

Manukau Newsletter

For Newcomers, Service Providers and Employers of Migrants



CONNECTING NEWCOMERS LOCALLY

Settlement Support

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Welcome to the twelfth issue of SSNZ Manukau newsletter. A warm welcome to all new settlers and returning Kiwis.

Settlement Support is a **free** service to all newcomers, returning Kiwis, employers and service providers, supporting you with issues of settlement – for newcomers to ensure that you are settled as soon as possible and for employers and service providers, to ensure that you have all the resources you need to support your workers and clients to settle well.

For more information on the Settlement Support New Zealand (SSNZ) Initiative in Manukau and how we can help you, please get in touch with:

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Contributions to the SSNZ Manukau City newsletter ☺

If you have an article or a planned activity that can benefit newcomers, please forward the details to the Settlement Support Coordinator for inclusion in the next issue, and please share the newsletter with your networks.

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Free for all - Rugby World Cup Fanzone

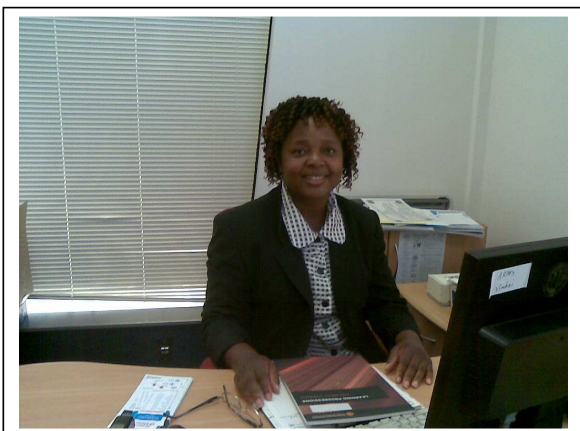
The Southern Seas Fanzone in Mangere Town Centre, south Auckland, will reflect and showcase the exciting local talents of this diverse community.

Everyone can enjoy the family and kids' activities, live entertainment, and food markets. A feature of this Fanzone will be the Maori flavour and Polynesian flair.

The Southern Seas Fanzone will be open all match days from the quarter-finals onwards. And please note this Fanzone is alcohol-free.



Mangere Town Centre, Bader Drive, Mangere
Open on 8, 9, 15, 16, 21 and 23 October. For more information go to: <http://www.auckland2011.com/What-s-on/Festivals-and-Fan-zone/Mangere-Town-Centre.aspx>



**Vimbai Mugadza – Settlement Support
Coordinator - Manukau**

In Brief

- **The next local Settlement Network Meeting will be held on the 28th October 2011 from 10am – 1pm at the Manukau Civic Centre – The Gallery. The theme will be around sharing information and the topic is “Networking”.**
- **Tenancy and Rental workshop – 8 Nov, 10am – 12pm.**
- **Consumer rights workshop, 17 Nov 11, 10am – 12pm.**
- **Legal System in New Zealand workshop – 11 Nov 11, 10am – 12pm.**
- **Free English Language consultations are continuing at the ARMS Manukau Centre as well as once a month at Highland Park Community Link. Please refer to the orientation workshops schedule on page 4 for more details. You need to call and make a booking for these consultations.**

- **For events in Manukau visit:**

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/ourackland/events/Pages/search.as>

Press release from Immigration New Zealand

Jonathan Coleman

8 September, 2011

Revamp for Immigration’s on-line presence

New improvements to the Immigration New Zealand (INZ) website will provide a more streamlined and user-friendly service for customers, says Immigration Minister Jonathan Coleman.

“Immigration is committed to improving its customer service. Given the important role immigration plays in bringing visitors, students, skilled migrants and others to New Zealand, services such as the website need to be responsive to customers’ needs,” says Dr Coleman.

“The revamped website is one of the many changes INZ has undergone over the past two and half years to improve its performance. Across the board, INZ has focussed heavily on simplifying its processes and reducing red-tape.”

