are able to travel twice a week to Tokoroa to complete this free course.

CRITERIA

Each Programme has a set of criteria. Please check with us to find out your eligibility. Must be at least 16 years of age. You must provide us with a copy of your birth certificate or passport as Identification. For the restricted licence programme you must have held a valid learners licence for at least 6 months.



For more information or to register your interest please email mcldmangakino@gmail.com or call into the library and talk to Lisa.

MANGAKINO COMMUNITY RESOURCE STORAGE FACILITY

Mangakino Central Charitable Trust

OPENING SOON

SENSE SPOTLIGHTS

EXTRA HIGH DOORS

CENTRE BAY HAS DRIVE IN DRIVE OUT OPTION

OPERATING SECURITY CAMERAS

THE CARAVAN BEING IT A TEST RUN!

DESIGNED TO FIT THE BOAT OR A BUS

INFORMATION PACKS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE MANGAKINO LIBRARY.