



## Update 10 (May 2011)

### **Kia ora!**

What a busy couple of months since our last update. Like so many of you we were inspired by the innovative thinking and passion for community that flowed throughout the New Zealand Community Economic Development Conference last month. For those of you who couldn't attend, the conference content is available [here](#).

There is plenty going on in May with a number of events organised to allow for feedback on **The Auckland Plan** discussion document '[Auckland Unleashed](#)'. We have put together a calendar with important dates and encourage anyone who can to get along to these events – the more community voices the better! Based on feedback from past ACDA events we have started to gather key messages communities want Council to hear with regard to the Auckland Plan. It is only in draft and we would love to hear your comments and thoughts before we collate a submission on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Read below to see how you or your organisation can provide feedback on the plan that will shape how Auckland develops over the next 30 years!

In other news ACDA is excited to have recently secured funding to create a website to provide a way for community groups in the Auckland region to be better connected. This update includes information on how you can be part of the Steering Group for this exciting new website.

All the best as you continue your work with communities throughout Auckland and as always please feel free to email us with your local and regional events to forward on to our database.

### *ACDA Establishment Group*

#### **A Discussion Document on Auckland's Spatial Plan for the Next 30 Years**

'Auckland Unleashed' is the title of the discussion document that sets out the ideas and initial proposals that will go towards creating the Auckland Plan.

The Auckland Plan (Auckland Spatial Plan) will be of huge importance to how Auckland develops over the next 30 years. It will influence the way our transport, water, waste and energy infrastructure is built and services provided. It will also influence the built form and urban design of our city and the quality of life, wellbeing and inclusion of the people who live here.

ACDA strongly believes that achieving cohesive and strong communities at all scales is critical to successfully maximising the opportunity the Auckland Plan provides to renew, transform and change Auckland, as well as to achieving the goal of making Auckland the most liveable city in the world, now and into the future. It is vital, then, that **the Auckland Plan places communities and community development at the centre**. Communities are the common denominator across the key identified focus areas of the Auckland economy, the natural environment, the transport system and Auckland as a tourist destination.

Drawing on the information gathered at both the April 2010 forum and the December 2010 Summit, ACDA has gathered a series of key messages communities want Council to hear with regard to the Auckland Plan (please see attachment). This is in draft and we would love you to hear your comments and thoughts by email to [info@acda.org.nz](mailto:info@acda.org.nz). We will collate these into a submission on the morning of May 31<sup>st</sup> on behalf of ACDA.

We would also like to invite you to email your submissions to us to share on our website so other communities can comment and add their voices to yours.

### How to make your own submission

Submissions can be posted to Freepost Authority 237170, Auckland Council, The Auckland Plan, Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142 emailed to [theaucklandplan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:theaucklandplan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) or completed [online](#).

Submissions close **4pm Tuesday, 31 May 2011**. Don't forget to include your contact details and indicate whether you would like to speak to the council face to face in support of your submission.

### 'Auckland Unleashed' community meetings

A number of meetings have been organised throughout May to allow community feedback on the Auckland Plan discussion document.

### Ethnic Peoples voices on Auckland Unleashed

Auckland Council and the Ethnic Peoples Advisory Panel invite you to attend an afternoon forum on how we can meet the Mayor's vision of Auckland becoming the most liveable city in the world:

- Saturday 14 May, Alexandra Park, Greenlane from 1pm-4.30pm [Register](#)
- Saturday 21 May, Henderson Service Centre, Waitakere from 1pm-4.30pm [Register](#)

### Disabled Peoples voices on Auckland Unleashed

A forum for Disabled Peoples voices on Auckland Unleashed will take place on Tuesday 17 May, Western Springs Garden Community Centre from 3pm-5.30pm [Register](#)

### Pacific Fono

Auckland Council's Pacific People's Advisory Panel and the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs will be hosting four fono. There are two more still to come in May:

