

FOCUS TE PUKE

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AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER

Focus Te Puke has a busy next few months. We are interviewing candidates now for the position of Town Centre Manager and have been impressed by the high standard of applicants. We are looking forward to announcing the successful person shortly. Christine has done a marvellous job at being the 'interim' person and has the office well and truly organised. This year we have ten Kiwifruit Ambassador Contestants who have just begun their training with Di Leach and her helpers. We look forward to watching their progress over the coming weeks.

Arna	WRIGHT	Barbz
Elizabeth	COOPER	Briar's Horse Treks
Jessica	MILLER	CPG New Zealand Ltd
Kelly	GIBSON	Farmlands
Janelle	IRELAND	Fenton McFadden
Jamie	BUTLER	KiwiFM 92.9
Paris	POTAKA-GOOSSENS	The Tooth Fairy Dental Centre
Belinda	JANSEN	Trevelyan's Pack & Cool Ltd
Julie	GORE	United Travel at Te Puke
Christina	MOSES	Weallens Groundspread

Harry Schraishuhn
Focus Te Puke Chairman

Here it is August already !!!

The days are lengthening, the kiwifruit are mostly pruned and will soon be in full bloom, as will all the young ladies aspiring to be Te Puke's next Ambassadors

Speaking of Ambassadors the Te Puke High School Ball was a resounding success with lovely young ladies in gorgeous gowns

and handsome young gentlemen all a credit to their school and town

I believe Jimmy's Place at the old Railway Station is also going ahead in

leaps and bounds like the spring lambs

So lets all put our best foot forward as we head into Spring and the Kiwifruit Festival

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A WORD FROM THE TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

It's been another busy month getting things organised for the 33rd Kiwifruit Festival. You will also have seen in the Te Puke Times that applications have gone out for a Te Puke Town Centre Manager. We received a number of replies and interviewing is happening this week. I then will be able to retire to pruning and tying down as well as getting Book No 2 finished, and then of course there is the garden! The Memorial Hall Society has some exciting plans for the hall and our office too. The summer will see a new paint scheme and some general tidying up around the building as well as some internal upgrades. August is the Hall Society AGM so please come along and support this town asset. The Focus Te Puke AGM will be in October after the Kiwifruit Festival. If you would like to join the committees for either or both of these groups please let us know.

PROMOTION NEWS

Kiwifruit Festival – dates for your calendar

Monday 31 August – Kiwifruit Festival Opening Night incorporating the Sponsors Night and Fashion Parade. Te Puke Citizen's Club, Jellicoe Street.

Friday 4 September – Te Puke New World Kiwifruit Festival Annual Charity Quiz. Te Puke Citizen's Club, Jellicoe Street.

Sunday 6 September – Junior Ambassador Contest. Te Puke Intermediate Performing Arts Centre, Cameron Road.

Sunday 6 September – Fathers Day Breakfast. The Orchard Church, 20 Macloughlin Drive.

Wednesday 9 September – Blossoms, Bubbles and Bites Ladies Cocktail Evening. Kiwi360, Young Road.

Friday 11 September – Te Puke Hotel Sing-along with Max Cleaver. Te Puke Hotel.

Saturday 12 September – O'Hara's Team Challenge at O'Hara Estate, Paengaroa

Sunday 13 September – Senior Ambassador Contest. The Orchard Church, Macloughlin Drive

Tuesday 15 September – Fun n Magic with Rod Rick. Two shows. Methodist Church Hall

Saturday 19 September – EastPack Open Day. EastPack, Te Puke Quarry Road

Saturday 19 September – World Vision Girl's Night Out, The Orchard Church.

Friday 25 September – Kiwifruit Festival Ball. Te Puke Memorial Hall

Saturday 26 September – Te Puke Kiwifruit Festival Market Day. Jellicoe Street

Saturday 26 September – Creative Te Puke Forum Photography Competition Awards Night. The Orchard Church, Macloughlin Drive

BUSINESS BUZZ

Business After Five (B5)

For those of you who like to mix and mingle with other business people over some nibbles and drinks, the next B5 is:

When	Where	From 5.15pm To 6.30ish
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Wednesday 26 August

Funky Lizard

Wilson Road, Paengaroa

Marg and Roger Patterson in conjunction with Paul Hickson, Chartered Accountant are holding the August B5 at the Funky Lizard café at Paengaroa. If you are NOT receiving an invitation to these and would like to please contact the Focus office. All welcome. Remember to bring your business card to go in for the business card draw.

If you are interested in sponsoring the Business After Five (B5) please contact the Focus Office. Sponsorship gives you the naming rights to the twelve meetings, your logo on the website and in the newsletter, the opportunity for your banner to be displayed at each B5 plus the chance to speak at each meeting. The B5's are a very popular event in the Te Puke calendar and are growing from strength to strength. We already have bookings for next year for businesses wanting to hold a B5.

Graffiti Doctor

The Focus office has had a visit from the local franchise owner of Graffiti Doctor. Unlike other Anti-Graffiti businesses, the Graffiti Doctor does not damage the surface beneath or around the Graffiti. With advanced technology they can remove the tag from any surface and leave the surface looking as if the incident never happened. There is no need for painting over tags or water blasting the

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surface. Furthermore, all products used by the Graffiti Doctor are environmentally friendly and biodegradable. Phone 0800 482 437 for more information.

