



SETTLEMENT SUPPORT  
NEW ZEALAND

# ➔ Settlement Support New Zealand (SSNZ) - Manukau City

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.**

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Welcome to the fifth issue of SSNZ Manukau City newsletter and a warm welcome to all new settlers to the Manukau region, including returning Kiwis.

**Settlement Support** is a **free** service to all newcomers and returning Kiwis.

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

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### **Current Issues**

Net annual permanent and long term (PLT) migration continued to rise strongly in the year to November 2009, reaching 20,000. The rise was driven by a sharp 20.6% fall in departures. A 20.6% fall in departures was the key driver of the rise in net migration over the past year. Annual departures have now fallen to their lowest level since January 2005. The decline in departures has largely been due to fewer New Zealanders leaving for Australia. In the year to November 2009, 29,800 New Zealanders departed for Australia, 31.5% less than a year ago.

A percentage of 10.6%, or 2,500 Kiwis returned home in the year, which is the highest level since August 2004.

Source: DoL website:

<http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/lmr/lmr-migration-factsheet.asp>

**Fun Facts:** Click on the following link to get to [100 Māori words every New Zealander should know](#).

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## What's on?

- **A new website with links to all settlement support initiatives has been launched by the Department of Labour. Click on the link below:**  
<http://www.ssnz.govt.nz/>
- **Job Search workshops – on the last Wednesday of every month Starting January 27<sup>th</sup> 2010. Time - 9:30am**  
For those newcomers who are looking for a job. Venue is the ARMS Manukau Resource Centre, 6 Osterley Way, Manukau. To register Ph: 09 - 263 5490
- **LAW IN OUR COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME** - Services provided by the Otara Law Centre, Mangere Law Centre and Nga Ture Kaitiaki Community Law Centre. For more contact details follow the link:  
[http://www.communitylaw.org.nz/Auckland\\_53.0.html](http://www.communitylaw.org.nz/Auckland_53.0.html) or call 09 263 5490 for more details.
- **GST Clinics** – every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month between 10am and 1pm. This is for newcomers who require one on one advice on Tax matters. To book an appointment please phone 263 5490.

For more events in Manukau visit:

<http://www.manukau.govt.nz/EN/Events/EventsCalendar/Pages/Home.aspx>

The Manukau Migrant Resource centre will be closed from 12noon 24<sup>th</sup> December 2009 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

We will open from 9am on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010

## Job Search Corner for New and Returning Kiwis



OMEGA (Opportunities for Migrant Employment in Greater Auckland) is an organisation which works to see the greater Auckland region prosper by fully engaging the contributions of skilled immigrants, and by helping bring an end to workplace skill shortages. Recognising the barriers new Kiwis face when entering the New Zealand job market, OMEGA facilitates a series practical programmes to remove these barriers, and increase the employment of skilled immigrants – in jobs that match their qualifications and experience. At the same time OMEGA helps businesses to productively harness the valuable talents, skills and diversity immigrants bring with them. OMEGA's flagship Mentoring Programme matches new, skilled immigrants with professionals in a similar industry to leverage information, networks and advice that lead to suitable employment. The OMEGA Internship Programme provides fixed-term work for skilled immigrants, through three to six month paid internships, thereby affording them experience in the New Zealand workplace. For more information visit: [www.omega.org.nz](http://www.omega.org.nz).

For more information on jobs on line and Labour market updates, click on the following link:

<http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/jol/report/index.asp>

The following websites are useful for job seekers and those who are considering starting a business:

<http://www.newkiwis.co.nz/>

[http://www2.careers.govt.nz/new\\_to\\_nz.html](http://www2.careers.govt.nz/new_to_nz.html)

<http://www.ird.govt.nz/images/flash/tfb/>

For more information, follow the web link above or get in touch with the Settlement Support Coordinator on **Tel: 09 262 5983**



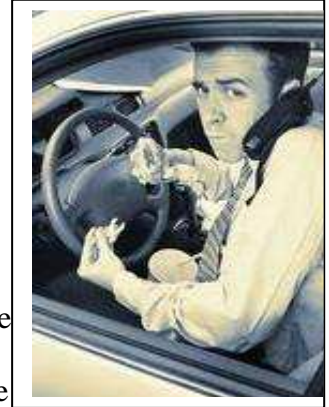
## **Changes in New Zealand Law 2009's Land Transport (Road User) Amendment Rule**

### **Ban on use of mobile phones while driving**

Effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, New Zealand drivers have been prohibited to text or talk on a handheld cell phone while they are driving. Any motorist violating this rule will attract an \$80 fine and 20 demerit points.

Motorists are allowed to use hands – free devices or two way radios. Drivers may, while driving a vehicle, use a mobile phone to make, receive, or terminate a telephone call if it is secured in a mounting fixed to the vehicle or fully voice activated. In such cases the driver can manipulate the phone only infrequently and briefly.

Exemption is given for 111 or \* 555 calls made under genuine emergencies, if it is unsafe or impractical for the driver to stop to make the call. **The rules apply even when stopped at a traffic light.**



### **Other changes in the Road User Rules**

Now motorcyclists and moped riders are required to ride with their headlights switched on all the time, including daylight hours to increase their visibility to other road users. The only exemption given is, for motorbikes made before 1980.

