# Community Co-ordinator Report

### **Background**

- Mangakino Community Led Development (MCLD) carry over of surplus funding was completed on the 30<sup>th</sup>
   September 2017.
- A snapshot display of what has happened in Mangakino & Whakamaru over the past 6 years is in the Mangakino TDC boardroom.
- The final stories from the four communities "Looking Back to Move\_Forward" has been published. DIA are
  going to use this as a tool to support the new communities that are working with Community Led Principles
  it will also be available on their website.

### Learning

#### **Driver Licence Training:**



• The collaboration between Mangakino and Moving Mountains has been successful in the first trial run. All participants have received an hour driving lesson before their test.

#### **Currently completed**

- 2 Full auto
- 2 Restricted auto
- 1 Restricted manual
- 1 Learner auto
- 1 Restricted lesson & test booked for the 11<sup>th</sup> October

#### Still needing to complete

- 2 Learners auto
- 1 Restricted auto
- We plan to continue to develop this mutually beneficial relationship and are planning another course at the beginning of next year.

## **Earning**

#### EGLT - Mangakino Business After Five (BA5)

- The next Mangakino BA5 will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm at the Mangakino Hotel.
- Damian Coutts Destination Great Lake Taupo and Rick Keehan Enterprise Great Lake Taupo have been invited to give updates.

#### **Destination Great Lake Taupo (DGLT)**

• Updating of information on <a href="https://www.greatlaketaupo.com">www.greatlaketaupo.com</a> is ongoing.

#### **Mangakino Hotel**

- Hosting the next Mangakino BA5 is an opportunity for businesses to look through the hotel and see the standard of accommodation that is currently offered.
- The Hotel has seen an increase in room nights with a high percentage of walk-ins. All feedback so far has been positive with some return visits.
- The hotel hosted a travel writer for the NZ Herald on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. Tim is writing a feature article on the South Waikato and specifically the Waikato River Trails.
- The property is still on the market for lease or purchase.

#### **Resource Storage Shed**

- The power has been connected and the security system is currently being installed ready for hand over. All the current storage space has now been pre-booked with Mangakino Central Charitable Trust (MCC)
- What has been identified is the demand for commercial storage so this is a real business opportunity for a future investment.

#### **Art & Soul**

A group of sole traders are opening in the last empty shop in town. They plan to be open for this coming
Labour Weekend selling their own handmade arts and crafts. There will also be space for workshops into the
future.

## **Healthy Well & Forward Focused**



### **Mangakino Cosy Homes**

- The Mangakino Cosy Homes Project is now managed by the Mangakino Health Services
- 43 homes have been assessed, second visits are under way for the homes that require it.
- Currently advertising for volunteers for the Mangakino Curtain Bank we propose that this service will be open for 2-3 hours per week.

#### Vibrant

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#### **Social Media**

- The Mangakino Community Facebook page currently has 1440 likes with 1436 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.

### Mangakino.net

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

September stats for the Mangakino website are:

- 537 visits
- 416 new visits

#### **Information Caravan**

• The caravan was handed over to the Waikato River Trails Trust on Friday 6th October. The caravan will still be seen in the district and is available for Mangakino & Whakamaru events if requested.

#### **Notice Boards**

• Community notice boards are updated regularly including the monthly community calendar which lists local and districtwide events.

#### **Upcoming events:**





