

Settlement Support New Zealand Auckland City – Tāmaki-makau-rau

Kia mau koe kit e kupu a tōu matua (Do not neglect the ancestral teachings of the elders)



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Haere Mai, Nau Mai, Haere Mai

Kei te pēhea koutou? Welcome to the seventeenth Settlement Support New Zealand—Auckland City Newsletter.

The objective of this newsletter is to provide you with information about what Settlement Support – Auckland City does, where you can find information about employment, education, health services and many other aspects of settling in New Zealand. This is also an opportunity to share with you the services which are available around Auckland city.

Please feel free to pass on this newsletter onto friends, family and community colleagues.

Updates from Settlement Support New Zealand – Auckland City

SSNZ Auckland City attended the Race Relations Day (21st March) celebrations at Hindu Youth Council at the Hindu Heritage Centre, Mangere. The Centre was a place for all religions and people, as they accommodated Pacific Island bible study class on a Sunday morning. A great role model for truly celebrating diversity and harmony.



Race Relations Day – 21st March 2010

This year ARMS and Human Rights Commission co-hosted a Race Relations Day event and looked at The Treaty of Waitangi in the contemporary Aotearoa/New Zealand, particularly how it applies to the contemporary multicultural Auckland. The Treaty is applicable to newcomers to this land, particularly in both Article 2 (rangatiratanga/self-determination) and Article 3 (rite tahi/equality).

Hon. Pita Sharples said in his speech at Race Relations Dinner at Orakei Marae that tangata whenua (people of the land) and Maori have the duty to make newcomers, feel and be welcome, which is an essential part of tikanga Maori (Maori customary equivalent of law). You can read the full version of his speech on <http://bit.ly/bwpECA>.



ARMS staff with Treaty Education Kit and Race Relations Report 2009

Human Rights Commission had released a report entitled *Te Mana i Waitangi/Human Rights and the Treaty of Waitangi* in January 2010. It is a great discussion paper which looked at the relationship of the Treaty in relations to Human Rights, policies, tangata whenua and all people of New Zealand. You can read the report on <http://www.hrc.co.nz>.

Daylight Saving this Sunday, 4th April!

Don't forget to turn your clock back for one hour and check the batteries in your fire alarm! Have a wonderful Easter holiday. And if you are going away for Easter, find out more about the changes to rubbish collections before and after the break: <http://bit.ly/bkQSVt>.

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Updates from Department of Labour

New minimum wage rates will become effective as of 1 April 2010.

The adult minimum wage will be \$12.75 an hour. That's \$102 for an eight-hour day, and \$510 for a 40 hour -week. The new entrant's minimum wage and the training minimum wage will be \$10.20 an hour. That's \$81.60 for an eight-hour day and \$408 for a 40-hour week. For more information: <http://dol.govt.nz/workplace/knowledgebase/item/1286>.

Department of Labour

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Shop Trading Restrictions

There are shop trading restrictions on Good Friday (2 April), Easter Sunday (4 April) and Anzac Day (25 April), until 1.00 pm. This means that shops must be closed for the whole day on Good Friday and Easter Sunday and until 1pm on Anzac Day, unless they meet certain exemptions. For more information: http://www.ers.govt.nz/audienceinfo/shop_print.html.

Easter and Anzac Day public holidays

The Easter and Anzac Day public holidays are just around the corner. Now is a good time to familiarise yourself with staff entitlements for these public holidays.

The public holidays over the Easter period are Good Friday (2 April) and Easter Monday (5 April). Anzac Day (25 April) is celebrated on the day it falls. This year Anzac Day falls on a Sunday. For employees who do not normally work on a Sunday, Anzac Day will not be a paid public holiday. Unlike the Christmas and New Year public holidays, there is no "Monday-ising" of Anzac Day if it falls on a weekend. For more information <http://dol.govt.nz/workplace/knowledgebase/item/1578>.

The [Holidays Online Tool](http://www.ers.dol.govt.nz/holidays-online-tool/default.aspx) (<http://www.ers.dol.govt.nz/holidays-online-tool/default.aspx>) provides guidance on whether an employee is entitled to a paid day off on a public holiday and what an employee should be paid for their day off or for working on the public holiday.

Keep in mind that Easter Sunday is NOT a public holiday. This means that if your business cannot provide work for staff who normally work on Sundays due to restricted trading on Easter Sunday, then it is a good idea to plan ahead and explore options for managing employee leave entitlements for Easter Sunday. For more information <http://www.dol.govt.nz/workplace/knowledgebase/item/1245>.

Are You Looking for Employment?

Skills are still hard to find and employers are searching and creating their own shortlists from www.newkiwis.co.nz

www.newkiwis.co.nz is a free national jobsite for skilled migrant job seekers eligible to work in NZ. Kiwi Employers seeking your skills will download your CV and contact you directly. You can search our "job vacancy" section – just be aware many employers search the database without posting their vacancy.

Don't have a CV?

Once you register your information an automated PDF CV will be created for you.

Are you eligible to work in NZ?

Visit: <http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/work/> to find out if you are.

If you'd like to talk in more detail about the New Kiwis website, please contact Sheam Achmat, New Kiwis Liaison, on 09 375 3929 or email sachmat@chamber.co.nz

New Kiwis is a partnership project between the Auckland Chamber of Commerce and Department of Labour.

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What's Coming Up?

Workshops

***All free unless otherwise stated.**

Job Search Workshop

16th and 19th April, 9.30am–2.00pm

Workshop to assist with your job search. Held in conjunction with Work & Income NZ, Career Services and the Auckland Chamber of Commerce.



Legal Clinics

Fridays, 9.30am–12.00pm

Heval Hylan, Principal of Hylan Law Barrister & Solicitor, will be providing free 10-minutes legal advice on immigration, family law, contract, trusts and other areas of law in general.



Financial Advice

Fridays, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Tina Chen, founder of TC Financial Planning Ltd, will be providing free 10-minutes financial and budgeting advice, in English, Mandarin or Cantonese.



Small Business Tax Seminar

Saturday, 10th April 2010, 9.00am – 12.00pm

A course runs by Inland Revenue. Save time and money by finding out about business tax management skills. Covers tax obligations, record keeping, filling returns & due dates, systems to set up, incomes and expenses, GST and provisional tax.



The Treaty of Waitangi

Saturday, 17th April 2010, 9.00am – 4.00pm

Learn more about the Treaty of Waitangi. Develop an understanding about your relationship as a new settler to Maori as the first peoples of New Zealand.

Must for job seekers!!!



Rental and Property Income

Saturday, 24th April 2010, 9.30am – 12.00pm

A course runs by Inland Revenue. How to calculate net profit from rental, what expenses to claim for, GST, rental income and depreciation. How do you treat boarders/flatmates? Are profits from property sales taxable?



Banking and Finance – Employment

Thursday, 29th April 2010, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Learn about New Zealand CV style and interviews in banking and finance industry. Gain knowledge on NZ employers' perspectives on banking & finance related skills. Learn tips and practical information on job search in the banking and finance industry. Gain knowledge on the expectations of recruitment agencies.



**For more information or to register contact ARMS on 09 625 2440 or reception@arms-mrc.org.nz.
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