Another amendment requires the motorists to give way to pedestrians, if they are obviously waiting at a pedestrian crossing. Earlier motorists had to give way only when the pedestrian was actually crossing.

Bus lane rules have also been made more stringent, aimed at reducing user time of bus lane by motorists. Now drivers can only enter the lane less than 50 meters from the point of exit.

### **Criminal Investigations (Bodily Samples) Amendment Bill**

Under a law passed by the parliament on 28/ 10 2009, the police will have wider powers to take DNA samples. The bill will be implemented in stages.

In the first stage, the police can take DNA samples from people charged with a wider range of serious offences, more than the current category.

In the second stage, effective from 2011, the police have been empowered to obtain samples from anyone, whom they intend to charge with an offence punishable with imprisonment.

A defining feature of this bill is that, now the police need neither the consent of the person nor prior judicial permission to take body samples.

This information has been taken from the internet.

If you wish to have further details please look at these website:<http://www/howtolaw.co.nz>.

If you would like further information or advice in any area of Law call the Mangere Community Law Centre: (09)275 4310.





## Free New English Programme for Migrants

**Your future starts now**



Get Ahead Start is a 12 month, free education programme. It helps make positive changes in your ability to read, write and work with numbers, and in your health, work and relationships.

### **Get Ahead Start will help you to:**

- communicate with family, friends and workmates
- understand and reply to letters, notices and forms
- make sense of numbers
- look for more education & training
- apply for work or change your work.

### **It's especially helpful if you:**

- want to improve your reading skills
- need to increase your basic maths
- gain communication skills for study, work or home.

To enrol you need to be 18 years or older. The programme is open to migrants and refugees with permanent residence.

The course is part-time and home-based. To help you and keep you motivated you will meet with your tutor once a week in a small group. Shortly after enrolling, you receive a pack of learning material (at no cost to you). There are three packs in total. Each one is full of resources such as workbooks, DVDs, books and journals to help with learning.







You need to be committed to complete the course and as you complete each topic you receive a Record of Completion. At the end of the programme you receive the Open Polytechnic Certificate and Foundation Communications.

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## 2010 Orientation Workshops and Activities at Manukau Resource Centre

<p>9:30am -3:00pm Wednesdays ( 2010)</p> <p>27 January 24<sup>th</sup> February, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 26<sup>th</sup> May , 23<sup>rd</sup> June</p>	<p><b>Job Search Workshop for Migrants and Refugees</b></p> 	<p><i>FREE</i> workshop to assist you with your Job Search</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Zealand employment culture and labour market</li> <li>• Kiwi job search skills and finding employment in Auckland</li> <li>• Kiwi style CV and interview skills</li> <li>• Job search and workplace language skills</li> </ul>
<p>9.30am- 12.30pm Tuesdays (2010)</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> February, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> July 21<sup>st</sup> September</p>	<p><b>IRD Workshop</b></p> 	<p>Settling into a new country is not easy. We are here to help you find relevant information and services that may require settling well. Come to this 3-hour workshop where you will learn and get your questions answered by specialized IRD Business tax facilitators.</p>
<p>10:00am to 1:00pm Thursdays</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May 10<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> July , 12<sup>th</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p><b>Business Taxation Clinic</b></p> 	<p>This Clinic will give you the opportunity to meet with specialist from IRD individually for consultation on Income Tax, GST, PAYE and Kiwi Saver.</p> <p><b>Make an appointment and see our friendly taxation specialist for help</b></p>
<p>10.00am - 3.30pm</p> <p>6- 8 April 14-16 June 26- 28 October 13-15 December</p>	<p><b>Finding a Job: Chamber of Commerce 3-day Workshop</b></p> 	<p>Practical job search advice on the New Zealand job market for migrants new to New Zealand or for those who are underemployed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a kiwi- style CV</li> <li>• Research your industry and occupation</li> <li>• Share experience with other New kiwis</li> <li>• Develop a winning job search strategy just for you</li> </ul>
<p>10.00am – 12 noon Fridays ( 2010)</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> January, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> May 25<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p><b>Settlement Information</b></p>  <p><b>Meeting</b></p>	<p>These sessions have arisen from the need to provide settlement information in a forum where newcomers can have dialogue and network with other newcomers. These are in collaboration with IRD, Work and Income, SSNZ, CAB, Education and Health</p>
<p>9:30am to 2:30pm</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> February</p>	<p><b>Accountants' Workshop</b></p>	<p>Come to the workshop and find out about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NZ employer's perspective on accounting skills,</li> <li>• What to expect from a recruitment agency,</li> <li>• Recruitment and interview processes.</li> <li>• NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants</li> <li>• Workplace related language issues.</li> </ul>
<p> For more information or to register for an event telephone Auckland Regional Migrant Services on Ph: 092635490 or email: <a href="mailto:manukau@arms-mrc.org.nz">manukau@arms-mrc.org.nz</a> or fax 092635491 <a href="http://www.arms-mrc.org.nz">www.arms-mrc.org.nz</a></p>		

Wishing you a safe and happy festive season!

### 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 feel free to share the newsletter with your networks.

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