The most significant improvements to the website include a new Visa Options tool and an Employer’s Hub.

In one simple step prospective migrants or visitors to New Zealand can see what visas are available to them. By responding to some simple questions, customers will be provided with a selection of visas that they may like to investigate further.

The new Employer’s Hub will provide a dedicated online service for employers, where they can access the immigration information, service and assistance they need. Most importantly, the new Employer’s Hub will enable employers to search Skillfinder, INZ’s database of potential skilled candidates, by occupation and make contact (via INZ) with those candidates.

INZ’s website is available at: www.immigration.govt.nz

Practical Law Course

Wednesday mornings 9:30 to 12:30. From 26th October to 14th December.

Cost \$40.

Topics include:

- NZ legal systems
- Youth Justice
- Consumer Contracts
- Family Law Overview
- Domestic Violence Overview
- Trusts and Making a Will
- Tenancy • Discrimination and Harassment
- Courts and Tribunals
- Criminal Law Overview
- Consumer Goods and Services
- Treaty Of Waitangi
- Police and Your Rights
- Immigration Law
- Employment Law

Space is limited so enrol now.

Call us on (09) 275 4310.

Email your name and address to gael.spence@mangerelaw.org.nz

Visit us at: Mangere Community Law Centre, Unit 9, Shop 27, Mangere Town Centre.

LABOUR MARKET UPDATES

KEY POINTS:

- The economy experienced slower than expected growth in the June 2011 quarter, following a sharp rise last quarter
- The labour market is improving, with the unemployment rate expected to fall to 6.0% by 2012
- Skilled labour is getting harder to find and wage growth is likely to increase over the next two years.

For more information visit:

<http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/lmr/lmr-labour-market-update.asp>



Settlement Curve

Moving to a new country and new ways of doing things can be challenging for many people and their families. Some people settle in quickly. For others, getting used to life here may take some time.

Support while you settle in

Most people when they settle in a new country go through six distinct stages. This is what is known as the Settlement Curve:



- **Forethought:** This is a positive time as you plan the move to New Zealand. It is important though to have realistic expectations about your new home country.
- **Fun:** The excitement of new people and new places means those who arrive feel very positively about their new home.
- **Fright:** At some point, something will happen. It might be a big thing or a small thing, but it will make you feel frustrated and/or unhappy.
- **Flight:** If something happens and newcomers don't have a network of friends or family to call on, they may look at moving on or returning to their country of origin at this point.
- **Fight:** This is the turning point, when people become realistic about what it's like to live here and consciously decide to stay and make their life here.
- **Fit:** By this stage, the challenges are more about the usual things that people think about every day, not about being in a new country. People have decided to stay and contribute and this leads to a sense of 'fit'. This means they believe they have made the right decision and New Zealand is where they want to be.

Almost every person who arrives in New Zealand goes through this 'curve' of emotions over their first 18 months to two years. It is important that you, and your employer, understand this process and that it is perfectly normal. It is important too that you feel you have support and that you can ask your local Settlement Support New Zealand contact about anything you need to know to help you settle into your local area.

See the [Settlement Curve and Workplace Settlement Model PDF \[697KB\]](#).

Gardening

Create Your Own Eden



Composting is nature's way of recycling and helps to reduce the amount of waste we put out for rubbish collection.

You can learn about the three main composting systems by completing a free Create Your Own Eden course facilitated by Kaipatiki Project across the region on behalf of Auckland Council.

In the practical three-hour course you will find out how you can turn your food and garden waste into fantastic fertiliser or soil conditioner by using:

- conventional composting bins
- bokashi fermentation
- worm farms.

Come along to find out which system is right for you and start putting your kitchen and garden waste to work. It will benefit you and it will help the environment by diverting organic waste from landfills, where as it decomposes it can create greenhouse gases and/or leachate.

Create Your Own Eden courses include:

- how to make compost
- what to put in and what not
- trouble shooting.

