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A word from the Executive Officer's Desk...



Hi, I am so pleased to welcome you all to official opening of our new location at 33 Liardet Street. We have a large Hall where we can get together for coffee, singing, and talks. Our office space is bright and welcoming. You're are welcome to drop in anytime

and particularly welcome to our opening at midday on Wednesday 16th September. See page 4 for details and how to RSVP.

Age Concern Taranaki staff are working during all alert levels of Covid-19. At level 2, we welcome you to attend our events. We space out our chairs. promote hand hygiene and have our usual fun with conversation and laughter. If Levels 3/4 reoccur in Taranaki, we can be available via phone, Facebook, email. If you are not already on our list of people to regularly phone for a chat during level 3/4, but would like to be; get in touch with us. Give us your name and phone number. During levels 3 and 4, staff can regularly phone for a friendly chat; they can also help to find solutions any concerns that may arise. Last lockdown we had 100s of everyday conversations, assisted with groceries, delivered frozen meals. supported people experiencing elder abuse, referred to other services; for example, we set up for someone to get their lightbulb changed and connected another person to be able to purchase a mobility scooter during lockdown.

As I write this, I have daffodils on my desk, bringing cheer to my day alongside the people whom have popped in with a smile. Let's all enjoy spring 2020.



Keryn Roderick

Executive Officer

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Only The Lonely.....

You'll no doubt have heard the words of Roy Orbison's famous song that goes "Only the lonely know this feeling ain't right."

Medical commentators are saying the effects of lockdown with its lack of social interaction has had a dramatic mental impact on the aged. So, we here at Driving Miss Daisy are saying its time to have fun together to beat loneliness and build a healthy mental mind.

Spring is here and the health crisis is hopefully well behind us fortunate Kiwis, so let's get social and reconnect with each other. With Driving Miss Daisy, you can get a group together to tour your local area, create an event like a trip to the movies/theatre, or plan a catch up with friends and family at a favourite café. Just contact your local Daisy and let them help you enjoy a Spring outing.

We would also like to remind you of the Total Mobility Scheme the Government created to encourage social interaction and independence which is delivered locally by your Regional Council. The Scheme is designed to assist clients with access to appropriate transport to meet their daily needs and enhance their community participation.

For further information contact your local Age Concern Organisation, they will be happy to help you find out if you are eligible and advise you on how to apply. Once you have been accepted, you can access up to 50% discounted travel up to the regional maximum subsidy with Driving Miss Daisy, an accredited Total Mobility Scheme provider.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to get out and participate in your community with the support and companionship that only Driving Miss Daisy provides.

Remember if we are Together we are not Lonely.

Melanie Harper Co-founder DMD

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New Plymouth

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Editorial supplied by Driving Miss Daisy

You are cordially invited to our new location!



Serving the needs of older people

Official Opening!

To follow the 2020 AGM

Programme

11:00 am - AGM 2020

11:45 am - All Guests Welcome to Arrive

Noon - Official Opening Ceremony & Speeches



STEPHANIE CLARE

CEO OF AGE CONCERN NEW ZEALAND

12:30 pm - Karakia & Light Luncheon 1:00 pm - Cutting of the Cake

Wednesday 16 September 2020
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Elder Abuse Response Service (EARS)

Hello everybody. Welcome to the Elder Abuse section of this quarters newsletter.

I would like to dedicate this section to discuss the importance of Power Of Attorney (POA)/Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA).

It is important that everybody have a POA set up regardless of his or her circumstance.

I often hear people tell me "I don't need a POA, it will just cause issues within the family" or "I don't ever want anybody else to have control of my decision making." I can understand why people have this viewpoint because we often hear stories of people abusing EPOA for their own gain and to have control over an older person and their decision-making. However, if you chose not to appoint a trusted person and lose capacity to make decisions, often the family court will have to appoint a Welfare Guardian (WG) which is similar to a EPOA where a person's next of kin will have power to make decisions on your behalf. We know that an older person's next of kin is not always the best choice, and wouldn't we all rather make such an important decision for ourselves?

An important thing to remember is when a person goes in to see their lawyer and drafts a POA document appointing a trusted person that will always act in their best interest; this is not activated until a medical professional has completed an assessment (usually much later after the document). After a medical professional has completed an assessment, they must determine that the person does not have mental capacity before any POA document will become an EPOA. The difference between the two is an older person still has full capacity to make their own decisions about their personal welfare and financial affairs after signing a POA.