- Thursday 12 May, Te Puke o Tara, Otara [Register](#)
- Monday 16 May, Fairway Lodge, Takapuna [Register](#)

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|  | <u>MAY</u>   | <u>Wed 11</u>   | <u>Thurs 12</u><br>Pacific Fono on<br>Auckland<br>Unleashed | <u>Fri 13</u> | <u>Sat 14</u><br>Ethnic peoples<br>voices on<br>Auckland<br>Unleashed | <u>Sun 15</u> |
| <u>Mon 16</u><br>Pacific Fono<br>on Auckland<br>Unleashed          | <u>Tues 17</u><br>Disabled<br>peoples voices<br>on Auckland<br>Unleashed | <u>Wed 18</u>   | <u>Thurs 19</u>   | <u>Fri 20</u> | <u>Sat 21</u><br>Ethnic peoples<br>voices on<br>Auckland<br>Unleashed | <u>Sun 22</u> |
| <u>Mon 23</u><br>IPANZ<br>People and<br>Quality of<br>Life seminar | <u>Tues 24</u>   | <u>Wed 25</u>   | <u>Thurs 26</u>   | <u>Fri 27</u> | <u>Sat 28</u>   | <u>Sun 29</u> |
| <u>Mon 30</u>  | <u>Tues 31</u><br>Auckland<br>Unleashed<br>submissions<br>close 4pm      | <u>JUNE Wed 1</u><br>Mayoral<br>Communities<br>Summit |   |               |   |               |

### People and Quality of Life seminar

IPANZ Auckland and ACDA with the support of Auckland Council and a number of local thought leaders are presenting a four part series designed to encourage people not just to get engaged but to be courageous in building a vision for the future of Auckland.

The third seminar in the series brings together leading speakers from Auckland's Research, Community and Philanthropic networks to address the theme of People and Quality of Life in the Auckland Spatial Plan

- Monday 23 May, Kensington Swan, 18 Viaduct Harbour Avenue, Auckland from 5pm-7pm.

For more information on presenters and to register click [here](#). This is a free event!

### A Website for the Community Sector in Auckland – What is on your Wish List?

ACDA has received some funding to create a website to provide a way for community groups in the Auckland region to be better connected, better informed about each other, and able to share information more easily and selectively (according to interests and needs).

You are invited to share your thoughts about how we go about this, including deciding how it will be governed and what features it should have.

The first meeting will be Wednesday June 1 at the Oranga Community Centre (at the base of One Tree Hill in Fergusson Domain at 52c Waitangi Road) from 9:30-12, followed by a light lunch. Please let us know if you will be coming (for catering purposes) or if you can't come but want to be on the list to be notified of future developments: [admin@aweaa.org.nz](mailto:admin@aweaa.org.nz)

### 'New Vulnerable' Panel discussion

Children and families are the ones that are suffering the most from poverty in New Zealand. Foodbanks and budgeting support agencies report a doubling of the number of people seeking help over the past three years.

The 'New Vulnerable' are the focus of a panel discussion at Community Forum this month. The forum is organised by North Shore Community and Social Services and speakers include:

- Metiria Turei (Green's co-leader)
- Pam Apera (Glenfield Beneficiary Advisor)
- Linden Kenyon (North Shore Salvation Army welfare coordinator)

The meeting is on Wednesday 18th May from 12 - 2pm and will be held at the Taitamariki Hall in Auburn Street, Takapuna. For more information and to RSVP, please phone 486-4820 or email [info@nscss.org.nz](mailto:info@nscss.org.nz)

### ACDA membership

Even with some short term partial funding, ACDA is still largely run on the volunteer energy of the Establishment Group. Please help support the work we are doing by becoming an ACDA member and completing the [membership form](#). You can join as an individual, or a community sector organisation. We are of course seeking other funding, but for now membership funds are critical to ensuring ACDA can continue the work we have started!

Best regards,

**The ACDA Establishment Group**

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