When you complete the course you will also qualify for one \$23 subsidy on any composting system per household purchased through the Kaipatiki Project.

Attendance is restricted to two participants per household. Bookings are essential.

Courses are available at 29 venues throughout the Auckland region, or can be arranged for groups in the community on request.

For more information go to:

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/OurAuckland/Events/Pages/createyourowneden.aspx>

Auckland Council is holding 100 free composting courses in a suburb near you this financial year. The skills taught will help residents to return all their food waste to the soil as a resource rather than send it to landfill as a waste.

Create Your Own Eden Calendar August-December 2011 *

- Saturday 10 September Manurewa 9am-12 noon;
- Saturday 10 September Waiuku 10am – 1pm,
- Saturday 1 October Papakura 10am-1pm
- Saturday 8 October Manurewa 9am-12 noon,
- Saturday 15 October Clevedon 10am-1pm
- Saturday 5 November Royal Oak and Pukekohe 10am-1pm
- Thursday 17 November Mangere 6pm-9pm
- Saturday 26 November Pakuranga 10am-1pm
- Saturday 3 December Manurewa 9am-12 noon
- Saturday 10 December Papakura 10am-1pm













Auckland Regional Migrant Services
Manukau Resource Centre, 6 Osterley Way, Manukau
Orientation Programs and Settlement Information Workshops



(FREE) 2011

<p>9:30am -1:30pm Wednesdays</p> <p>7, 21 Sept. 12, 26 Oct. 9, 23 Nov. 7 Dec.</p>	<p align="center">Job Search Workshop for Migrants and Refugees</p> 	<p>FREE workshop to assist you with your Job Search</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Zealand employment culture and labour market • Kiwi job search skills and finding employment in Auckland • Kiwi style CV and interview skills • Job search and workplace language skills • Speakers from Career Services, Chamber of Commerce and Work and Income
<p>10:00am – 1:00pm Fridays</p> <p>30 Sept., 25 Nov.</p>	<p align="center">Settlement Information Meeting</p> 	<p>Any new migrant with questions about living and working in New Zealand can come and attend a settlement information session. This meeting brings together a group of service providers to talk about what services they provide to newcomers.</p>
<p>9:30am -1:30pm Wednesdays</p> <p>7, 21 Sept, 12, 26 Oct. 9, 23 Nov.</p>	<p align="center">Meet with Job Broker (By appointment only)</p> 	<p>Come and book your appointment with the Migrant Job Broker for an employment opportunity. This is an individual face- to-face consultation clinic where you have the chance to talk about your personal working experience with an employment specialist. Please call to make the booking at 09 262 5981.</p>
<p>10:00am – 1:00pm Wednesdays</p> <p>21 Sept. 5, 12, 26 Oct. (Manukau) 28 Sept. 19 Oct. (Highland Park)</p>	<p align="center">ESOL Clinics</p> 	<p>To improve your English for employment and settlement, we recommend a one on one consultation with an English Language Advisor that will provide you with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advice about your English learning needs • names of suitable providers and courses- many are local and maybe low cost • useful ideas for self-study for English language
<p>9:00am – 4:00pm (Friday)</p> <p>23 September</p>	<p align="center">First Home Buyer workshop</p> 	<p>This is a free workshop where you will learn the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the differences between renting and owning a home • goal setting, budgeting and buying process • getting a home loan (which will include presentations on Housing NZ Corporation's product) • maintaining your home
<p>9:30am – 4:00pm</p> <p>26-28 September 12-14 December</p>	<p align="center">3-days Finding a Job Chamber of Commerce</p> 	<p>Practical job search advice on the New Zealand job market for migrants new to New Zealand of for those who are underemployed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist you to create Kiwi-style CV • Research your industry and occupation • Share experience with other new Kiwis • Develop a winning job search just for you <p>To register please contact Dorothy of Auckland Chamber of Commerce: Ph: 09 3066134 / Email: kcs@chamber.co.nz</p>
<p>2:00pm – 4:00pm</p> <p>22 Sept. 27 Oct.</p>	<p align="center">IRD Taxation Clinic</p> 	<p>This Clinic will give you the opportunity to meet with specialist from IRD individually for consultation on Income Tax, GST, PAYE and KiwiSaver. Make appointment and see our friendly taxation specialist for help.</p>
<p>9:30am – 12:30pm</p> <p>21 Oct. 18 Nov.</p>	<p align="center">IRD Workshop</p> 	<p>Come to this 3-hour workshop where you will learn and get your questions answered by IRD specialist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 Oct- Rental Property Tax Seminar • 18 Nov-Small Business Tax Seminar

