



FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to provide you with this final report on New Zealand's strategy for the International Year of Older Persons 1999.

The report illustrates the many achievements of communities around New Zealand in contributing to positive outcomes for the Year. I have been impressed by the special projects and programmes that took place during 1999. There is no doubt that the work done by communities has significantly raised awareness of the value of older people and the contributions they make to their families and communities.

The United Nations theme for 1999 was *Towards a society for all ages*. The many intergenerational programmes listed in the report demonstrate New Zealanders' commitment to this vision of a society that embraces people of all ages.

It is pleasing to see the participation of government agencies through a wide range of innovative and challenging initiatives that have raised the profile of older people's issues and contributed to productive policy developments.

I am committed to continuing the valuable work that was undertaken throughout 1999. A National Co-ordinator has been appointed to my Senior Citizens Unit to carry on the work with communities and I have already directed that work be commenced on the development of a Positive Ageing Strategy. I am confident that this will ensure that New Zealand is well placed in meeting the challenges of the expected demographic changes and the diverse needs of all New Zealanders into the 21st century.

Hon Lianne Dalziel
Minister for Senior Citizens





Executive Summary

The United Nations General Assembly decided to observe the year 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons, providing an opportunity to promote positive attitudes to ageing and older people, and to highlight the need to prepare for an ageing population. The United Nations theme of the Year was *Towards a society for all ages*.



The International Year of Older Persons provided an opportunity for Government to work in partnership with the community to promote positive attitudes to ageing and reinforce the value of older people in New Zealand society. Government funding was provided for community projects and events, and 34 government departments and 45 Crown entities undertook activities which supported the aims of the Year. Government funded a research project to assist future policy development to meet the needs of an ageing population.

The New Zealand Government allocated funding of \$500,000 (GST exclusive), (\$562,500 GST inclusive) for the observance of the International Year of Older Persons in New Zealand. The main features of the national strategy for the observance of the Year were:

- to implement the two main objectives for the International Year of Older Persons in New Zealand, which were:
 - *promoting positive attitudes to ageing and older people*
 - *preparing for an ageing population*
- the development of a New Zealand logo and theme, *Valuing Older People*, to link events and activities



- a focus on three key dates during the Year
- funding (GST exclusive) directed as follows:
 - \$250,000 for community projects
 - \$120,000 for a communication strategy
 - \$50,000 for a research project
 - \$80,000 for administration of the national strategy
- a specific Lottery Grants Board fund of \$250,000 to support community activities
- all government departments and Crown entities were requested to identify relevant projects or parts of projects as part of the Government's contribution to the Year

The Senior Citizens Unit of the Department of Social Welfare was the United Nations national focal point for the Year and was responsible for implementing the national strategy (Since 1 October 1999 the Senior Citizens Unit has been part of the Ministry of Social Policy which devolved out of the Department). The Unit worked closely with community organisations representing older people's interests, to fully participate in the United Nations theme *Towards a society for all ages*.

Establishment of local volunteer community co-ordinators, through older people's and iwi/Māori organisations, was an essential component of the national strategy. The role of the co-ordinators was to mobilise communities and encourage activities at a local level. The success of their work is evident in the number of activities that took place

during the International Year of Older Persons, as listed in the Calendar of Event.

An important outcome of the national strategy has been the strengthening of community networks, including the development of positive relationships and understanding between generations. These relationships provide the foundation for continuing a number of activities that were undertaken during 1999 and for developing further initiatives to strengthen and enhance communities.





United Nations International Year of Older Persons 1999

In 1992 the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 47/5 which proclaimed 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons. New Zealand co-sponsored subsequent resolutions on the International Year of Older Persons in the General Assembly and delivered a statement in support of the International Year.

The overall objective of the Year was the promotion of the United Nations Principles for Older Persons which address quality of life of older persons, including independence, participation, care, self-fulfilment, and dignity.¹

The United Nations theme for the Year was *Towards a society for all ages*, to include participation for all generations and many sectors and organisations. Member States were asked to nominate a lead agency, or focal point for the Year, to co-ordinate activities within their country. The New Zealand focal point was the Senior Citizens Unit of the Department of Social Welfare.

The United Nations officially launched the International Year of Older Persons on 1 October 1998, and the Year continued until 31 December 1999.

New Zealand strategy

In New Zealand, funding of \$500,000 (GST exclusive) (\$562,500 GST inclusive) was allocated by Government for the national observance of the International Year of Older Persons. The Senior Citizens Unit of the Department of Social Welfare was responsible for the

development and implementation of a national strategy for the Year.

This report summarises New Zealand's observance of the International Year of Older Persons, providing details on each of the main components of the national strategy, which were:

- to implement the two main objectives for the International Year of Older Persons in New Zealand:
 - *promoting positive attitudes to ageing and older people*
 - *preparing for an ageing population*
- the development of a New Zealand logo and theme to link events and activities
- a focus on three key dates during the Year
- funding (GST exclusive) directed as follows:
 - \$250,000 for community projects
 - \$120,000 for a communication strategy
 - \$50,000 for a research project
 - \$80,000 for administration of the national strategy
- the Lottery Grants Board to consider establishing a specific fund for the Year
- all Government departments and Crown entities were requested to identify relevant projects or parts of projects as part of the Government's contribution to the Year

Objectives

The objectives for the International Year of Older Persons in New Zealand were:

- *promoting positive attitudes to ageing and older people*
- *preparing for an ageing population*

These objectives supported the United Nations theme *Towards a society for all*

¹ Refer Appendix 1.



ages, and were sufficiently broad to encompass a wide range of activities and initiatives, and to encourage the involvement of all older people, as well as younger generations. In addition, they incorporated a number of key messages which supported Government's commitment to strengthening families, which were promoted during the International Year of Older Persons. These key messages include:

- valuing older people
- promoting independence
- promoting greater participation and integration of older people in our society
- recognising the contributions of older people
- promoting intergenerational activities with older people



New Zealand logo and theme

The New Zealand version of the United Nations logo for the International Year of Older Persons was launched by the Minister for Senior Citizens on the International Day of Older Persons, 1 October 1998. The New Zealand logo has both English and Māori language wording and includes “NZ” in the graphic.

In addition to supporting the United Nations theme of *Towards a Society for All Ages*, a specific theme was developed for New Zealand:

“*Valuing Older People*
– *Kaingakautia nga Kaumātua*”

Co-ordination and administration of the national strategy

The Senior Citizens Unit of the Department of Social Welfare was responsible for developing and implementing the national strategy for the International Year of Older Persons.

The International Year of Older Persons project was managed from within the Unit's existing resources, with additional funding of \$80,000 (GST exclusive) provided for administration and co-ordination costs. A proportion of this funding was used to employ a part-time Communications Co-ordinator for the Year, to maintain links with community organisations and co-ordinate the communication and information strategy.

Support provided from other areas within the Department of Social Welfare included expert advice to assist the community project funding process, database administration, financial accounting services, communication, publicity and postal services.

Appendix 2 details expenditure of the \$500,000 (GST exclusive) (\$562,500 GST inclusive) allocated for the national strategy for the International Year of Older Persons.



Key dates

Three key dates were identified to focus activities on particular aspects of the theme. The focus of each of the three key dates, and the major events undertaken, were:

1 February 1999: “Valuing the contributions of older people – Te kaingākau ki te wāhi ka taea e te hunga kaumātua”

February 1 was the first of the three key dates agreed for the Year. This date coincided with the removal of an upper age limit to provisions in the Human Rights Act 1993 prohibiting discrimination in the workplace on the basis of age. The focus around this time was on productive ageing and valuing the contributions of older people.

The major events undertaken were conferences, hosted by the Human Rights Commission, in Auckland and Wellington on March 10 and 12 respectively. Issues arising out of the changes in legislation and employment issues for those aged 45 years and over were examined. The conferences targeted employers, employment agencies, policy-makers and researchers, and included speakers from Australia who discussed the impact of recent similar legislation in that country.

The oldest British Olympic competitor was Hilda Johnstone who was aged 70 when she took part in the equestrian dressage in the 1972 Games in Munich, Germany. 

15 May 1999: “Valuing relationships between young and old – Te kaingākau ki te whanaungatanga i waenganui i te rangatahi me te kaumātua”

The United Nations International Day of the Family is celebrated on this day, providing an opportunity to reinforce Government’s commitment to strengthening families and valuing the role of older people in family/whanau. Activities in May had an intergenerational focus.



On 18 May, the Minister for Senior Citizens, with the assistance of the Minister of Education, launched the “LinkAge” handbook at the Beehive. The launch was attended by school principals from the Wellington region, representatives of older people’s organisations and other non-government and government agencies. It received national media interest.

The LinkAge handbook provides guidelines on establishing and maintaining intergenerational programmes, particularly within schools.



It was developed by the Senior Citizens Unit of the Department of Social Welfare in collaboration with Age Concern Hamilton, a number of schools in the Waikato and Wainuiomata, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Te Puni Kokiri. Following the launch, copies of the LinkAge handbook were distributed to the 2,800 primary and secondary schools throughout New Zealand, and to all branches of the key national older people's and other community organisations.

Approximately 3,100 copies in total were distributed in 1999.


1 October 1999: "Celebrating the value of older people – Te whakanui i te uara o te hunga kaumātua"

The United Nations International Day of Older Persons was the grand finale to celebrate the value of older people. Activities around that time focused on the theme of "*Celebrating the value of older people: Te whakanui i te uara o te hunga kaumātua*" and the day was marked by local celebrations throughout New Zealand. The Tower Senior Achievers Awards, which recognise and honour the role and voluntary contribution of older people in society, were presented at Government House on this day.

One of the key international events for the International Year of Older Persons was the World Health Organisation's Global Embrace. This was a worldwide walk event timed to follow daylight around the world and continue for an entire day. In New Zealand, the Hillary Commission for Sport, Fitness and

Leisure worked with its Regional Sports Trusts and Age Concern to plan walks in a number of locations and link with the Global Embrace. More than 3,500 people joined the walk in 37 cities and towns throughout New Zealand.

*D*ame Whina Cooper was 79 years old when she led a 1,100 km land rights march through the North Island.



Community positive ageing projects

Funding of \$281,250 (GST inclusive) (\$250,000 GST exclusive) was allocated for community projects which met the following criteria required by Government:

- relevant to the themes and objectives of the International Year of Older Persons
- had practical and enduring outcomes
- did not require ongoing funding from the Government
- were to be completed before 1 October 1999

The Minister for Senior Citizens announced the 24 successful applicants, spread from the Far North to Invercargill, on 15 January 1999. A brief description of each of the projects to receive funding is provided in Appendix 3.

Key older people's organisations were consulted about the kinds of projects they would like to see funded during the International Year of Older Persons. The representatives of Age Concern NZ, the Alzheimers Society, Grey Power NZ, the Mature Employment Support Services Association, the Retired Persons Association, SeniorNet, and the University of the Third Age



recommended that priority be given to funding the following types of projects:

- activities involving older people
- displays and exhibitions
- publications and audio-visual productions
- information and other resources
- workshops/seminars/hui

Applications for funding within the range of \$5,000 to \$20,000 were open to non-profit organisations which were legal entities. In October 1998, over 2,000 preliminary notices were sent to community organisations advertising the availability of funding. Over 500 copies of the *Funding Guidelines* and the *Funding Application Form* were sent out in response to requests from organisations, resulting in over 250 applications being received by the closing date of 27 November 1998.

The applications were considered by the Advisory Council for Senior Citizens, which made recommendations for approval to the Minister for Senior Citizens. Recommendations took into account:

- geographical distribution of projects
- balance between projects undertaken at a national and community level
- representation of applications by iwi/Maori groups
- representation of applications by Pacific peoples and other ethnic groups

Funding for the successful applicants was distributed in two instalments – up to 70% in February 1999 on completion of a letter of agreement; and the balance in July 1999 on receipt of a progress report.

On completion of the projects, each

successful organisation provided a final report to the Senior Citizens Unit, summarising the activities undertaken and evaluating the success of the project in meeting its objectives.

Lottery Grants Board funding

The Lottery Grants Board allocated \$250,000 to a specific fund for the International Year of Older Persons, administered by the Lottery Aged Committee. The Senior Citizens Unit and Lottery officials worked together to ensure that complementary criteria and applications processes for this fund and the government funding for the Year were put in place. Applications for the Lottery fund closed on 15 February 1999.

A total of 200 applications seeking \$1,550,000 were considered by the Lottery Aged Committee on 31 March 1999. Of those, 108 applications received grants ranging from \$250 to \$11,000. Most of the successful projects were celebratory-type events such as kaumātua balls, luncheons for older volunteers, concerts, festivals and information days.

At age 102 years, Florence Laine of Christchurch was the oldest person in the world to make a hot air balloon trip.

Research on maintaining independence in older age

As part of the national observance of the International Year of Older Persons, Government allocated \$56,250 (GST inclusive) (\$50,000 GST exclusive) for a specific research project to investigate and identify factors that allow older



people to remain independent. Gray Matter Research successfully tendered for the research project, which was jointly managed by the Senior Citizens Unit and the Research Unit of the Ministry of Social Policy.

The research project has been completed and the final report provided to the Senior Citizens Unit. The Ministry of Social Policy has published the report, combined with the literature review. The findings of the research will be useful in the development of policy to meet the needs of an ageing population.

Methodology

Information for the research was gathered in four main ways, as follows:

Literature review – relevant New Zealand and overseas literature was reviewed and census data used to identify significant trends.

Interviews with key informants – information was obtained through personal or telephone interviews with approximately 24 experts or people working with older people from throughout New Zealand.

Focus group discussions with older people – 51 people aged 50-90 years took part in a total of eight focus groups in Taranaki, Taihape, Kapiti and Wellington.

Personal stories from older people and caregivers – 73 letters were received in response to publicity about the research project which was included in the first information kit for the International Year of Older Persons.

Findings

The report identifies and discusses the

following important personal factors and environmental factors that affect the independence of older people:

<i>Personal Factors</i>	<i>Environmental Factors</i>
Attitudes of older people	Attitudes towards older people
Social networks	Housing
Health and wellness issues	Transport and local amenities
Financial circumstances	Security
Paid work	Technology

The report reviews the services available that help maintain the independence of older people, with specific comment on those available for older people with disabilities, and their carers.

Observations and suggestions on ways to improve access to services and better meet the needs of older people are offered, with personal anecdotes from respondents. These provide powerful illustrations of shortcomings experienced by older people and their families. These sections demonstrate how some minor changes to service delivery, particularly within the health sector, could have a significant impact on improving outcomes for older people. The availability of good information about services, for example, is one area that is identified as in need of improvement.

The report ends by identifying “critical support issues” for older people, with recommendations for Government action under each of these areas. They are listed in order of priority:

- positive attitudes to ageing



- income
- support with personal health needs and needs arising from disability and degenerative conditions
- housing and security
- access to transport
- recreation, education and use of public amenities

Other recommendations are provided relating to: co-ordination and partnership, research gaps, addressing Māori issues, addressing issues for Pacific people, and building a long-term consensus on critical issues.

Future use

The purpose of the research is to contribute to policy development in response to an ageing population. The report offers practical and often simple suggestions, from a consumer perspective, on ways to improve the ability of older people in New Zealand to maintain their independence. Further, it prioritises “critical support issues”, with recommendations for action which reflect the level of importance respondents suggested should be given by Government in order to improve outcomes for older people.

The research report, and its recommendations, can be used to positively inform policy development for older people and for an ageing population. Planning is currently under way within the Ministry of Social Policy for the development of a strategic policy framework for an ageing population. The information in the research report will be a useful resource. The project will also involve wide community and interdepartmental collaboration.

Communication strategy

Approximately \$167,000 (GST inclusive) was used to fund the communication strategy for the International Year of Older Persons. The purpose of the strategy was to provide information about events planned for the Year, and to increase awareness about positive ageing and the ways older people contribute to the community.

The main components of the communication strategy were:

- production of poster, badges and folders to promote the logo
- distribution of information and resources through mailouts
- establishment of local volunteer community co-ordinators
- establishment of a website
- development of a calendar of events



- ongoing liaison with key older people's organisations
- publicity and information through other agencies

Information mailouts

More than 20,000 information kits promoting the International Year of Older Persons were developed and distributed by the Senior Citizens Unit. There were four general mailouts – in October 1998 and around each of the three key dates during 1999.

A special mailout was also sent to schools in December 1998 through the *Education Gazette*. Every school in New Zealand received a copy of the poster developed for the Year, and a list of ideas for school projects. A number of schools organised classroom projects and other activities focusing on older people.

The content of the information kits was tailored to the particular theme of each of the key dates, and included resources such as fact sheets, posters, suggestions for activities, information about planned events, updates on the community projects, and contact details for additional information. Contributions from other organisations such as the Human Rights Commission, the Retirement Commissioner, Tower Senior Achievers Charitable Trust and Age Concern were also included.

The information kits were distributed to a broad range of organisations including older people's organisations, community organisations, Pacific peoples and other ethnic organisations, youth and tertiary institutions, private sector, public sector, local government (including mayors), Safer Community Councils, community

development advisers, libraries and media, and public relations and marketing agencies. Copies were also sent to the United Nations, national focal points of other countries and international older people's organisations.

Māori language versions of each of the kits were produced and distributed to iwi/Māori groups and organisations through Te Puni Kokiri district offices.

Location of NZ volunteer community co-ordinators



Local volunteer community co-ordinators

Twenty-nine volunteer community co-ordinators (VCCs) for the Year were established in locations throughout New Zealand. The role of the VCCs was to encourage involvement in activities at the local level and to ensure that the Senior Citizens Unit received information about planned community events.



The VCCs were nominated through older people's and iwi/Māori organisations, and an initial grant of \$500 was provided to each nominating organisation for reimbursement of the volunteers' expenses. A further grant of \$1,000 each was later provided to contribute to local events for the grand finale on 1 October 1999. During the year, the Senior Citizens Unit maintained regular contact with the VCCs, providing administrative and other support.

The VCCs played a critical role in developing networks within their communities and encouraging activities at the local level. The success of their work is evident in the number of activities that took place during the International Year of Older Persons, as listed in the Calendar of Events (Appendix 5). The community networks and positive relationships developed between various groups and individuals in their communities are significant achievements which will continue beyond the International Year of Older Persons.

In November 1999, the Minister for Senior Citizens hosted a function at the Beehive during which certificates of appreciation were presented to the VCCs. A list of the Volunteer Community Co-ordinators is provided in Appendix 4.

Website

A New Zealand website for the International Year of Older Persons was launched in November 1998, with the address www.iyop.govt.nz. The site detailed information about the national strategy for the Year, including the key dates and themes, and ideas for

Golda Meir was Prime Minister of Israel for five years before she resigned at age 75.

involvement, as well as suggested projects for schools. A calendar of events was regularly updated, with information on planned activities available on a geographic basis. Information on the community projects that received government funding was also displayed. The site contained direct e-mail contact with the Senior Citizens Unit for people seeking additional information, and a number of government and non-government agencies established hyperlinks from their websites to the IYOP site.

Information about selected departmental and Crown entity activities was also included. The cost of establishing and maintaining the website over two years was about \$8,500 (GST inclusive).

The site attracted an average of more than 400 users per month. For the period November 1998 to March 2000, about 51% of users were from New Zealand, 22% were from the United States, 3% were from Australia and 2% were from Canada. The number and international spread of users progressively increased during 1999, with a total of 25 countries accessing the site. The site will remain active until October 2000.