I have seen an increase in older people themselves and family members/trusted people who have been appointed (taking on the role of becoming someone's POA), believing that they have the right to make decisions on behalf of the older person as soon as this document has been signed. This is not the case. The POA is not activated, until a medical professional determines that the person no longer has capacity to make decisions; thus becoming EPOA.

In more recent years we are seeing an increase in people abusing EPOA. This leaves older people feeling helpless and I've had several of my elder abuse client's tell me that they had come to accept that there is no way out for them as they don't believe it can ever be changed.

Fortunately, people are able to have their EPOA's reviewed and with the help of services and professionals such as social workers and lawyers applications can be made to overturn these.

I urge anyone who has concerns or even any questions to contact Age Concern Taranaki, their local lawyer or Taranaki Community Law.

Thank you all for reading

Sinead Thomas | Registered Social Worker Age Concern Taranaki: 06 759 9196

"THANK YOU"

A big Thank You to all our valuable sponsors, supporters, volunteers and members who contribute in many ways to Age Concern Taranaki's Social Connection Programmes held in Waitara every Friday.

We invite everyone to attend In Tune With Waitara, music and social occasion where you can have a great time together, singing, playing instruments, enjoying afternoon tea and the opportunity.

Held 1st and 3rd Friday, 3 Warre St Waitara, 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Also Drop in Café Waitara is a great spot in a sunny environment where you can play bingo, have a quiz and interact with each other and enjoy a hot drink.

Held 2nd and 4th Friday, 3 Warre St Waitara, 1.30 pm - 3pm

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For more information email: info@ageconcerntaranaki.org.nz or Phone our Office (06) 759 9196 or 0800 243 625

Due to Covid 19 a number of these sessions may be put on hold. Please phone the office to check.

ELTHAM

SAYGO > Steady As You Go Falls Prevention Class held on a Thursday **10.00am**.
All Saints Church, 88 King Street, Eltham.

HAWERA

Coffee Mornings > Held on Thursday mornings 10.30am - 11.30am.

St John's Church Hall, 35 Argyle Street, Hawera.

Social Mornings > Held on the third Thursday of the month. 10.30am - 11.30am.

St John's Church Hall, 35 Argyle Street, Hawera. (may include a Guest Speaker, a topic of discussion or an activity).

SAYGO > Steady As You Go Falls Prevention Classes are held weekly on a Tuesday at 10.00am at 35 Argyle Street, Hawera.

NEW PLYMOUTH

Aqua Exercise > Restarting on Monday 20th July, this class is held weekly at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre at 10.15am. Please phone our office (06) 759 9196 to register for Aqua Exercise.

Drop In Cafe > This cosy Drop in Cafe is held on the first, third and fourth Thursdays of the month. Come along and join us at 10am for a cuppa and great company at 31-33 Liardet Street, New Plymouth.

Social Morning > Our Social morning at 31-33 Liardet Street is held on the second Thursday of the month. We have Guest Speakers who provide the group with relevant information, health education and other interesting topics. Starting with morning tea at 10am.

Warm Up Wednesday > This fun filled morning of Singalong continues every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Come along and enjoy a great singalong, morning tea, fun, music and make friends. A light lunch is served at the conclusion of the morning. 10am - 12.30pm. Gold coin donation. Held at 33 Liardet Street, New Plymouth.

Monthly Outing > The first Wednesday of the month is our Outing. A great day out incorporating lunch and a visit to a place of interest. Please phone Pauline to express your interest.

SAYGO > Steady As You Go, Falls Prevention Strength and Balance Classes are held in New Plymouth. Tuesdays at 10.30am at St Mary's Complex Lounge, 37 Vivian Street, \$3 per class and on Fridays 11am at Disabilities Citizens Rooms, 83 Hine Street \$2 per class.

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SAYGO > Steady As You Go Falls Prevention Class held on a Monday 10.00am. Tainui Day Centre, 142 Tasman Street, Opunake.