For more information or to register for an event, contact Auckland Regional Migrant Services (ARMS) Manukau Resource Centre Ph: 09 2635490 / email: manukau@arms-mrc.org.nz / Fax: 09 2635491

Visit Website: www.settlement.org.nz and www.arms-mrc.org.nz



Auckland's Regional Website for Newcomers

Auckland's newcomers now have their own settlement information website, developed by the Auckland Regional Migrant Services Trust (ARMS) - www.settlement.org.nz.

By clicking onto www.settlement.org.nz, Auckland's newcomers will be able to access information a wide range of relevant topics, via this 'one-stop-shop' information portal.

Newcomers will have immediate online access to practical advice, such as how to catch a bus, renting a house, and schooling for children. The website also will host discussion forums and online guides for newcomers, as well as forums for service providers to share best practices, events and workshops. Organisations such as Settlement Support Manukau are listed as service providers on the site. The events section has been the most popular page with more than 8000 views since the site went live last month!

For latest workshops and events in your area, click on www.settlement.org.nz

SETTLEMENT
settlement information for new aucklanders

Home Services Events How-Tos Forum My Page

Browse By Topic

- A Place to Live
- Being an Aucklander
- Business and Employment
- Education
- Getting Around
- Health and Well-being
- Money
- Planning to Come to Auckland
- Safety and Emergencies
- Understanding and Using English
- You and the Law

Advertisements

Auckland Regional Migrant Services Charitable Trust
Facilitating successful settlement of Auckland's newcomers.

Would you like to see your advertisement here?

For New Aucklanders

Welcome & Haere Mai

The aim of Settlement.Org.NZ is to provide the best quality information and answers for all newcomers settling into Auckland, whether born overseas or in New Zealand.

If you are a New Aucklander, you will find that this website will link you to useful information and 'how-to' advice for settling in our city, through clear sign-posting. It will direct you to people who can assist you with specialist settlement information. You can also create a My Page for storing and planning your own individual settlement journey.

Upcoming Events

- First Steps To Employmen...**
City Centre, Manukau City
Wed 21st Sep '11, 9:30am – 1:00pm
- Finding a Job workshop**
City Centre, Manukau City
Mon 26th Sep '11, All day
- ESOL Clinics comes to Hi...**
Highland Park, Manukau City
Wed 28th Sep '11, 10:00am – 1:00pm
- Voter Education Workshop...**
Mount Albert, Auckland City
Tue 13th Sep '11, 10:00am – 11:30am
- Employment Rights**
Northcote, North Shore City
Tue 4th Oct '11, 9:30am – 12:00pm

Latest How-Tos

- Understanding Taxation**
Paying income tax If you have income from salary, wages or a...
Posted - 1st Sep 2011
- Accessing Translation an...**
There are several government and not-for-profit agencies tha...
Posted - 1st Sep 2011
- Rental Accommodation in ...**
When you first arrive in Auckland, you may consider renting ...
Posted - 31st Aug 2011

For Service Providers

Settlement.Org.NZ provides tools for service providers and other relevant organisations to win the attention of New Aucklanders and provide them with information about their services.

By becoming a Content Provider, your organisation will have access to a range of tools including photos, video, graphics, audio and communication technology.



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