Liaison with key older people's organisations

The Senior Citizens Unit held regular planning meetings with representatives of Age Concern NZ, Grey Power NZ, the Mature Employment Support Services Association, the University of the Third



Age, the Alzheimers Society, the Retired Persons Association, and SeniorNet. Meetings were also held with other key community organisations and several representatives from the private sector.

Communication with iwi/Māori

Information kits for the Year were produced with key phrases and information in te reo Māori. As its contribution to the Year, the Māori Language Commission checked the translations before the kits were distributed to iwi/Māori groups and organisations through Te Puni Kokiri's 15 district offices. Te Puni Kokiri also assisted with the establishment of iwi/Māori local community contacts. This strategy resulted in a number of activities for the Year being planned by iwi/Māori.

Communication with Pacific peoples

The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs undertook responsibility for communication with Pacific peoples about the International Year of Older Persons. The Ministry promoted the Year with Pacific peoples' groups and distributed information through its extensive networks.

Communication with rural people

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry publicised the International Year of Older Persons in the *Rural Bulletin*, which reaches networks of more than 200,000 rural people.

Publicity and information through other agencies

A number of agencies, both government and non-government, publicised the International Year of Older Persons, and activities during the Year, through

externally distributed and in-house publications, and through other means. As an example, the Retirement Commissioner included the logo and information about the Year in publicity released by his Office during 1999.

Media

Most media interest in the International Year of Older Persons was at the local level, and focused on reporting local activities or publishing information contained in the Senior Citizens Unit's information kits for the Year. At a national level there were several television and radio interviews on current affair and magazine-type programmes, with the LinkAge guidelines in particular attracting national media interest.

United Nations and international communication

As the national focal point for the Year, the Senior Citizens Unit maintained regular communication with the United Nations, through receiving regular bulletins of international information and providing progress reports and information about New Zealand's activities. The Unit also received information direct from other countries and international organisations.





Government department and Crown entity activities

Government agencies were requested to identify and undertake activities in support of the International Year of Older Persons. The following range of suggested activities was identified in a series of workshops hosted by the Senior Citizens Unit in July and August 1998.

Government Policy

- Strategic planning – as part of departmental strategic planning exercises, agencies could include consideration of the effects of an ageing population on policy development and service delivery.
- Research – research projects undertaken or funded by agencies could include topics or components relevant to older people and/or the ageing population.
- Funding – agencies which provide funding could give priority to projects or research that considers or includes older people, or the effect of an ageing population.

Human Resource Policy

- Employment provisions – existing employment provisions could be reviewed to encourage older employees to remain active in the workplace. Issues such as mentoring, flexibility of working hours, and family friendly policies for workers caring for older relatives could be included in the review, as could issues related to retirement planning.
- Retirement planning for all staff – activities could include workplace seminars and distribution of information produced by the Retirement Commissioner.

Communication

- Newsletters – both internal and external newsletters could include

information about the International Year of Older Persons and issues relevant to an ageing population.

- Publications – agency publications could include articles about issues or research relevant to older people and an ageing population.
- Staff debates and seminars – these could raise awareness about issues relevant to older people and an ageing population.
- Website – government agencies could include a hyperlink on their own website to connect to the International Year of Older Persons website.

Administration

- Logo – government agencies could publicise the International Year of Older Persons through use of the national logo on stationery, or newsletters and publications.
- Franking envelopes – agencies could raise awareness about the International Year of Older Persons through franking envelopes with the logo and a message about the Year.

A total of 34 government departments and 45 Crown entities reported undertaking relevant activities including policy, research, funding, human resource policy, communication and administration. Appendix 6 provides a detailed description of government agencies' contributions to the International Year of Older Persons.

Now in her 80s, Julia Child is still writing and teaching about her favourite subject – food.



Appendix 1: United Nations Principles for Older Persons

Independence

Older persons should:

- have access to adequate food, water, shelter, clothing and health care through the provision of income, family and community support and self-help
- have the opportunity to work, or to have access to other income-generating opportunities
- be able to participate in determining when, and at what pace, withdrawal from the labour force takes place
- have access to appropriate educational and training programmes
- be able to live in environments that are safe and adaptable to personal preferences and changing capacities
- be able to reside at home for as long as possible

Participation

Older persons should:

- remain integrated in society, participate actively in the formulation and implementation of policies that directly affect their well-being, and share their knowledge and skills with younger generations
- be able to seek and develop opportunities for service to the community and to serve as volunteers in positions appropriate to their interests and capabilities
- be able to form movements or associations of older persons

Care

Older persons should:

- benefit from family and community care and protection, in accordance with each society's system of cultural values

- have access to health care to help them maintain or regain the optimum level of physical, mental and emotional well-being, and prevent or delay the onset of illness
- have access to social and legal services to enhance their autonomy, protection and care
- be able to utilise appropriate levels of institutional care providing protection, rehabilitation and social and mental stimulation in a humane and secure environment
- be able to enjoy human rights and fundamental freedoms when residing in any shelter, care or treatment facility, including full respect for their dignity, beliefs, needs and privacy and for the right to make decisions about their care and the quality of their lives

Self-fulfilment

Older persons should:

- be able to pursue opportunities for the full development of their potential
- have access to the educational, cultural, spiritual and recreational resources of society

Dignity

Older persons should:

- be able to live in dignity and security and be free of exploitation and physical or mental abuse
- be treated fairly regardless of age, gender, racial or ethnic background, disability or other status, and be valued independently of their economic contribution

In the ten years prior to his death at age 76, Sir Apirana Turupa Ngata was very active in cultural and academic activities, including a revision of the Māori Bible.





Appendix 2: Budget

The New Zealand Government allocated funding of \$500,000 (GST exclusive) (\$562,500 GST inclusive) for the observance of the International Year of Older Persons in New Zealand. The funding was allocated over two financial years.

Appropriations and expenditure for the 1998/1999 and the 1999/2000 financial years are combined. Funding for administration was allocated to the Departmental account and is therefore recorded as GST exclusive. All other funding is recorded as GST inclusive.

TOTAL FUNDING		(GST incl)
Administration	(\$80,000 GST exclusive)	\$ 90,000
Communication		\$ 135,000
Research Project		\$ 56,250
Community Projects		\$ 281,250
TOTAL		\$ 562,500

EXPENDITURE

ADMINISTRATION		(GST excl)
Personnel		\$ 54,043
Travel, including VCCs airfares		\$ 10,052
Advisory Council – community funding meetings		\$ 3,011
Administration		\$ 12,894
TOTAL		\$ 80,000

COMMUNICATION		(GST incl)
Media advertising		\$ 507
Logo – design, stickers, badges		\$ 7,427
Information kit folder and poster		\$ 19,667
Letterhead 30,000		\$ 3,426
Mailouts – postage and photocopying		\$ 58,430
LinkAge folders and distribution		\$ 19,987
Human Rights Commission seminars		\$ 6,000
Website		\$ 8,654
Volunteer Community Co-ordinators		\$ 13,198
Community celebrations – grants to VCCs		\$ 26,000
Final report		\$ 3,806
TOTAL		\$ 167,102



RESEARCH PROJECT	(GST incl)
TOTAL	\$ 56,138

COMMUNITY PROJECTS	(GST incl)
Te Runanga O Whaingaroa	\$ 10,390
Mangawhai Community Trust (Northland Library)	\$ 7,000
Onepoto Awhina Incorporated	\$ 7,272
Waiata Artists Trust	\$ 10,760
Manukau Chinese New Settlers Service Trust	\$ 9,950
Mangere Community Law Office Trust	\$ 5,986
Hamilton Age Concern Council Incorporated	\$ 20,000
Te Waiariki Parea Trust (Inc)	\$ 13,000
Gisborne Community Arts Council Incorporated	\$ 12,000
Central Hawkes Bay District Council	\$ 6,892
Pukeariki Māori Women's Welfare League Charitable Trust	\$ 7,010
Open Learning Centre (Manawatu) Inc	\$ 8,803
Manawatu Sports Foundation	\$ 5,000
Masterton District Council	\$ 11,250
Senior Achievers Charitable Trust	\$ 20,000
Age Concern Wellington Incorporated	\$ 10,849
YWCA of Wellington and Hutt Valley Inc	\$ 14,800
Relationship Services Incorporated	\$ 20,000
Tasman Bays Community Broadcasting Society Inc	\$ 4,326
Nurse Maude District Nursing Association	\$ 12,000
Presbyterian Support (Upper South Island)	\$ 6,726
Central Otago REAP Incorporated	\$ 9,846
Age Concern Otago Incorporated	\$ 5,000
Age Concern Southland Incorporated	\$ 10,400
TOTAL	\$ 249,260



Appendix 3: Community Projects

Organisation/Area	Project Title/Type	Description
Te Runanga O Whaingaroa Kaeo	Te Pakiaka Intergenerational activities	Teams of kaumatua or kuia working with young students suspended from schools. Monthly activities involving exchange of skills and knowledge
Northland Library Network Whangarei	Large-print and audio books Resources	Non-funded local co-operative library operated by volunteers
Onepoto Awhina Auckland (Northcote)	Golden Years – garden project Intergenerational activities	Setting up small and community gardens for and with older people – produce for low-income older people, and involving youth and ethnic interaction
Waiata Artists Inc Trust Auckland	Legends – Our Kaumatua Resources	Intergenerational film segments for television, profiling older people
Manukau Chinese New Settlers Service Trust Auckland	Promotion of Chinese Elders in both Chinese and Pakeha communities Displays/exhibitions	Exhibitions of elders' skills including cooking arts, crafts, calligraphy, tai chi, and tai chi sword performance. Visiting and performing to local people. Aims to display skills, increase self- esteem and integrate elders
Mangere Community Law Office Trust Auckland	Voyages of Discovery for South Pacific Older Peoples Network Intergenerational workshops	Older people to go to Manukau Polytech and local colleges to learn computing, information on rights/retirement planning, record stories, songs and proverbs for families, schools and libraries
Age Concern Hamilton (national project)	A Wrinkle in Time Educational resources	Revise existing intergenerational resource kit for schools, and develop new video and worksheets for use in schools



Organisation/Area	Project Title/Type	Description
Te Waiariki Purea Trust Rotorua	Te Arawa Journey Intergenerational activities	Extension of existing successful programme for at-risk youth to undertake weekend activities with kaumatua
Gisborne Community Arts Council Gisborne	Visual and performing arts exhibitions Displays/exhibitions	Visual art exhibition of works by older people. Performing Arts Festival of older artists. Artists from community, retirement villages and residential care
Central Hawkes Bay District Library Waipawa	Computer coaching Intergenerational workshops	Computers on a bus for older rural people to learn new skills – taking technology to the people. Equipment to be hired, use of expert trainer with young people as tutors
Pukeariki Maori Women's Welfare League New Plymouth	Wahine Toa – celebrating the lives of older women Resources/celebration	Research lives of older women achievers and recognise with "This is Your Life"-type event
Te Whare Akonga – Open Learning Centre Palmerston North	Valuing Yesterday Tomorrow Intergenerational workshops	Research lives of older people – younger and older people working together learning new skills. Completed work to be displayed in public library, copies to City Archives
Sport Manawatu Palmerston North	A celebration of older people in the Manawatu Activities/displays	Large public gala event with displays by older people through sporting activities, crafts, etc and interactive activities with young
Masterton District Library Masterton	"Project packs" of facets of Wairarapa history for schools, libraries Educational resources	Using existing oral history tapes collected over 15 years. Also knowledge and stories of older people today. Leaflets/tape will be produced and presented to local primary schools



Organisation/Area	Project Title/Type	Description
Senior Achievers Charitable Trust Wellington (national project)	Promotional video of previous award winners Resource	Will seek TV screening of video. Video to be part of information pack, with other costs to be met within general promotion budget
Age Concern Wellington	Directory of assistance for older people Resource	Revision and reprint of existing directory produced in 1995. To be distributed to 10,000 older people, libraries, CABX and community organisations
YWCA Wellington & Hutt Valley Wellington	YWCA – celebrating the contribution of old and young women Displays/workshops	Displays of activities involving older women. Workshops and quiz teams with old and young women. To honour and acknowledge the work of older members and volunteers
Relationship Services Wellington (national project)	Relationship guide for older people Resource	Publish and distribute throughout New Zealand a booklet on relationships for older people and their families
Tasman Bays Community Broadcasting Society Inc Nelson	IYOP Community Access Radio Project on Fresh FM Radio programmes	Research, produce and broadcast 43 weekly 30-minute radio programmes by and for older people, including personal profiles, histories, information about social services, examining the future for older people
Nurse Maude Association Christchurch	Video guide to services for older people Resource – Video	Educational video to assist older Christchurch people, their families and carers to access services to help them maintain their independence
Presbyterian Support Christchurch	Valuing Older People Through Learning Seminars/Workshops	Monthly workshops for older people, carers and families. Topics include: Ageing is a Family Affair, Grandparenting, Older Volunteers and Volunteering with Older People, Dementia in the Family, Relationships in Retirement



Organisation/Area	Project Title/Type	Description
Central Otago REAP Alexandra	Get Involved Activities/displays	A social, educational, safety, health, leisure event for older people in Alexandra and Clyde districts. Various monthly activities including computer training, games day and Master Olympics
Age Concern Otago Dunedin	Age on the Go 1999 special programme	Age on the Go is a successful annual event. This funding is for a special programme, including a Mayoral concert
Age Concern Southland Invercargill	Golden Mile Intergenerational activity	Planting Golden Mile of daffodils along SH1 entering Invercargill, involving older people, service clubs and schools. To flower each October





Appendix 4: Volunteer Community Co-ordinators

The names of the International Year of Older Persons Volunteer Community Co-ordinators are listed in geographic order.

Name	Nominating Organisation
Margaret Ryan-Bell	Age Concern Mid-North Northland
John Ancorn	Age Concern Whangarei
Maxine Clarke	Age Concern North Shore
Liz Holstead	Age Concern Auckland
Audrey Harris	Retired Persons Association South Auckland
Florence Shearman	Te Whare Iwi Whangamata Thames Valley/Coromandel
Sandra Larsen	Age Concern Hamilton
Tony Rika	Frankton/Dinsdale Rau Awaawa Charitable Trust Hamilton
Yvonne Vere Williams	Western Bay of Plenty Grey Power
Alfred Bidois	Huria Community Care Tauranga
Kathleen Stewart	Ngati Awa Social & Health Services Trust Whakatane
Roma Cook	Rotorua District Golden Years Centre
Whare Hornfeck	Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa Rotorua
Judith Pirie	Mature Employment Support Hawkes Bay Trust
John Cunningham	New Plymouth Grey Power Association
Maikara Tapuke	Pukeariki Kaumatua Kaunihera New Plymouth
William Frith	Manawatu Grey Power
George Bowers	U3A Wanganui
John Tenquist	Wairarapa Organisation for Older Persons
Evan Thomas	Age Concern Kapiti
Margaret Wright	Age Concern Wellington
Lys Noble	Age Concern Wellington
Joan Taylor	Age Concern Wellington
Mavis Jenkins	Age Concern Nelson
Anne Hines	C.A.R.E. Greymouth
Robin Taylor	Mature Employment Service Christchurch
Ricky Mackle	AMES (SC) Charitable Trust Timaru
Norrie Duff	Age Concern Otago
Colin Schaab	Mature Occupational Support Service Southland



Appendix 5: Calendar of Events

The Senior Citizens Unit received information about the following activities that took place in New Zealand during the International Year of Older Persons. Activities are listed in geographic order, following descriptions of those undertaken at the national level.

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- During 1999** **Tower Senior Achievers Awards Video**
Promotional video of previous award winners which will be part of an information pack about the awards
- Organisers:** Tower Senior Achievers Charitable Trust
Tel: (04) 527-3118 Fax: (04) 527-4118
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- 10 & 12 March** **Conference: "Valuing the Older Worker"**
New Zealand and overseas speakers will examine current and future issues and opportunities for employers and older workers as a result of the February changes to the Human Rights Act
- Venue:** Ellerslie Convention Centre, Auckland, 10 March
Plaza International Hotel, Wellington, 12 March
- Organisers:** Human Rights Commission (09) 375-8621
- 31 March** **Television Documentary "Inside New Zealand"**
The TV3 documentary *The Last Resort* goes inside the oldest pensioners' pad in New Zealand, Parkwood Retirement Village in Waikanae, Kapiti Coast, to find out what really happens behind the rose bushes in the 10 kph zone
- 6 - 9 April** **Conference: "Challenges and Opportunities: Issues for the Millennium"**
The biennial conference of the New Zealand Association of Gerontology with both international and New Zealand speakers. Topics include lifelong learning and work, research issues, alcohol and substance abuse in old age
- Venue:** Te Papa Tongarewa Museum of New Zealand
- Organisers:** Wellington Gerontology Association and Senior Citizens Unit, Department of Social Welfare
- 13 April** **Launch of 50 plus Immigration Guide**
- Venue:** Beehive Foyer, Parliament Buildings
- Organisers:** New Zealand Immigration Service (04) 915-4222



- 18 May** **Launch of LinkAge Handbook**
 Venue: Beehive Foyer, Parliament Buildings
 Organisers: Senior Citizens Unit, Department of Social Welfare
- 30 June** **Launch of Ageing is Living**
 An education and training resource for positive ageing
 Venue: Centre for Continuing Education Te Whare Pukenga
 Organisers: Age Concern New Zealand (04) 471-2709
- July -** **Ageing is Living Workshops**
December Will be held around the country
 Details: Contact the organisers or local Age Concern Council for details
 about a workshop in your area
 Organisers: Age Concern New Zealand (04) 471-2709
- 18 August** **Launch of Body Image and Ageing**
 Pick up a booklet at your local Body Shop
 Organisers: Body Shop
- 1 September** **Move It or Lose It Day**
 Celebrating keeping fit and active
 Venue: Cities and towns throughout New Zealand
 Organisers: Arthritis Foundation with the support of Osteoporosis
 New Zealand and sponsored by Dairy Advisory Bureau
 (06) 354-5400
- 13 - 19** **Epilepsy in the Older Person – Launch of Pamphlet**
September To be distributed during Epilepsy Awareness week
 Organisers: Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc
 (03) 684-8649
- 1 October** **International Day of Older Persons Walk – Global Embrace**
 A walk event that will take place in many locations around
 New Zealand
 Organisers: Hillary Commission and Age Concern New Zealand
 0800 228-483
- 1 October** **Tower Senior Achievers Awards**
 Presentation of awards to recognise the outstanding voluntary
 services and achievements of older people
 Venue: Government House, Wellington
 Organisers: Tower Senior Achievers Charitable Trust
 Tel: (04) 527-3118 Fax: (04) 527-4118



6 October **Launch of Booklet on Relationships for Older People and Their Families**
The booklet will be distributed throughout New Zealand
Organisers: Relationship Services, Wellington (04) 472-8798
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons

NORTHLAND

Monthly in 1999 **Te Pakiaka**
Intergenerational activities – teams of kaumātua or kuia working with young students suspended from schools to exchange skills and knowledge
Organisers: Te Runanga O Whaingaroa, Kaeo
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons

23 March **Launch of Large Print Books**
Books will be available to older readers throughout Northland
Venue: Launch at Coronation Hall, Main Street, Waipu
Organisers: Northland Library Network (09) 439-9611
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons

26 May **Department of Work and Income Seminar**
Opportunity for older people to learn about the new structure of and the services provided by the Department of Work and Income
Venue: Senior Citizens Hall, Russell
Organisers: Age Concern Mid-North (09) 402-6658