STRATFORD

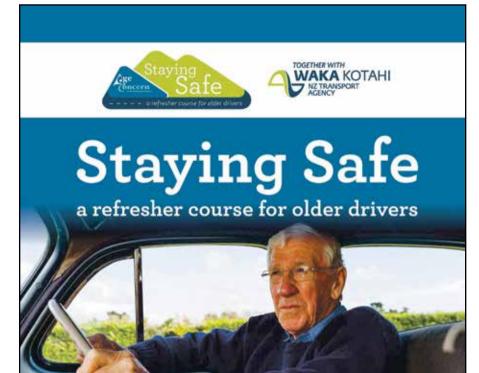
Coffee Morning > We now hold weekly coffee mornings in Stratford, every Friday 11.00am - 12 noon. Held at St Andrews Church Hall, 88 Regan St, Stratford. A great opportunity to make friends, socialise and enjoy morning tea.

SAYGO > Steady As You Go Falls Prevention Classes are held on a Friday at 10.00am at St Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall, Regan Street, Stratford.

WAITARA

"IN TUNE" > Held on the first and third Friday of the month at The Senior Citizens Hall, Warre Street. 1.30pm - 3.30pm. A fun afternoon of singing, musical instruments and entertainment with Pauline on her guitar. You are invited to arrive from 1 pm and afternoon tea will be served at 2.45 pm. A gold coin donation is appreciated to assist with costs.

Drop in Cafe > Held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in The Senior Citizens Hall, (supper room) Warre St Waitara. 1.30pm - 3 pm Enjoy a quiz or a game or sit and chat over a cuppa tea, coffee and snacks. A great opportunity to make friends.



This FREE classroom based course will help you re-familiarise yourself with traffic rules and safe driving practices. It will also increase your knowledge about other transport options and help you remain independent for longer.

Tuesday 22nd September and Wednesday 30th September

Both courses to be held at 33 Liardet Street 9.30am - 12.30pm

Contact Age Concern Taranaki for further information: 759 9196 / 0800 243 625 or info@ageconcerntaranaki.org.nz

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Staying Safe Driving courses

Following the cancellation of a scheduled course back in April, Age Concern Taranaki will be offering two Staying Safe Driving courses in September.

These courses are to be held on Tuesday 22nd September and Wednesday 30th September. Both courses will be held in our hall at 33 Liardet Street, New Plymouth from 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Registration is essential, as numbers are limited to 15 participants per course.

This FREE classroom-based course will help you re-familiarise yourself with traffic rules and safe driving practices.

Call 759 9196 or 0800 243 625 for further information and to register.

Aylene

Staying Safe co-ordinator

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South Taranaki

Kia Ora readers. I am pleased to announce that I get to provide cover for the South Taranaki AVS service.

This means that I get to do the very thing us social workers love to do, and that is make connections with people out in the community and learn new skills and ways to work with our Kaumatua.

I'd like to use this space to advise that anyone who is interested in having a visitor though the AVS service can contact myself or Age Concern Taranaki and I can arrange an appointment. This appointment would involve a meeting where we would determine your interests and days/times you would be free to have a volunteer visitor call into your home for a cuppa and a chat. All volunteers are police vetted and matched according to your hobbies/interests.

South Taranaki is in need of volunteer visitors! If you can spare an hour a week and want to make a huge difference in an older persons life who is in need of more company, please call us today!

I will be dedicating time over the next few months to meet with services down in South Taranaki and network so this valuable service is better known to those in the community and people who can refer client's through to us here at Age Concern Taranaki.

Many Thanks,

Sinead Thomas | Registered Social Worker Age Concern Taranaki: 06 759 9196

Check on those people you love and care for.

Reach out to your older relatives, friends and lose neighbours to check in with how they are and talk through their worries. Whether it is giving them a phone call or writing a letter, staying connected and connecting often is important.

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Falls Prevention Exercise Classes





10.00 am Tainui Day Centre 10.15 am Presbyterian Church 10.30 am Tues St Marys Complex Inglewood United Church 10.30 am Wed 10.00 am All Saints Church Thur 1.30 pm Merrilands Domain Hall Thur 10.00 am St Andrews Church Fri 11.00 am Disabled Citizens Society

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Contact The Age Concern Taranaki Office between 10-2pm Phone: 0800 243 625 or 06 759 9196





The visit from Moss (dog)

Marlene & Jim's enthusiasm for the SAYGo exercises was enhanced with Moss' visit.

We were all impressed with Jim's ability to get up off the floor. He contributed this ease of standing to the exercises which he and Marlene have been attending for seven months.