Dale Carnegie

Sally Benning, ex Focus Te Puke co-ordinator is now a Performance Consultant for Dale Carnegie – Bay of Plenty/Waikato region. For further information see www.dalecarnegie.co.nz or email Sally at sally.benning@dalecarnegie.com

Key Holders Information/After Hour Contact Form

Alan Cotter has either posted or hand delivered around 160 of these forms to Te Puke businesses. If you have been missed, or need your after hours key holders information updated, could you please contact Valerie at the Te Puke Police Station on 573 9147. The Focus Te Puke office also has the forms here.

Update From The Department Of Labour - Preparing Your Business To Respond To A Pandemic

You will be aware that the numbers of Influenza A H1N1 (swine flu) cases in New Zealand are increasing. The Ministry of Health advises that this trend is likely to continue over the coming weeks and months. Obviously, a pandemic of this kind or any similar type of crisis will affect your business, your staff and customers. Just how much you are affected will depend on the severity of the crisis and how well prepared you are.

Planning to see your business through a pandemic is important. This can be done by planning the steps your business will take before, during and after a pandemic. There is no one, single response you can plan for. You and your staff need to respond flexibly depending on the situation. Keeping your plan updated will also be useful in the event of another type of crisis occurring. Information on the Department of Labour website that could help you with your planning includes:

- Commonly asked Questions and Answers for employers about potential employment issues that could arise during a pandemic.
- Information to assist with business continuity planning.
- Workplace health and safety guidance, including infection control advice relevant to the workplace.
- Advice on the use of personal protective equipment in the workplace.
- Practical scenarios that illustrate the different measures businesses can take to protect themselves.

Keep informed of developments and update your plans, and your employees accordingly. In addition to the existing business networks and organisations you belong to, the Department of Labour, Ministry of Economic Development and Ministry of Health websites provide ongoing sources of information on the implications of a pandemic for workplaces, businesses, and public health.

Tauranga Chamber of Commerce – Complimentary Seminars

Cooney Lees Morgan Business Boost - KiwiSaver, GST and PAYE updates - Martin Chapman - IRD - Wednesday 19 August - All business owners and those in administration or accounting roles need to be aware of their obligations.

PLEASE NOTE: Non Members of the Tauranga Chamber of Commerce can attend one Business Boost per annum. For more information see <http://www.tauranga.org.nz>

TOWN BUZZ

ZESPRI, Air New Zealand and Tourism Bay of Plenty are running a competition where some lucky Canadian family win's a trip for four to New Zealand. Tourism Bay of Plenty is sponsoring seven nights' accommodation and some fun activities such as helicopter rides, jet boat trips, glow worm kayaking excursions and, of course, a visit to Te Puke's Kiwi 360. Hopefully we will be advised of the dates of the winners visiting our town so we can give them a real "Kiwi" welcome.

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Te Puke Rotary Annual Charity Auction Dinner

Tickets for the Te Puke Rotary Annual Charity Auction Dinner to be held at Baypark Stadium on Thursday 20 August are now for sale. The Te Puke Primary School is to be the recipient of any monies raised during the auction and the funding is to go towards solar heating for the school swimming pool which currently is not heated at all. Annah Stretton ("Annah S" of fashion magazine and fashion boutique store fame) is to be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$75 each and the tables will be organized into groups of 8. If you would like to donate an auction item or make a donation towards this very worthy cause or purchase tickets, please contact Jenny Wotten on 573 5464 (Cell 0275 880 983) or Bevin Voysey on 573 5550 (Cell 0272899789).

12 Week Body Challenge

Fitness Factory's Annual 12 Week Body Challenge is here. If you haven't registered be quick because registrations are only open until 14th August. Free entry for new members (conditions apply). Each entry receives a personalised program, a body composition analysis, dietary advice and supplement product discounts and regular follow ups. There is over \$2000 in prizes to be won. Phone now to register - Ph 573-5855.

Te Puke Contract Bridge Club 50th

The Bridge Club is celebrating its 50th birthday on the 22 August with a dinner at Kiwi360. Please contact Margaret Ashton 573 9632 or tepukebridgeclub@xtra.co.nz

Te Puke Memorial Hall

You have an open invitation to the Te Puke Memorial Hall Society Inc Annual General Meeting which is to be held on Tuesday 25 August at 5.15pm in the Settler's Lounge Foyer, Te Puke Memorial Hall. New members are most welcome.

Creative Te Puke Forum Photography Competition

Creative Te Puke Forum are organising a photography competition with three age groups – Primary School, Secondary School and Amateur Adult. For further information contact Grant Dally on Ph 573 8336. Entry details are on <http://creativetepukeforum.multiply.com>.

Clean Up Week New Zealand

This years Clean Up New Zealand week is the 4 – 11 September – just in time for the Kiwifruit Festival. It is sponsored nationally by New World. See <http://www.knzbcleanupweek.co.nz/>

FINAL WORDS

A big corporation recently hired several cannibals. "You are all part of our team now", said the HR rep during the welcoming briefing. "You get all the usual benefits and you can go to the cafeteria for something to eat, but please don't eat any of the other employees". The cannibals promised they would not. Four weeks later the HR rep remarked, "You're all working very hard, and I'm satisfied with you. However, one of our office ladies has disappeared. Do any of you know what happened to her?" The cannibals all shook their heads no. After the HR rep had left, the leader of the cannibals said to the others, "Which one of you idiots ate the office lady?" A hand rose hesitantly, to which the leader of the cannibals continued, "You fool, for four weeks we've been eating middle management and no one noticed anything, but noooooo, you had to go and eat someone who actually does some work around here!!! "

Christine Clement - Focus Te Puke Interim Town Centre Manager

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