7 June **Golf Tournament**
For all ages and for golfers and non-golfers. Prizes for all entries
Venue: Wellsford Golf Club, State Highway 1, Wellsford
Organisers: Northland Golden Oldies Hockey Association
(09) 423-7129

13 June **Afternoon Dinner**
To celebrate the International Year of Older Persons and the second birthday of the “Age Well” programme
Venue: Ngawha Springs Marae
Organiser: Bella Tari, Te Hau Ora O Kaikohe “Age Well” Programme
(09) 405-2647



- 15 June** **International Year of Older Persons Concert and Afternoon Tea**
 Venue: Memorial Hall, Kerikeri
 Organisers: Age Concern Mid-North (09) 402-6658
- 6 July** **Age Concern Mid-North Council Luncheon**
 Gathering of Council to celebrate IYOP and to hear speakers
 Venue: Age Concern Mid-North
 Organisers: Age Concern Mid-North (09) 402-6658
- 27 July** **Diabetes Seminar**
 Raising awareness about diabetes
 Venue: St John's Ambulance Hall, Kawakawa
 Organisers: Age Concern Mid-North (09) 402-6658
- 3 September** **Afternoon Concert**
 Line dancing, Scottish dancing and the Spice Grannies as well as items from three schools
 Venue: Maungaturoto Centennial Hall
 Organiser: Mary Corker, Kaiwaka (09) 431-2024
- 10 September** **Ticket to Ride**
 Venue: Vintage rail steam train/Ferryman's Restaurant
 Organisers: Age Concern Mid-North (09) 402-6658
- 16 September** **Tea Dance**
 Venue: Dalmatian Hall
 Organisers: Age Concern Kaitaia & District, Mangonui
 (09) 406-0899
- 27 September** **Morning Tea with Lottie Trevarthon**
 The fabulous, exciting, warm-hearted jazz musician
 Venue: Day Care, Rawene Hospital
 Organisers: Rawene Lions Club and Day Care, Rawene Hospital
 (09) 405-7557
- 29 September** **Children's Day**
 Poster competition for children at Rawene School and Omanaia School on the topic "Your impression of the older people you know"
 Venue: Hokianga Health Enterprise Trust Day Care
 Organisers: Rawene Lions Club and Hokianga Health Enterprise Trust Day Care (09) 405-7557



- 1 October** **Celebrating International Day of Older Persons**
Bus trip, walk and BBQ lunch
Venue: Buses leaving from Kawakawa/Kaikohe/Paihia/Kerikeri to Matauri Bay
Organisers: Age Concern Mid-North (09) 402-6658
- 1 October** **Launch of "Golden Oldie" Storybook**
A collection of stories collected from older people attending Hokianga Health Enterprise Trust Day Care
A Senior Achievers Award will also be presented
Venue: Hokianga Health Enterprise Trust Day Care Centre
Organisers: Rawene Lions Club and Hokianga Health Enterprise Trust Day Care (09) 405-7557
- 1 October** **Craft Exhibition**
Venue: Dalmatian Hall
Organisers: Age Concern Kaitaia & District, Mangonui (09) 406-0899
- 1 October** **Free Concert and Afternoon Tea**
Venue: NW War Memorial Hall, Dargaville
Organisers: Kaipara District Council, Margaret Hitchens (09) 439-5142
- 1 October** **Free Concert and Afternoon Tea**
Venue: Ruawai Toka Toka Memorial Hall
Organisers: Kaipara District Council, Margaret Hitchens (09) 439-5142
- 1 October** **Mix and Mingle**
Centred around ethnic food cooking and tasting
Venue: Community House, Pearn Crescent, Northcote
Organisers: Onepoto Awhina (09) 419-1692
- 1 October** **Meet and Mingle**
Venue: Mangawhai Senior Citizens Hall, Fagan Place
Organisers: Kaipara District Council, Margaret Hitchens (09) 439-5142
- 7 October** **Lunch and Movie**
50 older people will be taken by bus for lunch and to see a movie
Venue: Mid-North Motor Inn and Duo Castle
Organisers: Rawene Lions Club and Hokianga Health Enterprise Trust Day Care (09) 405-7557



- 9 October** **Afternoon Concert**
Entertainment and afternoon tea
- Venue: Kaiwaka Community Hall, Mangawhai Road
Organisers: Kaiwaka Girl Guides and Units (09) 431-2024
- 18 November** **Outing and Lunch at Kaikohe Pioneer Village**
Organisers: Age Concern Kaitaia & District, Mangonui (09) 406-0899
- 27 November** **Honorary Dinner**
Dinner/Nga Mihi (speeches) followed by entertainment, band, activities and dance/mix and mingle
- Venue: Mangaiti Marae, Mangaiti Lane, Omauna Road, Kaeo
Organisers: Mangaiti Marae (09) 405-0262
- 2 December** **Cottage Meeting**
Lunch for members and potential members unable to attend meetings
- Venue: Kohukohu, Broadwood, Hokianga
Organisers: Age Concern Kaitaia & District, Mangonui (09) 406-0899

WHANGAREI

- 28 March** **Golden Oldies Hockey Festival**
Six-a-side hockey
- Venue: Carters Stadium, Park Road, Kensington, Whangarei
Organisers: Northland Golden Oldies Hockey Association (09) 423-7129
- 13 April** **Protecting Your Future Seminar**
Guest speaker from Guardian Trust
- Venue: Age Concern House, 16 Manse Street, Whangarei
Organisers: Age Concern Whangarei (09) 438-8043
- 21 April** **Elder Abuse and Neglect Seminar**
Venue: Age Concern House, 16 Manse Street, Whangarei
Organisers: Age Concern Whangarei (09) 438-8043
- 28 April** **Safe with Age**
Safe driving for older people
- Venue: St John Driving Academy, Whangarei
Organisers: Age Concern Whangarei (09) 438-8043



- 29 April** **Elder Abuse and Neglect Seminar**
Venue: Age Concern House, 16 Manse Street, Whangarei
Organisers: Age Concern Whangarei (09) 438-8043
- 9 May** **Golden Oldies Hockey Festival**
Eleven-a-side hockey
Venue: Tomarata Domain, Pariki Block Road, 4 RD, Wellsford
Organisers: Rodney Hockey Association (09) 423-7129
- 11 May** **Coping With Failing Sight Seminar**
Guest speakers from Foundation for the Blind
Venue: Age Concern House, 16 Manse Street, Whangarei
Organisers: Age Concern Whangarei (09) 438-8043
- 15 May** **Spirit of New Zealand**
Two sailings specifically for older people aboard the *Spirit of New Zealand*
Venue: Port Road, Whangarei
Organisers: Spirit of Adventure Trust and Age Concern Whangarei
(09) 373-2060
- 22 - 23 May** **Healthy Ageing Seminar**
Guest speakers from the Order of St John
Venue: Age Concern House, 16 Manse Street, Whangarei
Organisers: Age Concern Whangarei (09) 438-8043
- September** **Memories**
An “open house” display of mementos, tools and other interesting things belonging to older people who will talk to invited primary school children about these special items
Venue: Age Concern House, Whangarei
Organisers: Age Concern Whangarei (09) 438-8043
- 15 - 16**
September **Ageing is Living**
A two day workshop to address issues relating to positive ageing for those who work with older people
Venue: Order of St John Ambulance Centre
Organisers: Age Concern Whangarei (09) 438-8043



21 September - Young at Heart Art

1 October A range of art and craft activities for young people and an older friend/relative

Venue: The Quarry, Selwyn Avenue, Whangarei

Organisers: Te Kowhai Print Trust and Age Concern Whangarei
(09) 438-5868 or (09) 438-8043

1 October Global Embrace

International Day of Older Persons Walk. Walk to The Quarry and enjoy a cuppa and chat with “Young at Heart Art” and view the artwork

Venue: Kensington Park

Organisers: Age Concern Whangarei (09) 438-8043
KiwiSeniors, Sport North

9 October Luncheon

Older rural residents will be hosted for luncheon

Venue: County Garden Teahouse, Glenbervie, RD 3, Whangarei

Organisers: Kiripaka Branch WDFP (09) 437-5613

AUCKLAND

During 1999 Golden Years – Garden Project

Small and community gardens set up for and with older people

Organisers: Onepoto Awhina, Northcote, Auckland

This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons

Monthly Special Interest Walks

in 1999 Local rangers will be the guides on these monthly walks in the Waitakere Ranges and coastal beaches. Walks will include talks on local Māori and Pakeha history, botany, insect life, etc.

Organisers: Sport Waitakere (09) 836-7719 or 025 274-2280

13 - 14 February

Dance Extravaganza

A full weekend of dance lessons and classes incorporating Old Time, Modern Sequence, Ballroom, Latin American, Line and Square dancing

Venue: New Lynn Community Centre

Organisers: Sport Waitakere (09) 836-7719 or 025 274-2280



15 - 18 February Conference: University of the Third Age

Venue: Auckland University
Organisers: University of the Third Age Auckland

26 February Healthy Lifestyles

Find out what you can do here on the North Shore
Venue: Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Road, Takapuna
Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975

27 February Round the Bays Walk

For people not confident enough to do the Fun Run/Walk in March
Venue: Leaving from the ferry building
Organisers: Sport Waitakere (09) 836-7719 or 025 274-2280

6 March Warrant of Fitness – Health Check Day

Health and fitness check-up, eyes, hearing, diabetes
Venue: Big Top Recreation Centre
Organisers: Sport Waitakere (09) 836-7719 or 025 274-2280

10 March Conference: “Valuing the Older Worker”

Venue: Ellerslie Convention Centre, Auckland
Organisers: Human Rights Commission (09) 375-8621

26 March Footcare

Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975

25 April Legends of our Kaumātua – Anzac Day Reflections

First in a series of television programmes. Focuses on perspectives of older veterans and cadets towards ANZAC Day

Venue: Triangle Television, Auckland
Organisers: Waiata Artists Trust (09) 376-6514

This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons

26 April Mass Sit Dance

Fun-filled exercise and entertainment for residents of rest homes and others unable to exercise standing up

Venue: Big Top Recreation Centre
Organisers: Sport Waitakere (09) 836-7719 or 025 274-2280

30 April Planning Ahead Seminar

Venue: Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Road, Takapuna
Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975



- May** **An Anthology of Times Past**
Co-ordination of an anthology of tales from older people as told and illustrated by young people, fitting in with school social studies syllabus
Organisers: Age Concern Auckland (09) 623-0184
- 2 May** **Safety Walk Extravaganza**
A walk incorporating “safe walking” and general pedestrian safety for older adults
Venue: Massey Leisure Centre, Don Buck Road, Massey
Organisers: Sport Waitakere (09) 836-7719 or 025 274-2280
- 8 May** **Older Persons Expo Day**
Meet other older people and take part in the positive activities and share your stories and histories
Venue: Community Hall (YMCA), 294 Great South Road, Papakura
Organisers: National Council of Women, Pineula Youth Service, Lalotoa I Aotearoa Trust (09) 270-0768 or (09) 262-0115
- 8 May** **U3A Intergenerational Forum**
A panel of students from Ponsonby Intermediate School and U3A members
Venue: Leys Institute, Ponsonby Public Library
Organisers: Ponsonby U3A
- 15 May** **Celebrating the International Year of Older Persons**
Theme day at weekly market focusing on local older people. Stallholders include Age Concern, Care & Craft, Quilters and Patchworkers
Venue: Ostend Market, Belgium Street, Waiheke Island
Organisers: Waiheke Island Council of Social Services (09) 372-8893
- 15 May** **Celebration of Generations**
An intergenerational afternoon of song, dance, poetry and readings followed by afternoon tea
Venue: St Heliers Community Centre, 100 St Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers
Organisers: St Heliers Community Centre (09) 575-6098
- 16 May** **Garden Party Fair**
Stalls, entertainment, Devonshire tea
Venue: Meadowbank Home and Hospital, 154 Meadowbank Road, Auckland
Organisers: Meadowbank Home and Hospital (09) 521-5460



- 22 May** **Celebrating International Year of Older Persons**
A special market with community group stalls, music, entertainment and dancing by young and old
Venue: Ostend Market, Waiheke Island
Organisers: WICOSS, Waiheke Health Trust (09) 372-6375
- 28 May** **Nutrition Seminar**
Venue: Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Road, Takapuna
Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975
- 5 June** **Holistic Health Day**
Holistic health professionals will be available to discuss the services they provide
Venue: Big Top Recreation Centre, Henderson
Organiser: Kay Lindley, Sport Waitakere (09) 836-7719
- 25 June** **Successful Ageing Seminar: Do you have a positive attitude?**
Venue: Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Road, Takapuna
Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975
- July** **Variety Concert**
Involving school children and older people
Organisers: Age Concern Rodney (09) 426-0916
- 3 July** **Pacific Older People – Cultural and Arts Day**
Venue: Pacific Elderly Day Care Centre
Organisers: Tongan Community Trust Inc (09) 620-0128
- 9 July** **Lower Huia Dam Walk**
Guided walk to learn about ecology and human history
Organiser: Kay Lindley, Sport Waitakere (09) 836-7719
- 12 - 18 July** **Programmes for Older People**
In conjunction with the community centres and community houses in Waitakere City
Organiser: Kay Lindley, Sport Waitakere (09) 836-7719
- 16 July** **Day of Prayer and Cultural Events**
A special day to acknowledge the importance of older people in the community
Venue: Pacific Elderly Day Care Centre
Organisers: Tongan Community Trust Inc (09) 620-0128



- 20 & 27 July** **The University of Auckland Winter Lectures**
International Year of Older Persons: Challenges for the new millennium
- Topics: 20 July – Sustaining ageing: The competing needs of the baby boomers and the baby blippers. Professor Ian Pool, Director Population Studies Centre, University of Waikato
27 July – The ageing workforce in the new millennium: Benefit or burden. Professor David Thomson, Head of History Programme, School of History, Philosophy and Politics, Massey University
- Venue: Maidment Theatre, 8 Alfred Street, Auckland
- Organisers: The University of Auckland
- 28 July -** **Chinese Traditional Arts Exhibition**
12 August Promotion of Chinese Elders in both Chinese and Pakeha communities
- Organisers: Manukau Chinese New Settlers Service Trust, Auckland
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- 30 July** **Elder Abuse Seminar: Do you suspect this?**
- Venue: Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Road, Takapuna
- Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975
- August -** **Voyages of Discovery for South Pacific Older People's Network**
December 1. Computing, legal issues, and oral history workshops
2. Launch of booklet containing stories of older people. The launch will take place in December
- Venue: Pakuranga Culture Centre, Auckland
- Organisers: Mangere Community Law Office Trust
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- 3, 10, 17, 24** **The University of Auckland Winter Lectures**
August International Year of Older Persons: Challenges for the new millennium
- Topics: 3 August – Superannuation: A conundrum for the millennium. Ms Susan St John, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, The University of Auckland
10 August – Through a glass darkly: Seeing old age and the old. Ms Anne Else, Honorary Research Associate, Women's Studies, Victoria University of Wellington



- 17 August – Caring and sharing: The state, the family and the people who are ageing with intellectual disability. Dr Jennifer Hand, Senior Lecturer, Department of Community Health, The University of Auckland
- 24 August – Older Māori in the new millennium. Associate Professor Ngapare Hopa, Head of Māori Studies, The University of Auckland
- Venue: Maidment Theatre, 8 Alfred Street, Auckland
Organisers: The University of Auckland
- 13 August** **Waitakere Fairy Falls Walk**
See the beautiful bush and many unusual plants plus 400-year-old kauri tree
- Organiser: Kay Lindley, Sport Waitakere (09) 836-7719
- 18 August** **Healthy Ageing Expo**
Promoting healthy, positive lifestyle choices for older citizens
- Venue: Ellerslie Convention Centre, Auckland
Organisers: NZ Nurses Organisation Gerontology Section (09) 524-4405
- 20 August** **Natural Therapies/Holistic Health Information Day**
Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975
- 21 August** **Feest dag voor de oudere Nederlanders (Day for the Elderly Dutch People)**
Dutch choir, dance group, entertainer, poetry and music. Young people will help with refreshments
- Venue: Kelston Community Centre, Auckland
Organisers: Friendly Support Network Auckland of the Netherlands Community (09) 834-6247
- 25 August -
15 September** **Biblical Study**
Discussion/reflection on new questions of then and the new millennium
- Venue: 637 Sandringham Road, Auckland 3
Organiser: Sister Moira Feeney (09) 629-2128
- 27 August** **How Safe is Your Environment?**
Falls and fire prevention
- Venue: Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Road, Takapuna
Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975



- 1 September** **International Move It or Lose It Day**
 Tai Chi, Yoga and Forever Young Programme
 Venues: Club Physical, Westgate, New Lynn and Te Atatu
 Organisers: Sport Waitakere (09) 836-7719
- 8 September** **Rest Home Olympics**
 To promote active ageing and the benefits of physical
 and social activities
 Venue: Badminton Hall, 99A Gillies Avenue, Epsom
 Organiser: Sharon Rimmer, Sport Auckland (09) 358-1238
- 10 September** **Rest Home Games**
 Modified games for older people, run like the Olympics with
 gold, silver and bronze medals
 Venue: Big Top Recreation Centre, Henderson
 Organiser: Kay Lindley, Sport Waitakere (09) 836-7719
- 11 September** **Tai Chi Friendship Performance and Competition**
 Promotion of Chinese Elders in both Chinese and Pakeha
 communities
 Venue: Howick Recreation Centre, Auckland
 Organisers: Manukau Chinese New Settlers Service Trust, Auckland
*This project was undertaken with special government funding for
 the International Year of Older Persons*
- 15 September** **Line Dancing**
 Come and enjoy the fun
 Venue: Prescott Club, Takapuna
 Organisers: 60s-Up Movement of NZ Inc (09) 489-5922
- 16 September** **Festival**
 Display of arts and crafts, entertainment and shared lunch
 Venue: Vaine Mo'onia Hall, Richmond Road, Ponsonby
 Organisers: Pacific Older People's Auckland Network (09) 623-3010
- 20 September -** **Display of books of interest to older people**
3 October School holiday programme – one-day activities on the theme
 “Grandparents”
 Venue: Glenfield Library
 Organisers: Glenfield Library (09) 486-8554



- 23 September** **A Special Ball for Older People**
Pacific Older People's posters to be launched at the Ball
Venue: Nafanua Hall, 49 Rosebank Road, Avondale
Organisers: Pacific Older People's Auckland Network (09) 623-3010
- 24 September** **Display of Arts and Crafts**
Venue: North Shore City Mall
Organisers: 60s-Up Movement of NZ Inc. (09) 489-5922
- 24 September** **The Changing Face of Grandparenting Seminar**
Venue: Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Road, Takapuna
Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975
- 24 September** **Celebration of Age**
Venue: Bays Community Centre
Contact: Sally Cargill (09) 478-4301
- 25 September** **An Old-fashioned Dance**
Live band with dances from the '40s and '50s
Venue: War Memorial Hall, Helensville
Organisers: Age Concern Rodney (09) 426-0916
- 26 September** **Afternoon of popular hymns**
Venue: St Peter's Anglican Church, Killarney Street
Organisers: (09) 489-6242
- 27 - 30
September** **Photographic Exhibition Preview**
Venue: Takapuna Library
Organiser: Chris Jones (09) 489-4975
- 28 September** **Line Dancing**
Come and enjoy the fun
Venue: Milford Mall
Organisers: 60s-Up Movement of NZ Inc. (09) 489-5922
- 28 September** **Radio Programme – Senior Voice on Air**
Radio station: 810AM
Organiser: Sonia White (09) 415-9566 Extn 304