At the end of class with the participants still seated, Moss said hello to each of them. Recently one of our group's 12 year old dog had passed away, so it was interesting Moss greeted Jill first, after being let off the lead.



Come join a class, the exercises are only part of it, social interaction and friendships also develop.

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Editorial supplied by Central Audiology Taranaki





As I write this update, a resurgence of Covid-19 community transmission is causing a great deal of unease and uncertainty.

It is in all our best interests to adhere to official advice around hygiene, keeping track of who you come in contact with, and staying home if you're sick - https://covid19.govt.nz/

I want to take this opportunity to remind you that you can come to me as your Member of Parliament for representation, advocacy and assistance no matter what your political affiliation. Your situation will be handled in complete confidence and my team and I will do our very best to help in whatever way we can.

In recent weeks, my office has recorded a dramatic upswing in the number of Immigration cases. These range from skilled workers to families and partners concerned at what the future holds for them with the border still closed. Queries about ACC and Work & Income continue, and every day brings new opportunities to assist people.

If there's something I can help you with, please contact my office 06 7591363, newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz.

Jonathan Young | MP for New Plymouth

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International Day for Older Persons

Thursday 1st October 2020

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Held at 33 Liardet St - New Plymouth

10 am - 12.30 pm Please contact Pauline at the Office for further information.

Phone 06 759 9196 or 0800 243 625 pauline@ageconcerntaranaki.org.nz



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Editorial supplied by Freedom Drivers

DO YOU KNOW WHAT MY FAVOURITE PART OF THE GAME IS IT IS HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY.

Our August Outing was to The T&C Club in Waitara where we held our annual mid-winter Olympic Games. A big thanks to the team at The T&C for the lovely meal and hospitality which was a great start for everyone prior to the games and acitivlties which started at 1 pm.

Indoor Bowls, Pool, Darts, Ping Pong Ball Throw and Rummikub attracted many participants on the day with a large crowd of 47 members and guests attending in total.

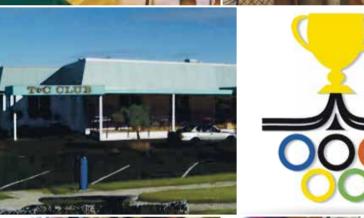
At the conclusion of the event, 1st and 2nd prize "Olympic Medals" were awarded to those in our closing ceremony. This is always great day and many look forward to testing their skills and the opportunity to take part on the day.

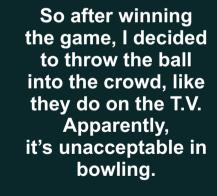
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NEW TRUSTS ACT

There is a new Trusts Act coming into force January 2020. Trust Law has evolved over the last 700 years with various Acts of Parliament and many judicial decisions. There are some great modernising aspects to the changes, although a new Act of Parliament does not solve all of the issues that may arise.

The wording has become more modern and that's good. When we are drafting new Trust Deeds, we need to be looking at our language. Using more modern language makes it more readable by everybody. Occasionally though we lose words that have a lot of meaning to lawyers. For example, "perpetuity period". That's going to be changed to be "maximum duration of the Trust". The words "Date of Distribution" is now becoming "Expiry of Trust".

Another change is the power of appointment and discharge of Trustees. Who is going to hold that power? The Trust can now run for 125 years so leaving the Settlors holding the power is not going to work. They will not be alive in 125 years. Can they delegate it and if so to who? Is that one or more people? If the Trust is running on for 125 years, do we need someone

else that is going to have the power to appoint and remove Trustees? So how do we draft the clause that is going to cover Mum and Dad delegating the power of appointment to eldest daughter and then who is she going to be empowered to delegate the power to? How are Mum and Dad, when setting up their Trust, going to decide whether they like or trust the eldest child of their eldest daughter? Is that even appropriate? You bothered to appoint her as a Trustee, do you trust her to decide who should hold the power of appointment when she goes? Alternatively, do you think she is easily persuaded by her brother/sister/spouse/child/ neighbour/boyfriend? The previous Trust Act did cover this situation and provided that it if there is no-one left then the Executors of the Will of the last Trustee become the Trustees and can appoint if no-one else has the powers.

The point is that the Executors of the last Trustee may not know the family and therefore that is repugnant to the Settlors thinking who might be making appointments in a hundred years' time. However there has to be some provisions somewhere and the one in a hundred-year events happen and they certainly will be happening in the lifetime of new Trusts running for 125 years.