- 30 September** **International Day of Older Persons Walk and Healthy Ageing Expo**
 One-hour walk at three levels, catering for different abilities, followed by displays, seminars and health checks. Activities include children and older people painting tiles together; these will be used to create a wall commemorating the International Year of Older Persons
 Venue: Ellerslie Convention Centre, Auckland
 Organisers: Age Concern Auckland (09) 623-0184, Sharon Rimmer, Sport Auckland (09) 358-1238
- 30 September** **Seminar at the Health Ageing Expo**
 The Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston Trust Board will sponsor a seminar at the Expo
 Venue: Ellerslie Convention Centre, Auckland
 Organisers: Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston Trust Board (09) 520-3014
- 30 September** **Ageing is Living Workshop**
 Organisers: Age Concern Auckland (09) 623-0184
- 30 September** **Open day**
 Venue: Methodist Church, corner Lake Road & Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna
 Organisers: 60s-Up Movement of NZ Inc (09) 489-5922
- Weekly during** **The Tai Chi Ball Method**
October An holistic approach to exercise
 Venue: Fencible Lounge, Uxbridge Road, Howick, Auckland
 Organisers: Counties Manukau Sports Foundation, Leanne McDonald (09) 358-1238
- 1 October** **Positive Ageing Walk**
 Celebrating International Year of Older Persons with a brass band and marching girls
 Venue: Walk starts at North Shore City Council Buildings
 Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975
- 1 October** **International Year of Older Persons Concert**
 Venue: War Memorial Hall, The Strand, Takapuna
 Organisers: Age Concern North Shore, Maxine Clarke (09) 489-4975



- 1 October** **International Day of Older Persons Walk**
One-hour easy walk of local interest followed by a cuppa in
Café 1 at Big Top
Venue: Meet at Big Top, Henderson
Organisers: Henderson Senior Walk Group, Grey Power – Waitakere
Superannuitants Association Inc (09) 836-1095 or (09) 818-2580
- 1 October** **Photographic Exhibition Preview**
Venue: War Memorial Hall, The Strand, Takapuna
Organiser: Chris Jones (09) 489-4975
- 1 October** **Tree Planting and Special Cake Cutting**
Special guests will be present for this special event
Venue: Lady Allum Village, 20 Napoleon Avenue, Milford
Organisers: Lady Allum Village
- 1 - 10 October** **Photographic Exhibition Preview**
Venue: Bruce Mason Centre
Organiser: Chris Jones (09) 489-4975
- 2 October** **Onepoto Awhina's Ethnic Food Tasting and Sharing Day**
Venue: Northcote Community House by Northcote Intermediate School
Organisers: Diana or Wallace Ngapo (09) 419-1692
- 3 October** **Old Time Tea Dance**
Chic Littlewood compèring, local music, square dancing
demonstration and afternoon tea
Venue: Ostend Hall, Waiheke Island
Organisers: Waiheke Health Trust, WICOSS and Auckland City
(09) 372-6375
- 8 October** **Let's Make a Garden**
Kindy kids and grans planting flowers donated by Papakura
District Council
Venue: Central Park, Papakura
Organisers: National Council of Women Counties, Manukau Branch, Papakura
District Council and Nina Busing Kindergarten (09) 298-1098

*Michelangelo painted his
masterpieces on the ceiling of
the Cistine Chapel, St Peters Basilica,
between the ages of 71 and 89.*



- 9 October** **The International Year of Older Persons Celebration Party**
Promotion of Chinese Elders in both Chinese and Pakeha communities
- Venue: Papatoetoe Town Hall, Auckland
- Organisers: Manukau Chinese New Settlers Service Trust, Auckland
- This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons*
- 10 October** **Special Worship Holy Communion Service**
- Venue: Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 20 Church Street, Devonport
- Organiser: Rev Murray Spackman (09) 445-0378
- 10 October** **Interdenominational Church Service**
- Up to 1,000 people will celebrate the contributions of older people on Mental Health Day
- Venue: Auckland Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
- Organisers: Mental Health Foundation (09) 630-8573 Extn 814
- 11 October** **Morning Melodies**
- Celebration of Age
- Venue: Bruce Mason Centre
- Organisers: Bruce Mason Centre (09) 488-3133 or Linda (09) 489-4994
- 13 October** **Walking Event**
- Special guests will be present for this special event
- Venue: Lady Allum Village, 20 Napoleon Avenue, Milford
- Organisers: Lady Allum Village
- 15 October** **First School Mass**
- Invitations to older people
- Venue: St Joseph's Church, 10 Dominion Street
- Organiser: Anncha Woodhead (09) 489-4994
- 29 October** **Enduring Power of Attorney Seminar**
- Venue: Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Road, Takapuna
- Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975
- 29 October** **Thanksgiving Service, Art and Crafts Display, plus Entertainment**
- A special day to mark the International Year of Older Persons
- Venue: Lotofaleia Methodist Hall, 34 Orly Avenue, Mangere
- Organisers: Tongan Community Trust Inc (09) 620-0128



31 October **Push Play Mayoral Challenge**
National walk with Mayors leading and encouraging others to walk
Venue: Opanuku Walkway, Henderston Park, Wilsher Crescent
Organisers: Sport Auckland Waitakere (09) 836-7719

November **Caughey-Preston Gerontology Nursing Scholarship**
A grant of \$2,000 will be awarded annually to a registered nurse to further his/her studies in the care of older people. This scholarship has been established to mark the International Year of Older Persons
Organisers: Cambridge Co-ordinating Committee for International Year of Older Persons (07) 827-6097

7 November **Coast to Coast Walk**
A walk for striders and strollers from Onehunga to downtown Auckland
Venue: Walk starts at Hornes Reserve, Onehunga
Organisers: Sport Auckland Waitakere (09) 836-7719

12 November **Celebrating Age Expo**
Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975

26 November **Road Safety Seminar**
Pedestrian and driving issues
Venue: Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Road, Takapuna
Organisers: Age Concern North Shore (09) 489-4975

HAMILTON

During 1999 **Sponsorship of park benches**
To encourage older people to get out and walk for exercise and mobility
Organisers: Cambridge Co-ordinating Committee for International Year of Older Persons (07) 827-6097

3 January **International Year of Older Persons Display**
Venue: Hamilton Central Library
Organisers: Hamilton Central Library and Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266

1 February **International Year of Older Persons Display**
Venue: Hamilton Central Library
Organisers: Hamilton Central Library and Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266



- 10 February** **Seminar: “To be or not to be”**
 Topics include: Removal of an upper age limit to provisions in the Human Rights Act 1993
 Reinventing yourself
 Rock the Boat – it’s time to issue the challenges
 Venue: Hamilton City Council Reception Lounge
 Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 9 March** **Health Checks**
 Venue: Chartwell Shopping Centre
 Organisers: Health Management Group and Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 11 March** **Artmakers Intergenerational Art Workshops**
 Venue: Age Concern Hamilton and Brylyn Resthome
 Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266 and Brylyn Resthome
- 17 March** **Poem Competition**
 Winner receives Hot Air Balloon ride for self and grandchild
 Venue: Age Concern Hamilton
 Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 24 March** **Celebrating Age Forum**
 Presentations about personal safety, information about crime and safety related services, kaumātua well-being and self-defence for older people. Invited guests include the Minister for Senior Citizens and the Mayor of Hamilton City
 Venue: Celebrating Age Centre, 30 Victoria Street, Hamilton
 Organisers: Safer Hamilton and Celebrating Age Centre in association with Grey Power, Age Concern, Senior Citizens Association and iwi/Māori (07) 834 2306
- 7 April** **Mayor’s Morning Tea**
 The Mayor is hosting a morning tea for people in Hamilton who are over the age of 90 years
 Organisers: Hamilton City Council and Age Concern Hamilton, (07) 838-2266
- 21 April** **Positive Ageing Workshop**
 Venue: Volunteer Centre, Hamilton
 Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 27 April** **Through Other Eyes Workshop**
 Venue: Te Awamutu
 Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266



- 29 April** **Rest Home Olympics**
Venue: Hamilton Gardens
Organisers: Sport Waikato and Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 3 May** **International Year of Older Persons Displays**
Venue: Five libraries in Hamilton
Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 13 May** **Prime Television Interviews with Age Concern Hamilton**
Venue: Prime Television
Organisers: Prime Television and Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 15 May** **Families On The Go**
An event for the whole family with displays, activities and entertainment
Venue: Hamilton Garden Pavilion
Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 15 May** **Art Competition with Schools and Rest Homes**
Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 15 May** **Family Concert**
Venue: Founders Theatre
Organisers: Rauawa Trust for International Year of Older Persons
- 21 May** **Celebration of Age**
Research of Frankton School history
Venue: Frankton School
Organisers: Frankton Primary School (07) 847-6726
- 21 May** **Celebration of Age**
Age Concern Hamilton sharing experiences and skills with Frankton Primary School students
Venue: Frankton School
Organisers: Frankton Primary School (07) 847-6726
- 24 - 26 May** **Celebration of Age**
Older people who attended the school or have lived in the district, bringing alive the history of Frankton School and district for the students
Venue: Frankton School
Organisers: Frankton Primary School (07) 847-6726





- 27 May** **Celebration of Age**
 Groups of children will run assemblies, including plays, songs and dance to demonstrate changes over the years, to an audience of grandparents and older friends invited by the students.
- Venue: Frankton School
 Organisers: Frankton Primary School (07) 847-6726
- June - August** **Celebratory Luncheons**
 250 people over 75 years will be hosted for lunch and entertainment by young people
- Dates: 21 June, 6 & 19 July, 3 & 16 August
 Organisers: Cambridge Co-ordinating Committee for International Year of Older Persons (07) 827-6097
- 3 June** **Morning Tea**
 Venue: Assisi Rest Home
 Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 17 June** **Concert**
 Intergenerational concert for school pupils, community members, rest home residents, individuals and groups
- Venue: Simmons Hall, Aparangi, Te Kauwhata
 Organisers: Community Representatives c/- Aparangi Residential Care Unit (07) 826-3542
- July** **War Song Concerts**
 Venue: Methodist Church, London Street, Hamilton
 Organisers: Methodist Church, London Street, Hamilton
- July** **Lunch-time Soup and Concert**
 Venue: St Albans Church, Hamilton
 Organisers: St Albans Church, Hamilton
- 5 August** **BBQ**
 Venue: Hamilton East Shopping Centre
 Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 31 August** **Sit and Be Fit (For Move it or Lose it Day)**
 Organisers: Sport Waikato and Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 8 September** **Positive Ageing Workshop**
 Venue: Volunteer Centre
 Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266



- 15 September** **International Year of Older Persons Rest Home Games**
Venue: Hamilton Gardens
Organisers: Sport Waikato (Hamilton) (07) 838-2655
- 20 September** **International Year of Older Persons Display**
Venue: Hamilton Central Library
Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 28 September** **International Year of Older Persons Rest Home Games**
A fun day of exercise and activities involving more than six rest homes and community volunteers and visitors
Venue: Trinity Church Hall, Cambridge
Organisers: Sport Waikato-Waipā District and Waipā Rest Homes (07) 823-25110
- 29 September** **Opening of Budget Advice Service for Older People**
Venue: Celebrating Age Centre, 30 Victoria Street
Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 1 October** **Launch of booklet – Memories and Anecdotes of Older People**
Window displays in shops celebrating older people
Organisers: Cambridge Co-ordinating Committee for International Year of Older Persons (07) 827-6097
- 1 October** **Champagne Breakfast/International Day of Older Persons Walk**
Breakfast with Hubbards Cereals – live entertainment, spot prizes followed by Sport Waikato/Age Concern’s International Day of Older Persons walk and morning tea
Venue: Celebrating Age Centre, 30 Victoria Street, Hamilton
Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266 and Sport Waikato (Hamilton) (07) 838-2655
- 1 October** **Launch of Body Image Project**
Organisers: Body Shop and Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 1 October** **Te Awamutu International Year of Older Persons Rest Home Games**
Nine teams of residents from rest homes in the area will take part in Olympic-style games. The Mayor and other celebrities will attend the games
Venue: Te Awamutu Bible Chapel, Swarbrick Drive
Organisers: Sport Waikato and Te Awamutu Diversional Therapists (07) 838-2657





- 1 October** **Concert and Morning Tea**
To recognise the contribution of older people
Organisers: St Aidens Church, Gladys Hollick (07) 856-5162
- 2 October** **Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea Concert**
Organisers: Frankton/Dinsdale Rau Awaawa Charitable Trust (07) 847-9758
- 18 October** **Launch of “Wonder and Wisdom”**
A resource kit for schools including video and worksheets (part of the “Wrinkle in Time” resource)
Venue: Hamilton Gardens
Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- November** **Workshops on skincare**
The Body Shop will hold four workshops during November
Organisers: Body Shop and Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266
- 3 November** **Making Craft Out of Recycled Plastics**
Part of the Festival of the Environment
Organisers: Age Concern Hamilton (07) 838-2266

COROMANDEL

- 10 June** **Older Persons Expo**
Find out what is available in the Coromandel area and enjoy the entertainment and refreshments
Venue: Coromandel Area School Hall, Coromandel
Organisers: Coromandel Resource Centre (07) 866-8358
- 17 September** **International Year of Older Persons Walk**
Join in this exciting event with school students, older people’s groups and others from the Thames Valley and Coromandel areas
Organiser: Florence Shearman (07) 865-9785

BAY OF PLENTY

- 25 February** **Kainga Kautia Nga Kaumātua “Valuing Older People”**
Picnic day including kaumātua, tamariki, rangatahi and whanau. Activities: Tai Chi, mini golf, lawn bowls, volleyball, sack and three-legged races, line dancing, petanque, old-time band
Venue: Kulim Park, Otumoetai, Tauranga
Organisers: Huria Community Care (07) 578-4006 or (07) 578-7838



- 13 April** **Afternoon Tea Dance**
Enjoy dancing and afternoon tea to the music of a seven-piece band
Venue: Tauranga RSA
Organisers: Western Bay of Plenty Grey Power (07) 576-7991
Age Concern Tauranga (07) 578-2631
- 30 April** **Kiwi Sports Day**
Intergenerational sports day with single events, mixed-team events and old-fashioned events, e.g. egg and spoon races
Venue: Morgan Park, Clarke Street, Waihi
Organisers: WEN Community Agency Inc. (07) 863-6866
- May -** **Book: Celebrating Older People in Waihi**
September Students from schools in Waihi will interview older people and collect anecdotes and recipes. These will be published in a limited edition book with photographs and drawings. The book will be launched on 1 October
Organisers: WEN Community Agency Inc (07) 863-6866
- 2 May** **Concert: A range of groups will perform and a souvenir programme will be issued**
Venue: Baycourt, Durham Street, Tauranga
Organisers: Western Bay of Plenty Grey Power (07) 576-7991, Age Concern Tauranga (07) 578-2631
- 17 - 21 May** **Kainga Kautia Nga Kaumātua “Valuing Older People”**
Art exhibition and workshops including precious Māori relics from the past and the present. Workshop with master carver and student carvers and Māori women weaving flax
Venue: Baycourt, Durham Street, Tauranga
Organisers: Huria Community Care (07) 578-4006 or (07) 578-7838
- 21 May** **Positive Retirement Expo**
Opportunity to view products and services that are available for people in retirement or those approaching retirement
Venue: Greerton Community Hall, Cameron Road, Greerton, Tauranga
Organisers: Aspect Leisure and Education Services (07) 579-1156
- 17 August** **Healthy Ageing Expo**
Products and services available for people in retirement or approaching retirement
Venue: Waihi Memorial Hall, Seddon Street, Waihi
Organisers: WEN Community Agency Inc (07) 863-6822





- 30 September** **International Year of Older Persons Seminar**
Speakers, entertainment and finger food
Venue: Community Village Hall
Organisers: Age Concern Tauranga (07) 578-2631
- 1 October** **Walk for Health**
Encouraging positive exercise
Venue: Tauranga Harbour Estuary
Organisers: Huria Community Care (07) 578-4006
- 1 October** **Fashion Parade**
Cultural clothing/eveningwear/children's clothing will be displayed
by kaumātua/rangatahi/pepe
Venue: Tamapahore Marae, Tareha Lane, Mount Maunganui
Organisers: Whaioranga Trust (07) 544-0381
- 1 October** **Kapa Haka**
Come and enjoy the music
Venue: QE2 Park Stadium
Organisers: Huria Community Care (07) 578-4006
- 1 - 29 October** **Through the Eyes of a Child**
Art Competition for primary schools in Tauranga and district.
The art works will depict the value, wisdom and mana their
grandparents possess
Venue: Pictures displayed at Gisborne District Library
Organisers: Huria Community Care (07) 578-4006
- 9 October** **Performing Arts Festival**
Older and younger adults together with children will perform
cultural and contemporary dance and music
Venue: Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre, 11th Avenue
Organisers: Huria Community Care (07) 578-4006
- 20 - 22 October** **Reflections of the Century**
Photos, clothes and much more, depicting the last ten decades in
Tauranga
Venue: Baycourt
Organisers: Tauranga District Council



ROTORUA

- Weekly in February** **Marae Line Dancing**
Line dancing to music for older people
Venue: Mondays – Apumoana, Hurunga, Hinemihi Marae
Tuesdays – Ngongotaha Health Centre
Wednesdays – RSA
Organisers: Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa, Whare Hornfeck (07) 348-3377
- 14 February** **Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa Sports Festival**
Sport and cultural festival for all ages and abilities
Venue: Rotorua Aquatic Centre, Lake View Golf Course, John Paul College
Organisers: Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa (07) 348-3377
- 18 February** **This is Your Life**
“Unsung Heroes” profiles/photos, line dancing, Age Concern singers, culture group, stalls, etc
Venue: City Focus Mall, Rotorua
Organisers: Roma Cook (07) 348-7258 and Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- 20 - 21 February** **Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa Sports Festival**
Sport and cultural festival for all ages and abilities
Venue: Rotorua Boys High School, Lake Tikitapu
Organisers: Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa (07) 348-3377
- March - June** **Te Arawa Journey**
Four two-day intergenerational hui held at different marae for young and older people to share experiences, views, opinions, whakapapa, oral history, waiata, knowledge of kawa/tikanga and stories from the local area
Organisers: Te Waiariki Porea Trust, Rotorua
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- Weekly in March** **Marae Line Dancing**
Line dancing to music for older people
Venue: Mondays – Apumoana, Hurunga, Hinemihi Marae
Tuesdays – Ngongotaha Health Centre
Wednesdays – RSA
Organiser: Whare Hornfeck (07) 348-3377



- 2 March** **Picnic in the Park**
Lunchtime picnic with other rest homes,
Kuirau Park, Rotorua
Organisers: Mitchell Downs Complex (07) 347-9658
- 5 March** **Mokoia Island Tour**
Organiser: Roma Cook (07) 348-7258
- 13 March** **Te Arawa Regional Kapa Haka**
Cultural festival involving all age groups. Finalists go through to national Kapa Haka competition
Venue: Sportsdrome, Rotorua
Organisers: Rotorua Regional Kapa Haka Committee (07) 348-3377
- 13 - 14 March** **NZ International Walk**
Contact the organiser for details
Organiser: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- 28 March** **Te Arawa vs Mataatua Challenge**
Sport and cultural challenge, involving all age groups in a range of sports and activities
Venue: Western Heights High School, Old Quarry Road, Rotorua
Organisers: Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa (07) 348-3377
- April** **Arts Day**
Try your hand at different forms of art
Organiser: Roma Cook (07) 348-7258
- 6 April** **Ten Pin Bowling**
Organisers: Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa (07) 348-3377
- 17 April** **Kaumātua Autumn Ball**
Organisers: Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa (07) 348-3377
- 19 April** **Geyserland Ten Pin Morning**
Come and join other older people's organisations and see the demonstrations
Venue: Geyserland, Rotorua
Organiser: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- 22 April** **Street party**
Older people's organisations will hold an open day at their premises
Venue: Contact organisers for information. Transport will be provided by Lions Club
Organisers: Roma Cook (07) 348-7258 and Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125



- 26 April** **Open Day – YWCA**
Strollers, walkers, trampers, yoga newrhythmics, self-defence
Venue: YWCA, Rotorua
Organiser: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- 1 May** **Rotorua Marathon**
International Year of Older Persons will be highlighted at the start of the marathon. Profiles of older people participating in the marathon will be publicised prior to the event
Organiser: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- 3 May** **Indoor/Outdoor Bowls – Open Day**
Join the fun and join club members for afternoon tea
Venue: Rotorua East Indoor/Outdoor Bowls Club, Warwick Drive, Rotorua
Organisers: Rotorua East Indoor/Outdoor Bowls Club and Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- 7 - 10 May** **Celebration of King Koroki's Anniversary**
Queen Ataarangi Kahu Day of Celebration. Rotorua Marae Line Dancers invited to take part
Venue: Turangawaewae Marae, Ngaruawahia
Organisers: Rotorua Marae Line Dancers (07) 348-3377
- 14 May** **Grandparents Day**
In schools and rest homes
Contact the organisers for details
Organisers: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
Roma Cook (07) 348-7258, Whare Hornfeck (07) 348-4125
and Hinemaua Rikirangi Thomas (07) 348-3377
- 15 - 16 May** **Hikoi (Walk) to Tarawere Mountain**
An educational and leisure walk and boat ride to learn about the history of the area
Organisers: Tuhourangi Runanga (07) 349-0216
- 19 June** **Hat and Glove Tea Party**
Hosted by Mayoress Sandy Hall
Venue: Sheritan Hotel – sponsors
Organisers: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
Roma Cook (07) 348-7258 and Whare Hornfeck (07) 348-4125



- August** **Water Sports**
Join in the fun at the pool – swimming, aqua jogging, flutter boards/fins
Venue: Aquatic Centre
Organiser: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- August** **Senior Citizens Open Day**
Organisers: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
Roma Cook (07) 348-7258 and Whare Hornfeck (07) 348-4125
- August** **Storytelling Workshops**
With Jill Walker
Organisers: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
Roma Cook (07) 348-7258 and Whare Hornfeck (07) 348-4125
- August** **SeniorNet**
Computer skills for seniors
Organiser: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- August -** **Memoir Writing**
4 September An opportunity for older people, living in the Bay of Plenty, to write about events in their life prior to 1970 (no more than 1,250 words)
Organisers: Rotorua Writers Group (07) 348-7400
- September** **Commemorative Garden**
A garden to commemorate the International Year of Older Persons
Organisers: Rotorua District Council, Roma Cook (07) 348-7258
- 1 September** **Move it or Lose it**
Exercises and sitting down activities
Venue: Rotorua City Focus
Organisers: Arthritis Foundation of NZ and Osteoporosis New Zealand
Jessica Pickering (07) 348-5121
Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa (07) 348-3377
- 4 - 5 September** **Self-defence**
For women 55 plus, come along and learn self-defence
Venue: YWCA, Te Ngae Road (opposite Big Fresh)
Organisers: YWCA, Sue McGeorge (07) 348-5445



- 11 September Golden Years Tea Dance**
Non-stop music, nostalgia and jazz bands, Monte Carlo, spot waltz and supper plus ballroom and line dancing demonstrations
Venue: Rotorua Soundshell
Organisers: Roma Cook (07) 348-7258 and Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- 15 September Down Memory Lane**
Bus tour of historic places organised by Rotorua District Council including the Commemorative Garden
Organisers: Rotorua District Council Support for the Elderly Group, Roma Cook (07) 348-4125
- 16 September Golden Years – A day with “Mrs Bucket”**
Venue: Marist St Michael’s Club, Te Ngae Road (opposite Big Fresh)
Organisers: Roma Cook (07) 348-7258 and Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- 17 September City on its Feet – Heart Week Celebration**
Get out and about, look for the checkpoints and buy a passport to be in for the big draw
Organiser: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- 1 October International Day of Older Persons Historical Walk**
An historical hikoī through old village areas, graveyards, forgotten lakes and a marae that is submerged by water
Organisers: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125 or Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa (07) 348-3377
- 1 October Memoir Writing – Prizegiving**
Venue: Galleria, Civic Centre, Rotorua
Organisers: Rotorua Writers Group (07) 348-7400
- 1 October Department of Work and Income Open Day**
Practical demonstrations of old recipes, remedies, traditions, music and much more
Organisers: Department of Work and Income, Rotorua
- 3 October Mayoral Command Performance**
Venue: Convention Centre
Organisers: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
Roma Cook (07) 348-7258 and Whare Hornfeck (07) 348-3377



- 13 October** **Rotorua Rest Home Games**
 Venue: Sportsdrome
 Organiser: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- 15 October** **Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa Auahi Kore Sports Awards
 Including Kaumātua sports awards**
 Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Rotorua
 Organiser: Olive Morgan (07) 348-3377
- 30 October** **Marae to Marae Fun Run Around Lake Rotorua**
 A relay event involving 14 marae and people from all age groups.
 Kaumātua will carry the baton on the first leg of the run
 Organisers: Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa Whare Hornfeck (07) 348-3377
- November** **War Veterans Event**
 Venue: Contact the organisers
 Organiser: Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of Plenty (07) 348-4125
- November** **Leisure Marching Expo**
 Venue: Contact the organisers
 Organisers: Rotorua City Leisure Marchers, Mary Ann Nixon, Sport Bay of
 Plenty (07) 348-4125 and Whare Hornfeck (07) 348-4125
- 4 - 7 November** **Kaumātua on the Road**
 Promoting positive living for older adults through line dancing.
 The final day will include a low-impact Top Town
 Venues: Schools, marae and community groups, East Coast, Bay of Plenty
 Organiser: Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa, Whare Hornfeck (07) 348-3377
- 20 November** **Kaumātua Cabaret**
 A time for older people to enjoy each other's company as the Year
 draws to a close
 Venue: Waikite Rugby Club, Bellevue Road, Rotorua
 Organisers: Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa (07) 348-3377
- GISBORNE**
- 8 February** **Magical Mystery Walk**
 Bring your family and friends along
 Venue: Heipipi/Endeavour Park
 Organiser: Miriam Swarbrick, Gisborne City Council (06) 867-2049



- 19 February** **Open Day at Arohaina – Garden Party**
Displays, 50s Forward/U3A/60+, line dancers, etc
Venue: Arohaina
Organiser: Miriam Swarbrick, Gisborne City Council (06) 867-2049
- March** **Have-a-go Day**
Pool day for seniors. Aqua-aerobics, kayaking, swimming, scuba, etc
Venue: Olympic Pool
Organisers: Miriam Swarbrick, Gisborne City Council (06) 867-2049
- March** **Wine Trail Bus Tour**
Organiser: Janice Petty, Age Concern Gisborne (06) 867-6533
- 7 April** **World Health Day**
Join 50s Forward for Aerobics on the beach followed by an
International Year of Older Persons sandcastle competition
Venue: Waikanae Beach, Gisborne
Organiser: Bruce More (06) 868-9954
- 24 - 25 April** **Arts & Craft Exhibition**
Creativity doesn't stop at 60! Talented all-comers over 60 are eligible
to enter any work done over the past five years
Venue: Museum & Arts Centre, Gisborne
Organisers: Gisborne Community Arts Council, Gail (06) 867-2049
 Extn 8522 or Margaret (06) 867-3471
*This project was undertaken with special government funding for
the International Year of Older Persons*
- 27 April** **"Autumn at Eastwoodhill" Bus Trip**
Organiser: Miriam Swarbrick, Gisborne City Council (06) 867-2049
- May** **Building Bridges**
Grandparents day at schools
Organiser: Miriam Swarbrick, Gisborne City Council (06) 867-2049
- 17 - 20 May** **IYOP Coromandel Bus Trip**
Four fun-filled days experiencing the delights of the Coromandel
Venue: YMCA, Childers Road, Gisborne
Organiser: Colleen at Age Concern, Derby Street (06) 867-6533
- June** **Cooking for One**
Making the most of your microwave
Organisers: Miriam Swarbrick, Gisborne City Council (06) 867-2049





- June** **Let's Go Dancing**
Old-time dancing and Line dancing festival
Organiser: Miriam Swarbrick, Gisborne City Council (06) 867-2049
- 19 - 21 July** **"Creative Seniors" Arts and Craft Expo**
Working demonstration of talented older people at work in an intergenerational setting
Venue: Gisborne Intermediate School Hall
Organisers: Gisborne Community Arts Council and International Year of Older Persons Committee (06) 867-2049
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- 26 August** **Warrant of Fitness Day**
Personal health assessment, displays and seminars
Venue: Lawson Field Theatre, Gisborne
Organiser: Miriam Swarbrick, Gisborne City Council (06) 867-2049
- 10 September** **Tour of Wharves**
Visit Tolaga Bay and Tokomaru Bay wharves which were a hive of activity pre-1950
Organisers: Parkinsonism Society Gisborne Inc (06) 867-3385
- 11 - 12 September** **"Creative Seniors" Performing Arts Weekend**
Variety show featuring singers, comedians, musicians, dancers and much more
Venue: Lawson Field Theatre, Gisborne
Organisers: Gisborne Community Arts Council and International Year of Older Persons Committee (06) 867-2049
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- 1 October** **Global Embrace**
The Mayor will lead the walk around the river walkway. Spot prizes
Organiser: Sport Eastland, Bruce More (06) 868-9943
- 1 October** **International Year of Older Persons – Unsung Heroes Luncheon**
Organiser: Miriam Swarbrick, Gisborne City Council (06) 867-2049



HAWKES BAY

During 1999 **Computer coaching**
Taking computers by bus to older people in rural areas and using young people as tutors

Organisers: Central Hawkes Bay District Library, Waipawa
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons

Commencing **Water Aerobics**
February An opportunity to exercise and socialise
Venue: Swymgym, Maraekakaho Road, Hastings
Organisers: Age Concern Hastings (06) 870-9060

10 February **Tai Chi**
Opportunity to take part in a gentle, slow form of exercise
Venue: Age Concern Drop-in Centre, 440 Heretaunga Street, Hastings
Organisers: Age Concern Hastings (06) 870-9060

3 March **Coffee Morning – Knickers Through the Ages**
A collection of undergarments from days gone by
Venue: Age Concern Drop-in Centre, 440 Heretaunga Street, Hastings
Organisers: Age Concern Hastings (06) 870-9060

17 March **Norsewood Trip**
Bus trip to Norsewood – cheese factory, museum, Norsewear factory, factory shops, lunch
Venue: Contact organisers for departure details
Organisers: Age Concern Hastings (06) 870-9060

May - August **Feel Good with Age**
Education sessions
Venue: Eastern Institute of Technology
Organisers: Eastern Institute of Technology (06) 844-8710

14 May **Relationships between Young and Old**
Bringing children and older people together to sing and have fun
Venue: Richmond School, Napier
Organisers: Omahanui Rest Home (06) 835-3637

15 - 25 June **70, Girls, 70 Dinner and Show**
You'll laugh, you'll hum, you'll wish you were up there
Venue: Playhouse Theatre
Tickets: Denton, Wyatt, Hastings (opposite HB Power)



- 20 June** **Older Adults Sports Day**
Indoor and outdoor bowls, aqua exercise, etc
Venue: Hastings RSA
Organisers: Sport Hawkes Bay and Age Concern Flaxmere (06) 835-5470
- 23 - 25 August** **60s-Up Celebrate the International Year of Older Persons**
Display of members' arts and creativity
Venue: Cosmopolitan Club, Napier
Organisers: 60s-Up Movement of NZ Inc (09) 425-9625
- 15 and 16** **Day Tripper**
September Day of activity and fun including golf, bush walks, croquet, lunch
and a sing-a-long
Organisers: Sport Hawkes Bay and Age Concern (06) 835-5470
- 30 September** **Step Back in Time**
Nostalgic Afternoon Tea
Venue: Tararua Club, 15 Tararua Street, Pahiatua
Organisers: Tararua District Council (06) 374-4080
- 1 October** **Step Back in Time**
Nostalgic Afternoon Tea
Venue: Dannevirke Sports Club, High Street, Dannevirke
Organisers: Tararua District Council (06) 374-4080
- 29 October** **Rest Home Olympics**
Seventeen Rest Homes will participate in a variety of games
including toss the haggis, parallel bungy jumping and wheelchair
obstacle races
Venue: Centennial Hall, Napier
Organisers: Sport Hawkes Bay (06) 835-5470

NEW PLYMOUTH

- Throughout** **Virtues Project (promoting desirable values in society)**
1999 Feasibility study to determine the need for such a project in
Taranaki
Organisers: Age Concern Taranaki (06) 753-6210
- 19 April** **Depression and Anxiety**
Dispelling the myths
Organisers: Mental Health Services, Taranaki Health Care
(06) 753-6139 Extn 8573



- 20 April** **Health Awareness Day**
Eye, hearing and other health checks, exercise and dancing, and information stalls
Venue: TSB Stadium, New Plymouth
Organisers: Westpac Trust Sport Taranaki (06) 757-9049
- 15 May** **Mana Wahine – Celebrating the lives of older women**
A special event honouring the contributions nine women have made to the marae and the community. The stories of all the women will be compiled into a book
Venue: Plymouth Hotel
Organisers: Pukeariki Māori Women’s Welfare League (06) 758-9473
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- 2 June** **Seminar – “Managing Your Life as a Senior”**
A panel will address the participants and answer questions on legal, health and tax issues
Venue: Citizens Advice Bureau, Community House, 32 Leach Street, New Plymouth
Organisers: Citizens Advice Bureau (06) 758-9542
- 9 June** **“Values in Education” – Public Forum**
Involving the community in identifying key values and how schools can help to maintain them
Venue: New Plymouth District Council Chambers
Organisers: Taranaki Workers Educational Association (06) 758-0960
- 27 June** **Special Afternoon of Entertainment Music and Dance**
Traditional country music
Venue: Ferndale Hall, Barry Street, New Plymouth
Organisers: New Plymouth Traditional Country Music Society (06) 751-3625
- 30 June** **Lunch and Entertainment**
Traditional country music
Venue: Tikorangi Hall
Organisers: Tikorangi Country Women’s Institute
- 28 July** **Keeping Independent Now (KIN)**
Seminar celebrating International Year of Older Persons including information about services that assist older people to remain independent
Venue: West End Bowling Club, New Plymouth
Organisers: Department of Work and Income (06) 759-9604



- 28 July** **Driving Licence Seminar**
 Venue: Beach Street Hall
 Organisers: Grey Power New Plymouth
- 10 August** **Celebrating Difference**
 Children's Art Exhibition commissioned for UNESCO to commemorate 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to celebrate the removal of an age limit in the workplace. Guest speakers and awards presented to participating schools
 Venue: District Council Civic Centre, New Plymouth
 Organisers: Human Rights for People with Disabilities Co-ordinator (06) 758-7094
- 21 August** **Seminar – Moving Forward at 40+**
 An education/information seminar for people over the age of 40
 Venue: Baptist Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth
 Organisers: Taranaki Arthritis Foundation (06) 759-0068
- 23 August** **Nostalgia Concert**
 Jim Sutton compère
 Venue: TSB Showplace, New Plymouth
 Organisers: Taranaki Rest Homes, Taranaki Disabilities Resource Centre Trust, LBN Entertainers, Roy West (06) 752-7816, John Major (06) 758-0982, Raewyn Lucinsky (06) 758-7351
- 13 September** **Open Day at Owae Marae**
 An opportunity to hear about marae history and customs and to acknowledge the contributions of older people
 Venue: Owae Marae, Waitara
 Organisers: Te Maunga Hauora Trust (06) 754-7787
- October and November** **Fund-raising for Cardiac Unit**
 Organisers: Grey Power, New Plymouth (06) 757-5885
- 1 October** **Global Embrace Walk**
 Come and enjoy the bands and join groups of older and younger people who will meet up and continue the walk together
 Venue: Older people will gather at TSB Stadium
 Younger people will gather at YMCA
 Organiser: Westpac Trust Sport Taranaki, Kent Mori (07) 757-9049



- 4 - 5 October** **Time Continuity and Change**
A Social Studies unit across the whole school
Organisers: Frankley School (06) 753-6436
- 7 October** **Mayor's Morning Tea for Older People**
Plus tour of Council buildings and information about the role of Council
Venue: New Plymouth District Council Chambers
Organisers: New Plymouth District Council
- 9 October** **Kaumātua Ball**
Venue: Owae Marae, Waitara
Organisers: Te Maunga Hauora Trust (06) 754-7787
- 21 October** **Morning Tea**
For residents and their families
Venue: Riverview Rest Home
Organisers: Riverview Rest Home (06) 757-9344

WANGANUI

- May** **Essays – Valuing Relationships Between Young and Old**
Forms 1 and 2 students from local schools
Organisers: U3A Wanganui (06) 345-0291
- 3 - 27 May** **Op-Teen '99**
Groups of older people picked up from home, taken to a school, and "buddied with a student" who escorts them around. Lunch provided
Venue: Six secondary schools in Wanganui
Organisers: Christian Social Services Wanganui (06) 345-2139
- 29 May** **United Nations Association of New Zealand National Conference**
"Towards a society for all ages" – Speech awards for secondary school students
Venue: Wanganui Collegiate School
Organisers: United Nations Association of New Zealand (06) 345-5714
- 30 May** **Variety Concert**
Items by young and older people including old-time music
Venue: Central Baptist Church, 285 Wicksteed Street, Wanganui
Organiser: Maureen O'Sullivan, Age Concern Wanganui (06) 345-7337



- 6 August** **Health & Fitness Expo plus Kapahaka Entertainment**
An opportunity for young and older people to spend a fun day together
- Venue: Te Kura O Kokohuia School, Matipo Street, Wanganui
- Organisers: Awa Sport, c/- Whanganui River Māori Trust Board
(06) 345-8160
- 1 September** **Pearls of Great Price**
A seminar exploring aspects of positive ageing
- Venue: St Joseph Conference Centre, 14 Hillside Terrace
- Organisers: Sisters of St Joseph (06) 345-5047
- 8 September** **Multicultural Women's Group Special Morning**
Older women invited to hear speakers and share interests and challenges of older age
- Venue: Wanganui Polytechnic
- Organisers: Multicultural Women's Group (06) 345-0997
- 12 September** **Intergenerational Concert**
An afternoon of classical music by some of Wanganui's favourite vocalists and instrumentalists
- Venue: Christ Church Community Centre, 243 Wicksteed Street
- Organisers: Age Concern Wanganui and Institute of Registered Music Teachers
(06) 345-1799
- 1 October** **Positive Ageing Theme Day and Global Event Walk**
A wide range of displays and activities
- Venue: Trafalgar Square
- Organisers: Age Concern Wanganui (06) 345-1799
Sport Wanganui Active-Living Co-ordinator (06) 348-1440
- 1 October** **Me and My Gran – Photography Competition**
Photographs displayed and judged on 1 October
- Venue: Trafalgar Square
- Organisers: National Council of Women (06) 345-2841
- 6 - 28 October** **Op-Fest '99**
Lunch, activities and entertainment each Wednesday and Thursday during October
- Venue: St Pauls and All Saints church halls for lunch, and four separate afternoon entertainment venues
- Organisers: Christian Social Services Wanganui (06) 345-2139



13 October **Bus Trip**
An opportunity for older and younger learners, tutors and supporters from different cultures to enjoy time together and visit a museum

Venue: Tawhiti Museum, Hawera
Organisers: Wanganui ESOL Home Tutor Service (06) 345-0997

19 October **Ecumenical Church Service**
A simple, all-inclusive service of prayer, music and reflection for older people in Wanganui

Venue: St Mary's Church, Guyton Street
Organisers: Nazareth Rest Home and Chaplains (06) 345-8548
Age Concern Wanganui (06) 345-8548

30 November **Happy Feet Finale**
An afternoon of dancing and dance entertainment

Venue: Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui
Organisers: The Hillcrest Project and Sport Wanganui (06) 344-3927

MANAWATU

Weekly in 1999 **International Year of Older Persons Radio Broadcast**
Older people talking about planned activities, issues relevant to older people, oral histories and other matters of interest

Venue: Manawatu Sounz – Access Radio, Queen Elizabeth College, Rangitikei Street, Palmerston North
Organisers: Manawatu Sounz – Access Radio (06) 357-9340

21 February **Oaklee Rock 'n' roll Revival Festival**
Celebrating the 1950s and 1960s. The event will be videotaped and tapes will be available for sale

Venue: Oaklee Garden, McDonell Road, 9 RD, Palmerston North
Organisers: Oaklee – The Garden Estate (06) 329-3702

April **Adult and Child Golf Tournament**
An intergenerational event

Venue: Pahiatua Golf Club
Organisers: Pahiatua Eagles Society (06) 376-8761

May **Concert**
Band and singing group will perform songs of yesteryear

Venue: Tararua College Hall, Churchill Street, Pahiatua
Organisers: Tararua College (06) 376-8344



- 13 May** **Valuing Yesterday Tomorrow – Joan Druett – Author**
Talking about issues relevant to older people, oral histories and other matters of interest
- Venue: Ground Floor Meeting Room, Palmerston North Library
- Organisers: Te Whare Akonga – Open Learning Centre
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- 17 & 24 May** **Technology in the Library**
A hands-on introduction to technology in the library using Internet, CD-ROMs and the library computer catalogue
- Venue: Palmerston North Library
- Organisers: Palmerston North City Library (06) 351-4100
- 18, 19, 25, 26 May** **Reel Movies**
Movies of the 1920s to 1950s
- Venue: Globe Theatre, Palmerston North
- Organisers: Palmerston North City Library (06) 351-4100
- 19 & 26 May** **Making Contact**
A hands-on introduction to using computers to make contact with people around the world
- Venue: Palmerston North Library
- Organisers: Palmerston North City Library (06) 351-4100
- 21 & 28 May** **Internet Pathways to Information**
An introduction to the Internet
- Venue: Palmerston North Library
- Organisers: Palmerston North City Library (06) 351-4100
- 24 May** **Glimpses of the Past**
A slide show of the history of the city, followed by a “share your memories” session and afternoon tea
- Venue: Ground Floor Meeting Room, Palmerston North Library
- Organisers: Palmerston North City Library (06) 351-4100
- July - September** **Valuing Yesterday Tomorrow – Workshops**
Topics include oral histories, mentored writing, editing and publishing
- Organisers: Te Whare Akonga – Open Learning Centre, Palmerston North (06) 357-7882
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons



- 1 October** **Story Telling Dinner**
Banquet, guest speakers and life stories of past and present residents
Venue: Brightwater Centre
Organisers: Brightwater Centre (06) 358-3067
- 2 & 3 October** **A Celebration of Older People**
Displays, interactive activities and special guests, and Global Embrace walk
Venue: Showgrounds Recreation Centre, Pascal Street Stadium
Organisers: Sport Manawatu (06) 358-6004
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- 3 October** **Festival – City Procession and Picnic**
Horse-drawn vehicles, bands, vintage cars and people in period costumes, followed by a city picnic, entertainment, displays and concluding with a tea dance
Venue: Palmerston North City and Barber Hall
Organisers: Palmerston North City Council – City Alive! Unit
Lyn Gray (06) 356-8199 Extn 7162

WAIRARAPA

- 14 May** **Grab A Gran (Gran-mother, Gran-father, Gran-daughter, Gran-son)**
A fun run, walk or wheelchair event. Spot prizes galore!
Venue: Around the town centres in the Wairarapa region
Organisers: Sport Wairarapa and Showcase '99 (06) 370-9157
- 14 May** **Family Walk Around Masterton**
Organiser: Whaiora Whanui (06) 370-8145
- 14 May** **Young and Old Plant a Weeping Cherry Tree**
A special event involving hospital day care and early childhood centre, ending with lunch together
Venue: Glenwood Hospital, Masterton
Organiser: Glenwood Hospital (06) 377-0221
- 16 June** **Classic Films**
Venue: Regent Theatre, Masterton
Organisers: WOOPS, Rita Parkinson (06) 377-0066
- 21 June** **Mid-winter Dinner**
Organiser: Whaiora Whanui (06) 370-8145



- 7 August** **Duo Fiddlesticks (Eketahuna)**
Enjoy the musical entertainment followed by afternoon tea
Venue: Community Hall, Haswell Street, Eketahuna
Organisers: Showcase '99, Margaret Oliver (06) 375 8185
- 14 August** **Vaudeville (Featherston)**
Young and older entertainers and artists from Greytown and Featherston
Venue: Anzac Hall, Featherston
Organisers: Featherston Events Committee and Greytown Little Theatre (06) 308-9521
- 1 September** **Spring Carnival**
Celebrating the International Year of Older Persons with entertainment, a fashion show and afternoon tea
Venue: Colombo Rest Home, 2 Colombo Street, Masterton
Organisers: Colombo Rest Home (06) 378-8809
- 5, 12, 19, 26 September** **Walk Series**
In conjunction with the Heart Foundation
Venue: Sports Bowl, Masterton
Organisers: Sport Wairarapa
- 10 September** **Mini Olympics**
Teams comprising pre-schoolers to grandparents will take part followed by a BBQ and disco/dance
Venue: Eketahuna Primary School, Alfredton Road
Organisers: WOOPS (Eketahuna Sub-committee) (06) 373-8185
- 22 September** **Classic Film Matinee**
Showing of "African Queen" film followed by afternoon tea
Venue: REAP House, 340 Queen Street, Masterton
Organisers: WOOPS (06) 377-0066
- October** **Launch of Project Packs of Facets of Wairarapa History for Schools and Libraries**
Organisers: Masterton District Library, Joy Tutty (06) 370-5089
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons



1 October Celebrating the International Day of Older Persons – Old-time Dancing

Lunch, entertainment and old-time dancing

Venue: Anzac Hall, Bell Street, Featherston

Organisers: WOOPS, Rita Parkinson (06) 377-0066

1 October Festival of Dance

Grand finale, come and join in the fun. Rock 'n' roll, Line dancing, Māori Club, Polynesian, Ballet, Belly dancing and more.

Venue: War Memorial Stadium, Dixon Street, Masterton

Organisers: Showcase '99 (06) 377-3414

12 - 31 October Merle Woodhams Exhibition

Art exhibition to raise awareness about older people

Venue: Wairarapa Arts and History Centre

Organisers: Wairarapa Cultural Trust (06) 377-1210

10 November Golden Games

Mini olympics for rest homes in the Wairarapa which will include quoits, balloon tennis, bean bags etc

Venue: War Memorial Stadium, Masterton

Organisers: Sport Wairarapa, Dayle Clarkson (06) 370-9157

KAPITI

Ongoing in Valuing the Contributions of Older People

1999 “Round Table Circle Group” of residents sharing their many talents and skills

Venue: Eldon Lodge Rest Home

Organisers: Eldon Lodge Rest Home (04) 298-8199

March - June Kapiti Coast Top Senior Citizen Award

Nominations for this award can be sent to the organisers.

The award will be presented on 15 June

Venue: Southwards Theatre and Restaurant, Paraparaumu

Organisers: Kapiti Coast Grey Power Association Inc
PO Box 479, Paraparaumu (04) 297-1598

17 March St Patrick's Day

Celebrations include shamrock name tags and green hats, music, etc

Venue: Kapiti Rest Home

Organisers: Kapiti Rest Home (04) 298-4532



- April** **Our Button Picture**
 Made by residents using buttons donated by staff, relatives and members of the community
 Venue: Kapiti Rest Home
 Organisers: Kapiti Rest Home (04) 298-4532
- 1 April** **Easter**
 Competition of Easter bonnets and hats for the men made by residents
 Venue: Kapiti Rest Home
 Organisers: Kapiti Rest Home (04) 298-4532
- 27 April** **100th Birthday Celebrations**
 A week of festivities to celebrate this special event
 Venue: Kapiti Rest Home
 Organisers: Kapiti Rest Home (04) 298-4532
- 21 May** **Those Were The Days**
 Brides and grooms in fashions of 20 - 60 years ago joining with carers and volunteer visitors for a wedding reception
 Venue: Eldon Lodge Rest Home
 Organisers: Eldon Lodge Rest Home (04) 298-8199
- 22 May** **Display by Local Volunteer Associations**
 Stands, stalls and videos
 Venue: Coastlands Shopping Mall, Paraparaumu
 Organisers: Citizens Advice Bureau (04) 298-4944
- 17 June** **Positive Approaches to the Ageing Process**
 Seminar – The Law Can Help
 Venue: Waikanae Memorial Hall, Pehi Kupa Street, Waikanae
 Organisers: Age Concern Kapiti Coast (04) 298-8879
- 24 June** **Positive Approaches to the Ageing Process**
 Seminar – Security and Confidence
 Venue: Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
 Organisers: Age Concern Kapiti Coast (04) 298-8879
- 1 July** **Positive Approaches to the Ageing Process**
 Seminar – Getting About
 Venue: Waikanae Memorial Hall, Pehi Kupa Street, Waikanae
 Organisers: Age Concern Kapiti Coast (04) 298-8879



- 16 & 23 July** **U3A Winter Series**
Guest speakers will present a range of topics of interest to older people
Venue: Community Centre, Paraparaumu
Organisers: University of the Third Age (04) 293-2583
- 26 September** **Golden Concert**
Music for older people to enjoy and join in with
Venue: Southwards Theatre, Paraparaumu
Organisers: Age Concern Kapiti Coast and RNZAF (04) 298-8879
- 1 October** **Global Embrace Walk**
Come and join in the fun and receive a certificate for the laps you walk
Venue: Mazengarb Park, Paraparaumu
Organisers: Combined Committee. Contact Felicity Stacey (04) 297-2624
- 1 October** **International Day of Older Persons Parade and Exhibition**
Rest homes and continuing care hospitals in Kapiti are making banners which will be carried by residents who are mainly in wheelchairs. Paintings and crafts will be on display
Venue: Coastlands Mall, Paraparaumu
Organisers Sevenoaks Lodge (04) 297-0116, Sport Wellington Region (04) 293-1859
- 2 October** **Garden Walk**
Open day to celebrate the opening of the lake walkway
Venue: Sevenoaks Retirement Village
Organisers: Kapiti District Trust Board (04) 297-0116
- WELLINGTON**
- During 1999** **Directory of Services for Older People**
To be distributed to 10,000 older people, libraries, CABX and community organisations in the Wellington region
Organisers: Age Concern Wellington (04) 564-6963
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- Ongoing in 1999** **Transport in the Earlier Part of the 20th Century**
An oral history project involving Te Hopai Rest Home and St Anne's Primary School, Newtown
Venue: Final display – Newtown Public Library in September
Organisers: Te Hopai Rest Home (04) 389-6193



- 2 - 23 February** **Kaumātua Art**
Arts and craft afternoons, Māori weaving, carving, painting, etc
Venue: Te Aroha Sports and Health Pavilion, Lower Hutt
Organisers: Waiwhetu Kaumātua Group (04) 566-2059
- March - December** **Monthly Interviews with Jewish Seniors**
These interviews will be published in the Jewish newspaper *The Chronicle* and will feature Jewish seniors who have survived major 20th century upheavals such as wars, famine and massacres
Organisers: Care of Aged, E Rothman (04) 479-1541
- 12 March** **Conference: "Valuing the Older Worker"**
Venue: Plaza International Hotel, Wellington
Organisers: Human Rights Commission (09) 375-8621
- April - June** **Fortnightly Concerts**
Various types of music likely to appeal to older listeners
Venue: Wellington Senior Citizens Centre
Wellington Central Library, Cable Street, Wellington
Organisers: Wellington City Council (04) 385-1929
- April - September** **Looking Back: New Zealand on Film**
1st Thursday in the month
A series of screenings especially selected to appeal to Wellington's senior citizen community
Venue: Rialto Cinema 3, Cable Street, Wellington
Organisers: The Film Centre in association with Wellington City Council's Senior Community Network (04) 384-7647
- 1 April** **Radio Interview: International Year of Older Persons**
Margaret Wright interviews Lys Noble
Venue: Access Radio
Organisers: Age Concern Wellington (04) 564 6963
- 28 April** **Model United Nations General Assembly**
Fourteen Wellington secondary schools, representing 28 countries, debate the resolution: International Year of Older Persons, as it relates to the country they represent
Venue: Wesley Centre, Taranaki Street, Wellington
Organisers: Wellington Branch of the United Nations Association (04) 938-5162



- 29 April** **Positive Ageing at Marsden School**
Presentation at assembly
Venue: Marsden School, Karori, Wellington
Organisers: Age Concern Wellington (04) 564 6963
- May** **Food from Yesteryear**
Taste the delights from Sri Lanka
Organisers: United Sri Lanka Association (NZ) (04) 478-4014
- 1 May** **Growing Old Disgracefully**
A forum for women aged over 50 to discuss common issues, feel pride in their age and their achievements, challenge stereotypes and find a way to live creatively
Venue: Wellington High School, Community Education Centre
Organiser: Maggie Kirby-Barr (04) 527-0425
- 12 May** **Secondary Schools Speech Awards – Regional Final**
Topic: “Valuing older people: my vision”
Venue: Mayoral Chambers, Wellington Town Hall
Organisers: Wellington Branch of the United Nations Association
(04) 938-5162
- 15 May** **YWCA – Celebrating the Contribution of Old and Young Women**
Displays of activities involving older women. Workshops and quiz teams with older and young women
Venue: Quality Hotel, 335 Willis Street, Wellington
Organisers: YWCA Wellington & Hutt Valley (04) 385-0505
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- 24 May** **Positive Ageing**
Talk by Sir Ross Jansen
Venue: Beehive Theatre, Parliament Buildings
Organisers: United Nations Association of New Zealand (04) 389-2188
- 19 June** **Super Expo**
Activities and displays for older people
Venue: Miramar Community Centre
Organisers: Miramar Community Centre (04) 388-1944



- 24 June** **Radio Interview: Working as an Older Volunteer**
Margaret Wright interviews Jean Godkin
- Venue: Access Radio
- Organisers: Age Concern Wellington (04) 564 6963
- 29 June** **Beamed up into Cyberspace**
Launch of free internet access for older people
- Venue: Wellington Senior Centre
Wellington Public Library, Mezzanine Floor
- Organisers: Wellington Senior Centre (04) 801-4117
- July** **Family Tree Resource Kit for Schools**
Kit includes exercises that look at the contributions grandparents make to the family. Kits have been distributed to Catholic schools and are available to other schools on request
- Organisers: Catholic Family Life Office (04) 496-1744
- July - August** **Busy Fingers**
Older people knitting slippers for children at Pomare School and peggy square rugs for the Women's Refuge
- Organisers: Aroha Care Centre for the Elderly (04) 567-1026
- 5 - 18 July** **Retired! What now?**
Come and see what Mana U3A is doing
- Venue: Pataka Community Gallery, Porirua
- Organisers: Mana University of the Third Age
- 25 July** **Grandparents Workshop**
Topics include the dynamics of three generations living together, grandparenting from a distance, passing on traditions and grandparenting through divorce
- Venue: St Mary's College, Thorndon, Wellington
- Organisers: Catholic Family Life Office (04) 496-1744
- 1 August** **Grandparents Service**
Grandparents and grandchildren come together for worship followed by morning tea and BYO lunch
- Venue: St James Church, Woburn Road, Lower Hutt
- Organisers: St James Church (04) 569-6737



- 2 August** **Ageing is Living Community Seminar**
What ageing means to me – what helps me to age well. Discussion, storytelling, making wind banner and cloak of age. Intergenerational and active ageing activities
- Venue: Cook Islands Community Centre, Cannons Creek, Porirua
- Organisers: Contact: Kathy Glasgow, Age Concern New Zealand
(04) 471-2709 or Lynne Patterson, Porirua Healthy Safer City Trust (04) 237-2112
- 8 - 10 September** **Conference: “Home Is Where The Health Is”**
- Venue: Plaza International Hotel, Wellington
- Organisers: NZ Home Health Association Inc (04) 472-3196
- 16 September** **Radio Interview: International Year of Older Persons**
Margaret Wright interviews a 70-year-old karate instructor who teaches older people to be “streetwise”
- Venue: Access Radio
- Organisers: Age Concern Wellington (04) 564-6963
- 18 September** **Society for All Ages – A Celebration of Life**
Workshops, visits, displays and Cathedral Service
- Venue: St Pauls Cathedral Wellington, Molesworth Street
- Organisers: Association of Anglican Women Wellington (04) 389-3553
- 25 September** **Senior Recreation Festival**
Sports expo for older adults to have a go
- Venue: Upper Hutt Civic Hall
- Organisers: Upper Hutt City Council (04) 527-2134
- 1 October** **The Age of Opportunity Festival**
A celebration of older people’s involvement in performing and visual arts, including fashion show and tea dance, art exhibition, musical items, old home cinema
- Venue: Wellington Town Hall, Civic Square
- Organisers: Arts Access Aotearoa, Wellington City Council, Age Concern Wellington, Presbyterian Support Services, Te Hopai Trust (04) 384-1113
- 1 October** **Global Embrace**
Join in the fun and be part of this worldwide event
- Venue: Starts and finishes at Civic Square, Wellington
- Organiser: Natalie Batey, Sport Wellington (04) 380-1754






- 2 October** **Global Embrace and Keeping Active, Healthy and Safe Expo**
Join the Global Embrace walk and have fun at the Expo
Venue: Queensgate Mall, Lower Hutt
Organisers: Hutt City Council, Sandy Beath-Croft (04) 570-6758
- 26 October** **Ageing is Living**
Seminar leaders Sonja Davies and Margaret Wright
Venue: Women's Centre, Lower Hutt
Organiser: Margaret Wright (04) 564-6963
- 29 - 31 October** **Royal New Zealand Airforce Association 54th Reunion**
Venue: Airport Hotel, Wellington
Organisers: Royal New Zealand Airforce Association, Wally Lake (04) 389-7721
- 14 November** **Festival Kite Day**
Mini craft market, kite demonstration and competition, and much more involving young children and older people
Venue: Manor Park School, Manor Park
Organisers: Manor Park Hospital (04) 563-5780
- 9 December** **Reading of Children's Poems for the International Year of Older Persons**
Venue: Access Radio
Organisers: Age Concern Wellington (04) 564-6963

CHATHAM ISLANDS

- 22 - 31 March** **Poetry Competition**
Poems focusing on relationships between children and older people, written by children. Winning poems available for publication
Venue: All schools on Chatham and Pitt Islands
Organiser: Pitt Island School Principal
E-mail address: pitt.is.sc@xtra.co.nz

Thomas Fuller, an American slave known as the "Virginian Calculator", was aged nearly 80 when he calculated the number of seconds in the life of a man who had lived 70 years 17 days 12 hours. It took him 1 1/2 minutes to give the correct answer of 2,210,500,800.





NELSON

- Sundays during 1999** **International Year of Older Persons Community Access**
Weekly radio programmes by and for older people – 43 weekly 30-minute radio programmes including interviews, personal profiles, histories, information about social services and examining the future for older people
Organisers: Tasman Bay Community Broadcasting Society Inc, Nelson (03) 546-9891
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- Ongoing in 1999** **Knit and Chat**
Knitting bedsocks, hot-water bottle covers and mittens for residents of nursing homes
Venue: Senior Citizens Hall
Organisers: Age Concern Nelson Craft Group (03) 546-7682
- 10 February** **Interaction Day at the Marae**
A Māori welcome and tour of Wakatu Marae followed by a hangi
Venue: Wakatu Marae
Organisers: Age Concern Nelson (03) 546-7682
- 17 March** **Wheels and Walkers '99**
A rally and parade of people on scooters, in wheelchairs and walkers ending with afternoon tea
Venue: Stoke Memorial Hall, Main Road, Stoke, Nelson
Organisers: Combined Organisations Stoke, Nelson (03) 547-2660
- 20 April** **Yesteryear Concert**
Old songs from older performers
Organisers: Age Concern Nelson (03) 546-7682
- 30 May** **Street March**
Retired and present-day marching girls, and the town will be decorated
Organisers: Age Concern Nelson (03) 546-7682
- June & July** **Social Dance**
Live band and supper
Venue: Richmond Town Hall
Organisers: Nelson Old Time Dance Club (03) 548-2236





- 23 June** **Old-time Sing-a-long Concert and Afternoon Tea**
 Venue: St Johns Hall, 55 Muratai Street, Tahunanui
 Organisers: The Order of St John, Alan (03) 547-5652, Joy (03) 548-6164 or Elizabeth (03) 548-1309
- 30 June** **Cool Pool**
 Age Concern v RSA team, an evening of good company and fun
 Venue: RSA Rooms
 Organisers: Age Concern Nelson (03) 546-7682
- 20 July** **Mid-winter Christmas Dinner**
 A roast dinner followed by humorous skits and a sing-a-long for rest home residents
 Venue: Senior Citizens Hall
 Organisers: Age Concern Nelson (03) 546-7682
- 28 July** **Variety Dance Party**
 Dress up and enjoy the old-time music, and launch of a new publication combining newsletters of groups working with older people
 Venue: Stoke Hall, Main Road, Stoke, Nelson
 Organisers: Combined International Year of Older Persons Committee (03) 548-2090
- 29 July** **Mid-winter Walk**
 Walk along the river and enjoy the company of others. Everyone will receive a certificate and a mug of hot soup on completion of the walk
 Venue: Senior Citizens Hall
 Organisers: Age Concern Nelson (03) 546-7682
- 19 August** **Lough Cup**
 Bowls tournament
 Venue: Hope Hall, Nelson
 Organisers: Age Concern Nelson (03) 546-7682
- 16 September** **Let's Have Fun in the "Old Style"**
 Entertainment and afternoon tea – the train will be running
 Venue: Founders Park, Nelson
 Organisers: Age Concern Nelson (03) 546-7682



26 September Interdenominational Church Service

Celebrating older people

Venue: Nelson Cathedral

Organisers: Combined Churches of Nelson (03) 548-2090

October - Solo Bicycle Tour of the South Island

December Highlights of the tour will be broadcast on National Radio and, on the completion of her cycle tour, Mrs Robin Robilliard plans to write a guide book for older people who would like to plan a cycling tour

Organisers: Mrs Robin Robilliard (03) 525-9051

1 October International Day of Older Persons Walk

Walk through the Japanese garden and Founders Park

Organisers: Combined Organisations (03) 546-7682

MARLBOROUGH

1 October International Day of Older Persons Walk

A walk around the streets of Blenheim followed by morning tea

Venue: Walk will leave from Sport Tasman, 19 Kinross Street

Organisers: Sport Tasman, Jackie Hegglun (03) 577-8855

WEST COAST

13 May Going With The Times

Older people taken on a school tour by the students

Venue: Greymouth High School

Organisers: C.A.R.E. and Sport West Coast (03) 768-4600

15, 22, 29 Mid-Christmas Get Together

June Dinner at the Hotel

Venue: 15 June – Paroa Hotel

22 June – Revingtons Hotel

29 June – Union Hotel

Organisers: C.A.R.E. and Sport West Coast (03) 768-4600

28 July Shantytown Shebang

Bus to Shantytown, tram ride, three-course meal and an evening of entertainment

Venue: Shantytown

Organisers: C.A.R.E. and Sport West Coast (03) 768-4600





- 4 & 25 August** **Music Days**
 Scottish dancing demonstrations
 Venue: RSA
 Organisers: C.A.R.E. (03) 768-4600
- 11 August** **Arnold Dam and Lake Brunner Walk**
 Lunch at Moana Hotel and “Warehouse” visit
 Organisers: C.A.R.E. (03) 768-4600
- September** **Party at the Pictures**
 Old movie and afternoon tea
 Organisers: C.A.R.E. (03) 768-4600
- 28 September** **Dawn Walk and Breakfast**
 A one-hour walk viewing whitebaiters in action followed by breakfast and sharing treasures and stories from the past
 Venue: Meet at Diego Restaurant
 Organisers: Sport Tasman (03) 789-6779
- October -** **Rest Home Games**
November Medals and certificates
 Organisers: C.A.R.E. (03) 768-4600

CHRISTCHURCH

- During 1999** **Video Guide to Services for Older People**
 Educational video to assist older Christchurch people, their families and carers to access services to help them maintain their independence
 Organisers: Nurse Maude Association, Christchurch
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- During 1999** **Valuing Older People Through Learning Workshops**
 Monthly workshops covering a range of topics for older people, carers and families
 Organisers: Presbyterian Support, Christchurch (03) 366-5472
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons



- February - September** **Achievements in the Arts**
A display, changing each month, celebrating the work of different Canterbury writers/artists/craftspeople
Venue: Age Concern Canterbury, 64 Cashel Street, Christchurch
Organisers: Age Concern Canterbury (03) 366-0903
- 12 March** **Bringing Cultures Together**
Information, craft displays, food tasting and music
Venue: Age Concern Canterbury, 64 Cashel Street, Christchurch
Organisers: Age Concern Canterbury (03) 366-0903
- 15 March** **Volunteer Awareness**
To acknowledge the role of Age Concern Canterbury's volunteers
Organisers: Age Concern Canterbury (03) 366-0903
- 23 March** **Older Adults Active Recreation Festival**
A day of "have-a-go" at physical activities along with information stalls and displays
Venue: Hoon Hay Club, 20 Tankerville Street, Hoon Hay
Organisers: Sport Canterbury (03) 377-0947
- 26 March** **Nonagenarian Lunch**
A special invitation lunch for 22 nonagenarians
Venue: Woolston Club by invitation
Organisers: Pegasus Lions (03) 355-0660
- Each Friday in April** **Speakers Corner**
Speakers will share information on a range of topics
Venue: Age Concern Canterbury, 64 Cashel Street, Christchurch
Organisers: Age Concern Canterbury (03) 366-0903
- 7 April** **World Health Day – "Active Ageing"**
Venue: Age Concern Canterbury, 64 Cashel Street, Christchurch
Organisers: Age Concern Canterbury (03) 366-0903
- 28 May** **A Celebration of Young and Old**
A "generations together" day in Cafe 64 as a culmination of local newspaper competitions. Kindergarten to secondary school students join with older people to celebrate the contributions of older people
Venue: Age Concern Canterbury, 64 Cashel Street, Christchurch
Organisers: Age Concern Canterbury (03) 366-0903



- 14 - 18 June** **Photography exhibition**
 Portraying older people as vital, visible and valuable. The exhibition is open to all ages
 Venue: Age Concern Canterbury, 64 Cashel Street, Christchurch
 Organisers: Age Concern Canterbury (03) 366-0903
- July onwards** **Life Tubes**
in 1999 Distribution of Life Tubes to older people living on their own
 Organisers: Age Concern Canterbury (03) 366-0903
- 26 September** **Celebration of Ages**
 Open-air church service, great family entertainment, demonstrations, stalls, food stalls or bring your own picnic
 Venue: Amberley Domain, Douglas Road
 Organisers: Amberley IYOP, PO Box 82, Amberley
- 30 September** **Charity Golf Match**
 Sponsored 18-hole golf tournament
 Venue: Burnham Golf Course
 Organisers: Age Concern Canterbury (03) 366-0903
- 1 October** **Celebration of Older Cantabrian Celebrities**
 Have fun, enjoy good food and listen to well-known Cantabrians sharing their stories
 Venue: Age Concern Canterbury, 64 Cashel Street, Christchurch
 Organisers: Age Concern Canterbury (03) 366-0903
- 1 October** **International Day of Older Persons Global Walk Christchurch**
 A walk followed by activities at Age Concern Canterbury
 Organisers: Age Concern Canterbury (03) 366-0903
 Sport Canterbury, Anne-Marie Tweedie (03) 377-0962
- 1 October** **International Day of Older Persons – Amberley**
 A celebration of ages day
 Organisers: Sport Canterbury, Vicki Mathieson (03) 377-0962
 Committee for IYOP Amberley
- 1 October** **Teddy Bears Picnic**
 Local primary school and residents will bring old and new teddy bears and share stories
 Venue: George Manning House, Hennessy Place, Lyttleton Street, Christchurch
 Organisers: George Manning House (03) 338-9164



1 October **Stoddart Strollers**
A walk in the grounds of Mona Vale and morning tea under the trees
Venue: Mona Vale
Organisers: Margaret Stoddart Retirement Village (03) 348-4955

SOUTH CANTERBURY

22 April **Living Confidently**
Organisers: Age Concern Ashburton (03) 308-6817

13 May **Variety Concert**
Venue: Theatre Royal
Organisers: Timaru Senior Citizens (03) 688-0588

23 May **Film Showing**
Organisers: Age Concern Ashburton (03) 308-6817

23 June **Mid-winter Christmas Dinner**
Organisers: Age Concern Ashburton (03) 308-6817

23 June **Fashion Parade**
Venue: Timaru Senior Citizens Centre
Organisers: Timaru Senior Citizens (03) 688-0588

21 July **Winter Splash**
An afternoon of fun and games
Venue: Timaru Senior Citizens Centre
Organisers: Timaru Senior Citizens (03) 688-0588

8 August **Music Club Afternoon Concert**
Organisers: Age Concern Ashburton (03) 308-6817

15 August **Hymn-along**
Venue: Woodlands Road Church
Organisers: Age Concern Timaru (03) 688-0588

26 August **Volunteers Luncheon**
Venue: Timaru Senior Citizens Centre
Organisers: Timaru Senior Citizens (03) 688-0588

25 September **Golden Memories**
Special dinner party for 350 older people including a surprise guest
Venue: Sports Stadium, Waimate
Organisers: Community Committee, Waimate District Council (03) 689-8079



- 1 October** **Family Picnic**
 Venue: The Domain
 Organisers: Age Concern Ashburton (03) 308-6817
- 1 October** **International Day of Older Persons Walk**
 Venue: Caroline Bay
 Organisers: Age Concern South Canterbury (03) 688-0588
- 17 October** **Tea Dance**
 Venue: Timaru Senior Citizens Centre
 Organisers: Timaru Senior Citizens (03) 688-0588
- 19 October** **Hymn-along**
 Venue: St Mary's Church
 Organisers: Age Concern South Canterbury (03) 688-0588
- 31 October** **Variety Concert**
 Venue: Theatre Royal
 Organisers: Timaru Senior Citizens (03) 688-0588
- 12 - 13**
November **Senior Craft Show**
 Venue: Timaru Senior Citizens Centre
 Organisers: Timaru Senior Citizens (03) 688-0588
- 14 November** **Thanksgiving Service**
 Venue: Chalmers Church
 Organisers: Timaru Senior Citizens (03) 688-0588

OTAGO

- During 1999** **Get Involved Activities/Displays**
 Various monthly activities in Alexandra, Clyde districts including social and educational events, games day and Master Olympics
 Organisers: Central Otago REAP, Alexandra
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- March - April** **Computers**
 Find out what computers can do and how you could use one
 Venue 1: Alexandra Senior Citizens Club
 Venue 2: Ranui Home, Alexandra
 Venue 3: Central Otago REAP
 Venue 4: Cromwell Sports Centre
 Organisers: Central Otago REAP (03) 448-6115



- 17 April** **Opening of Octagon Club**
Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 23 April** **Picnic with Oamaru Senior Citizens Clubs**
Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 23 April** **Cultural Day**
Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- May** **Valuing Relationships Between Young and Old**
Magic Balloon Lady talks to primary school children about Alzheimers disease using balloon characters
Venue: Primary Schools in the Dunedin area
Organisers: Alzheimers Society Otago (03) 477-9849
- 29 June** **Community Sing-along**
Favourite hymns and choruses followed by afternoon tea
Venue: Ross Chapel, Ross Home, North Road, Dunedin
Organisers: Ross Home
- 5 July** **Ask for the Moon**
Play by “Emerge” about the rag trade set in three generations
Venue: Ross Home, North Road, Dunedin
Organisers: Ross Home
- 13 July** **Mid-winter Concert**
Concert staged by the residents
Venue: Ross Home, North Road, Dunedin
Organisers: Ross Home
- 20 & 21 July** **Valuing the Older Worker**
Workshops by the Human Rights Commission
Venue: Otago Southland Employers Association,
16 McBride Street, Dunedin
Organisers: Human Rights Commission, contact Maree or Ngaire
(03) 455-5165 or freephone 0800 656-757
- 26 - 29 July** **Groovy Glasses Week**
Sassy specs made by residents will be judged on final day
Venue: Ross Home, North Road, Dunedin
Organisers: Ross Home





- August** **Computer Day**
Ross Home meets the new age!
- Venue: Ross Home, North Road, Dunedin
- Organisers: Ross Home
- 20 August** **Bowls Tournament**
- Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- September** **Generation Days**
Grandchildren invited to bring a favourite toy
- Venue: Ross Home, North Road, Dunedin
- Organisers: Ross Home – Presbyterian Support Services Otago
(03) 473-0029
- September** **Fashion Show With Older Models**
Also enjoy lunch and technology demonstrations
- Organisers: Age Concern Waitaki (03) 434-7008
- 2 - 17** **“Rossart”**
- September** An exhibition of art works completed by residents while Janet de Wagt was artist in residence
- Venue: Dunedin Community Gallery, Princes Street, Dunedin
- Organisers: Ross Home – Presbyterian Support Services Otago
(03) 473-0029
- 8 September** **Spring Luncheon**
- Venue: Dunedin Town Hall
- Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 27 & 28** **Flower Show**
- September** Theme “Time”
- Venue: Ross Home, North Road, Dunedin
- Organisers: Ross Home – Presbyterian Support Services Otago
(03) 473-0029
- 28 September** **Rest Home Talent Quest**
- Venue: Southern Hills Christian Centre, 234 King Edward Street
- Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 28 September** **Concert at Milton**
Entertainment by A4
- Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040



- 30 September** **Age On the Go Festival – Mayor’s Variety Concert**
Appearances by the best of Dunedin’s entertainers
Venue: Regent Theatre, Dunedin
Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons
- 1 October** **International Feast Day**
Celebrating our international family of older people
Venue: Sacred Heart Home, 295 Brockville Road, Dunedin
Organisers: Little Sisters of the Poor (03) 476-2028
- 1 October** **International Day of Older Person Walks**
BBQ lunch and indoor activities to follow
Venue: Start and finish of walk at Otago Women’s Bowling Centre, Logan Park
Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 1 October** **Emergency Workshop**
Venue: Red Cross Headquarters, 31 York Place, Dunedin
Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 1 October** **Choir Festival**
Venue: Kaikorai College, Kaikorai Valley Road
Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 1 October** **Morning Tea**
Celebrating the completion of computer catalogue training for people aged 50 plus
Venue: Dunedin Public Library, 4th Floor, Moray Place
Organisers: Dunedin Public Libraries (03) 474-3690
- 3 October** **Fortune Theatre Music Hall**
Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 4 October** **Concert at Alexandra**
Entertainment by A4
Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 4 October** **Line Dancing**
Venue: South Dunedin Community Hall
Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040





- 4 October** **Morning Tea**
 Celebrating the completion of computer catalogue training for people aged over 50
 Venue: Mosgiel Public Library, Downes Room
 Organisers: Mosgiel Public Library (03) 474-3501
- 5 October** **Petanque, Indoor and Lawn Bowls**
 BBQ lunch
 Venue: Caversham Sports Club, Hazel Avenue
 Organisers: Hazel (03) 488-3846 or Terry (03) 487-9118
- 6 October** **Concert**
 Entertainment by A4
 Venue: Karitane Hall
 Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 6 October** **Antiques**
 Stay for afternoon tea
 Venue: First Church
 Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 6 October** **A Play by Simon O'Connor**
 "My Place" explores aspects of ageing and stories of older people
 Venue: Burns Hall, First Church
 Organisers: Production by Presbyterian Support Otago and Talking House, a Dunedin community theatre group
- 7 October** **Concert**
 Entertainment by A4
 Venue: South Dunedin Community Hall
 Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 8 October** **Debate – "That young people need to make their own mistakes"**
 Venue: Octagon Club
 Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 8 October** **Concert**
 Entertainment by A4
 Venue: Palmerston Presbyterian Church, Clarkes Hall
 Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040



- 11 October Charles Croot Essay Competition**
Theme – Thank goodness for the generation gap
Entries close 31 August at Age Concern Otago
Venue: Prizegiving at Octagon Club
Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 11 October Fly Fishing**
Supported by Fish and Game Otago
Limited Flies – Spinners, Lures available. BBQ lunch
Venue: Sullivans Dam, Old Leith Valley Road
Organisers: Hazel (03) 488-3846
- 11 - 15 October Generations Together**
St Andrews Aged Care Facility and St Bernadettes Primary School will combine activities including art, story times and reminiscing, sports, music, etc. The week will conclude with a shared fish and chip lunch
Venue: St Andrews Aged Care Facility and St Bernadettes Primary School, Macandrew Bay, Dunedin
Organisers: St Andrews Aged Care Facility (03) 476-1501
- 12 October Recreational Festival**
Leisure activities, numerous sports, health and fitness checks
Venue: Dunedin Stadium, Victoria Road
Organisers: Sport Otago or Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 13 October Clutha Super Master Games**
Venue: Memorial Hall, Balclutha
Organisers: Age Concern Otago (03) 477-1040
- 12 December Christmas Party for Living Treasures**
Church service, Christmas lunch and concert
Venue: Frankton Presbyterian Church and Queenstown Memorial Hall
Organisers: Friends of the Senior Citizens' Communities of Central Otago (03) 442-3318

SOUTHLAND


- 1 - 3 March Golden Mile**
Older people and students planting a “Golden Mile” of daffodils
Venue: State Highway 1 – entrance to Invercargill
Organisers: Age Concern Southland (03) 218-6315
This project was undertaken with special government funding for the International Year of Older Persons





- 19 - 20 May** **Older People Reading to the Young**
Promoting intergenerational relationships
Venue: Invercargill Public Library
Organisers: Invercargill Public Library (03) 218-7025
- 16 July** **Grandad's Back Yard Shed**
A hallowed den of tools and treasures from yesteryear including old tobacco tins, bike parts, prams, clocks
Venue: Elm Court Longstay Hospital, Invercargill
Organisers: Elm Court (03) 214-7230
- 19 July** **Valuing the Older Worker**
Workshops by the Human Rights Commission
Venue: Invercargill Working Men's Club, Esk Street, Invercargill
Organisers: Human Rights Commission, Contact Colin Schaab (03) 217-3350
- September** **Talent Quest and Luncheon For Older People**
Venue: Wallacetown Senior Citizens
Organisers: Age Concern Southland (03) 218-6315
- 11 - 17**
September **Golden Week for Southland**
Organisers: Age Concern Southland (03) 218-6315
- 18 September** **Bringing Generations Together Expo**
Displays, activities and much more
Venue: Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill
Organisers: Combined organisations. Contact Colin Schaab (03) 217-3350
- 1 October** **International Year of Older Persons Walk Day**
Walks will be held in Invercargill, Gore, Queenstown and Winton
Organisers: Sport Southland (03) 214-7159
- 1 October** **Have-A-Go-Day**
Six activities to have-a-go at, then enjoy afternoon tea served by the Mayor and Councillors followed by a sing-song
Organisers: Gore District Council, Wendy Barron (03) 208-9080

*F*rank Lloyd Wright, America's
greatest architect, began his most
creative and prolific work from
the age of 69.





Appendix 6: Government Department and Crown Entity Activities

Activities undertaken by government agencies are listed before those undertaken by Crown entities and others. Listings are in alphabetical order by agency name.

Government departments	Activities
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	<p>Operational research and facilitation programme</p> <p>Discussion paper on the intergenerational transfer of farm property.</p> <p>Publicity</p> <p>The <i>Rural Bulletin</i>, which reaches networks of more than 200,000 people, provided rural people with information about the International Year of Older Persons.</p>
Children, Young Persons and their Families Agency (part of the Department of Social Welfare until 1 October 1999)	<p>Publicity</p> <p>A special issue of <i>Focus</i> monthly staff magazine, with articles on older people's contribution to the Department's work with children, youth, and their families. Production of an International Year of Older Persons "Grandparents are Great" poster. Issue 33 of <i>Outreach</i> magazine, sent to contract providers and other stakeholders in the social services sector, featured an article on IYOP and included the poster.</p>
Ministry of Commerce	<p>Provision of business advice for older persons</p> <p>The Ministry's December 1999 issue of <i>Business Development News</i> profiled the work of older people providing business mentoring services.</p> <p>Input into safety installations for older people</p> <p>The Office of the Chief Electrical Engineer sponsored the production, by Standards New Zealand, of a Handbook (NZMP 600:1999) <i>Safer Electrical Installations in Homes for Children, the Elderly and People with Disabilities</i>, aimed at people designing, supervising, or using private or commercial premises for occupancy by those groups.</p> <p>Input to "Owlmark" project for electrical appliances</p> <p>The Office of the Chief Electrical Engineer sponsored work by the NZ Council of Elders to identify and assess the usefulness to older people of a range of electrical products.</p> <p>Publicity</p> <p>IYOP posters were placed in cafeterias and tearooms. IYOP stickers were placed on envelopes.</p>



Department of Conservation

Community-based programmes

The vital contribution of older people to the conservation of NZ's natural and historic heritage was acknowledged in events during 1999:

- "Common Ground" – 16-month calendar showcasing the conservation efforts of New Zealanders profiled six older people
- Arbor Day (5 June) events around the country included kaumatua and retired people
- Kakapo Naming Contest – winners included two older people who received a trip to Maud Island to see three kakapo chicks
- Kiwi Recovery Programme – visit to Otorohanga Kiwi House arranged for 101-year-old woman, for her first meeting with a live kiwi
- Conservation Awards – older people were recipients in Northland, Waikato and Wellington. DOC nominated several volunteers for Tower Senior Achievers Awards
- Memory Week (11 - 16 October) Taupo – establishment of local heritage database from copies of photos, clippings, etc held by the public
- Conservation Volunteers – although programmes do not target specific age groups, many of DOC's volunteers are older people

Staff retirement seminars

Retirement Advisory Services seminars were arranged and attended by staff and their partners approaching retirement. DOC has an ongoing programme of supporting staff in retirement.

Department of Corrections

Bicultural therapy model

The Department's Psychological Service has achieved representation of kaumātua and kuia on all BTM Committees. In many cases, kaumātua and kuia are service providers of the new bicultural therapy programme.

Department for Courts

Service standards for court users

Work on the development and implementation of a customer-focused "Courts Charter" will involve consultation in February 2000 with specific user groups, including older people.

Crown Law Office

Publicity

Information about IYOP was included in the February 1999 internal newsletter. Staff were reminded, by e-mail and newsletter, of the significance of the key dates identified for IYOP, as those dates arose. Staff were advised of the IYOP website address.



NZ Customs
Service

Seminar

An in-house seminar entitled “Ageing Gracefully” was held for all staff in February 1999. This seminar was presented by a Crown Counsel and outlined the changes to the Human Rights Act, and the implications for staff and for society as a whole.

Human resource policies

Staff who are making the transition to retirement have the option of reduced hours available to them. Flexible work arrangements for staff with older relatives in need of temporary care are also available. All human resource policies, except the collective employment contract (currently under revision) are in compliance with the Human Rights provisions that came into effect on 1 February 1999. A booklet reminding staff of the changed Human Rights provisions and the implications for staff will be distributed in early 2000.

Internal human resources policy

Policies reviewed and references to retiring age or age-related provisions removed. Retirement seminars for staff were organised, and part-time opportunities promoted for older staff wishing to remain in the workforce. Between 1997 and 1999, 51 staff were recognised for their outstanding integrity and loyalty through a long service award programme.

External client service policy development

New initiatives catering for older and disabled travellers at the three main Customs centres in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch include separate processing facilities, availability of information from airlines on passengers requiring special assistance, monitoring and identifying passengers requiring assistance.

Publication

Recommendation, following consideration, for a special section on advice and availability of services for older and disabled passengers to be included in a pamphlet on Customs services.

Retired staff social events

Existing staff continued regular meetings with retired staff, at social self-funding events. On 1 October 1999, International Day of Older Persons, retired Customs personnel were invited to the Auckland airport to view the redeveloped Customs operations. Activities included a briefing on information technology systems, a walk through the passenger clearance process, a behind-the-scenes view of the operation, lunch with management and a bus tour of the airport.



New Zealand Defence Force

Promotion activities

December issue of *Contraband*, in-house magazine, included an article on the retired staff members' tour of Auckland airport facilities. It also featured the IYOP logo.

Army

- Hosted and provided support to a number of ex-service members' reunions, visits and the RSA annual conference
- Assisted in the move of two hospitals to new buildings
- Community service provided to rest homes
- Maintenance of contracts to ex-service members through SAS Association

RNZAF

- Hosted base visits and functions for senior citizens
- Hosted a number of ex-service members' reunions
- Working bees at retirement villages
- Hosted presentations for retired Squadron Leader and retired Commanding Officer
- RNZAF Central Band performed at Kapiti "Golden Years" concert

RNZAF Museum

- Maintains discount entry price for older people
- Provides special "Nostalgia Programmes" for older groups, with free coffee/tea and other discounts
- Actively seeks older people as volunteers for guiding and other support activities
- Provides research and Studies Department historical information free to inquirers

RNZN

- Planted the "White Ensign" rose at homes for ex-navalmen's/ex-service personnel
- RNZN band performed at homes for ex-navalmen's/ex-service personnel
- Provided assistance to a number of ex-service reunions

Ministry of Education

Promote and publicise International Year of Older Persons to education sector

Several articles on links between education settings and older people and the contribution of older people were published in the *Education Gazette*. One example, "Crossing Generations", described the partnership between a school and the nearby rest home. Another identified the literacy and numeracy strategy as



an especially important area where older people could help in encouraging children's learning in everyday ways.

Distribute resource materials to schools

The Ministry assisted the Senior Citizens Unit in distributing the LinkAge handbook to schools. LinkAge was also publicised, at the time of its launch, in an article in the *Education Gazette*. In addition, the Ministry is working with the Senior Citizens Unit to place LinkAge on the recently launched Online Learning Centre (Te Kete Ipurangi) website for teachers and principals.

Education Review Office

Human resource provisions

Developed a guide for managers and staff on elder-care issues within the Office. A review of the *Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual* included ensuring policy alignment with the changes to the Human Rights Act.

Retirement information

Displayed and distributed information from the Office of the Retirement Commissioner to staff.

Ministry for the Environment

Human resource provisions

Inclusion of elder-care in the Ministry's Work and Family Policy, along with provisions for flexible working arrangements. A policy on working from home is currently being developed. The collective and individual employment contracts are currently being brought into line with recent changes to the Human Rights Act, with alternative developed to replace any age-related clause. Increasing use of short-term contracts provides the potential for flexible employment for people who have retired from full-time employment but wish to remain in the workforce.

Ministry of Fisheries

Human resource strategy

- Employment contracts reviewed and clauses relating to retirement removed
- Staff encouraged to attend retirement planning seminars, held monthly at various locations throughout the country
- Undertaking review of Flexible Working Arrangements Policy, including provisions for older staff and care of older dependants and family members
- Analysis of financial assistance for Compliance staff, supporting them to consider retirement issues

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Core foreign policy objectives

The fourth New Zealand periodic report under the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, which includes aspects relevant to older people, was prepared.



In addition, the New Zealand Permanent Representative to the United Nations delivered to the General Assembly a statement on New Zealand's contributions to IYOP, drafted with input from the Senior Citizens Unit. In late October, New Zealand also co-sponsored the UN General assembly resolution on follow-up to the International Year.

Human resources strategy

A Working Party with management and staff representatives was established in February 1999 to consider the Ministry's human resources strategy. A report will be delivered to senior management in December 1999, containing a number of recommendations on long-term career issues.

Ministry of Health

Participation of Ministry staff

- In sector planning groups for IYOP promotional activities
- At appropriate conferences and seminars discussing wide-ranging issues for older people
- In the working party advising Age Concern on the development of "Ageing is Living: an educational and training resource to prepare for positive ageing"
- In the December 1999 OECD meeting on "Implications of Disability for Ageing Populations: Monitoring Social Policy Changes"

Publication

Publication of a booklet, "Older People and Disabilities", the first analysis of nationally collected data on the level of disability and support received by a sample group of older people.

Promotion

Use of the logo for IYOP on Ministry stationery during 1999. Promotion of a poster display at the NZ Association of Gerontology Conference marking IYOP and World Health Day on 7 April.

Ministry of Housing

Seminars for tenants and landlords

Older people were represented in the seminars for landlords, which focused on the rights and responsibilities in relation to tenancies.

Human resource policies

The Ministry's family-friendly policy incorporates negotiation of flexible hours to enable staff to care for dependants including older relatives. Clauses in employment contracts relating to compulsory retirement ages have been removed. Consideration is being given to flexible work arrangements for staff approaching retirement.



**Inland Revenue
Department**

Customer service

Initiatives to improve access to departmental services included consideration to ensure the needs of older people are met. Information is provided through Citizens Advice Bureau, Age Concern and Grey Power to promote use of departmental services.

Human resource policies

Initiatives undertaken to raise awareness and assist staff approaching retirement or with elder-care responsibilities include: availability of reduced hours for staff to assist the transition to retirement; availability of flexible work arrangements for staff with dependent older relatives in need of temporary care; inclusion of a section in Human Resource publication "Flexible Work Arrangements" on managing issues affecting staff with elder-care responsibilities; addition of information about Human Rights Act provisions regarding discrimination on the basis of age in Human Resource Manual; and briefing of HR Advisers on implications of legislative changes in the Human Rights Act.

Publicity

In May 1999, publication of article about International Year of Older Persons in department's on-line newsletter.

Strategic planning

Development of age profile within the HR Resource database. Exploratory work to research impacts of changing age structure on human resource strategies.

**Department of
Internal Affairs**

Lottery funding for International Year of Older Persons

Provision of services to the Lottery Aged Distribution Committee which allocated \$250,000 for community projects to mark the Year.

**Department
of Labour**

Settlement guide for older immigrants

The NZ Immigration Service produced a specialist guide for the older person immigrating to New Zealand.

Research on immigrants

Qualitative research undertaken by the NZ Immigration Service included parents sponsored to NZ by family members, and examined aspects of the parents' settlement including cultural differences.

**Information on issues relating to age discrimination in
employment**

The Equal Employment Opportunities Fund, jointly administered by the Industrial Relations Service and Ministry of



Women's Affairs, funded a project to produce a guide for employers relating to EEO issues for older workers. The guide will focus on human resource issues such as selection of staff, job analysis and employment options. The booklet is expected to be available by May 2000.

Health and safety issues for older workers

The Occupational Safety and Health Service is undertaking a project evaluating information on health and safety issues affecting older people in the workforce, identifying the industries and services with disproportionate rates of fatalities, injuries and illnesses in older workers, and identifying relevant personal and social factors involved. Completion date for the project is June 2000.

Labour market disadvantage

Older workers may be identified as a disadvantaged group in research being undertaken by the Labour Market Policy Group. If so, the factors contributing to disadvantage will be examined and policy responses to address disparities will be considered.

National Library
of New Zealand

Introduction to library

An introduction to the library was undertaken with an organisation targeting education for older people.

Ministry of Pacific
Island Affairs

Communication with older Pacific peoples

The Ministry assisted the Senior Citizens Unit's communication strategy by undertaking responsibility for communication with Pacific peoples about the Year. The Ministry also promoted the Year and distributed information through its networks.

International Pacific Vision Conference

The Ministry hosted the conference where older Pacific peoples were invited to participate in developing a vision for the future and strategies for improving the general status of Pacific peoples in NZ. Specific workshops were held on issues for older Pacific peoples.

NZ Police

Publicity

The NZ Police distributed IYOP posters and other material to districts for distribution through stations.

Confident Living Programme

The Police continued to have dialogue with the Senior Citizens Unit on its guidelines for the Confident Living Programme. Local police will be invited to participate in these multi-agency programmes by way of promulgation of the guidelines.



<p>Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet</p>	<p>Safer Community Councils Initiatives supported by the Crime Prevention Unit, through Safer Community Councils, include confident living programmes for older people, elder-abuse prevention seminars, and the involvement of older people as mentors in the CPU's Mentoring for Children/Youth at Risk Demonstration Projects.</p> <p>Publicity December 1999 issue of "Crime Prevention News" featured an example of the role that retired people can have in preventing crime in their community.</p> <hr/>
<p>NZ Security Intelligence Service</p>	<p>Human resource policies Retirement information provided to staff, including facilitating attendance at retirement preparation courses. Assistance provided in the formation of a support network for retired staff.</p> <hr/>
<p>Senior Citizens Unit (part of the Department of Social Welfare until 1 October 1999, then part of the Ministry of Social Policy)</p>	<p>National strategy Undertook responsibility for the development and implementation of the national strategy for International Year of Older Persons.</p> <p>LinkAge guidelines Launched and distributed, to all schools, the LinkAge guidelines to encourage the development of intergenerational programmes in schools.</p> <p>Gerontology Conference Secretariat services and advice provided for the NZ Association of Gerontology Conference at Te Papa, 6 - 9 April 1999.</p> <p>Confident Living Programme Worked with NZ Police and NZ Fire Service on development of draft protocols for the Confident Living Programme.</p> <hr/>
<p>Serious Fraud Office</p>	<p>Work to combat serious or complex fraud Contributed to ensuring that people have confidence in financial institutions when they invest their money. There was evidence that older people are seriously disadvantaged by fraud as they may lose their life savings with little or no opportunity to recover any of their losses. When appropriate, the Office publicised such offending and urged people to be explicit in their requirements of their financial advisers.</p> <hr/>
<p>Department of Social Welfare</p>	<p>Human resource policies Family-friendly workplace policies take appropriate account of the needs of older family members as well as children. Provisions relating to compulsory retirement ages have been removed from</p>



individual employment contracts and will be removed from the collective contract when it is renegotiated.

Publicity

The Department's Communications Unit included articles on IYOP in the internal and external newsletters during the Year. Media releases were circulated and national television coverage arranged. Assistance was provided in the establishment of the official IYOP website and hyperlinks established with the Department's own website. Stickers with the IYOP logo were attached to external mail.

Research

The Department's Research Unit and the Senior Citizens Unit jointly managed the IYOP research project to identify factors affecting the ability of older people to maintain their independence. The Department's *Social Policy Journal* featured several articles and research on ageing and the ageing population during 1999. Seminars for staff and invited guests were held on topics relevant to older people and the ageing population, including older workers and intergenerational relationships.

Evaluation of community funding projects

The Department's Evaluation Unit provided expert advice on the application and evaluation criteria for the community funding projects. The Business Support Group undertook responsibility for monitoring progress reports and approving payments.

Administration

The Senior Citizens Unit was provided with administrative support in connection with its IYOP activities.

State Services Commission

Employment issues policy work

Work was undertaken on:

- legislative protection of existing retirement leave benefits based on age incorporated in the Human Rights Amendment Act 1999
- publication of a booklet, *Age and Retirement in the Public Service*, analysing age-related issues and providing good-practice guidelines
- publication, with the EEO Trust, of *Age and Retirement: An Annotated Bibliography*

Statistics New Zealand

Publications

Inclusion of information on older people, such as living circumstances, health, work and income, on the redesigned website. Regular and ad hoc publications included, where



possible, statistics and analyses to highlight situation of older people in NZ.

Research

- A study of the external and internal movements of older New Zealanders was presented at the “Geodemographics of Ageing” Symposium in Australia and will be published in a future issue of *Demographic Trends*
- Work has begun on survey of older people to provide information on the standard of living of people aged 65 and over and the factors that influence or determine differences from working age people. Fieldwork will be undertaken in February 2000 and results will be available in November 2000

Te Puni Kōkiri

Photographic display

Arrangements were completed for a photographic display of kaumātua and kuia who are making an outstanding contribution to iwi, hapū and Māori. Nominations for “unsung heroes” were sought throughout Aotearoa, using iwi radio, Te Puni Kōkiri regional networks, the bimonthly publication *Kōkiri Patae*, and other publications. Photos of 70 kaumātua will feature, with brief biographical details, in an exhibition that opens on 10 June 2000 at Dowse Art Museum, Lower Hutt. The exhibition will then travel throughout the country for the next 18 months.

Policy initiatives

Te Puni Kōkiri contributed to two specific policy initiatives linked to the International Year of Older Persons: the *LinkAge* intergenerational guidelines; and research undertaken by the Retirement Commissioner on retirement issues for Māori.

Communication initiatives

Information specifically pertaining to kaumātua was included in Te Puni Kōkiri’s bimonthly publication *Kōkiri Patae*. In addition, the report “Oranga Kaumātua – the health and well-being of older Māori people” was promoted during 1999.

Local volunteer community co-ordinators

Te Puni Kōkiri regional offices assisted the Senior Citizens Unit to establish a network of iwi/Māori volunteer community co-ordinators, to provide information about and promote activities during the International Year of Older Persons.

IYOP communication strategy

Advice was provided to the Senior Citizens Unit to ensure information on IYOP was relevant to kaumātua. Regional offices distributed the Māori language versions of the IYOP information kits to their networks.





The Treasury

Human resource policies

As part of the review of the personnel manual, a new Retirement Policy will be implemented by March 2000. Pilot retirement planning seminars will be held by June 2000, then reviewed to assess their usefulness to staff and repeated if necessary.

Publicity

Treasury envelopes have been overprinted with the logo for the International Year of Older Persons.

Seminar

A presentation for staff was held on labour force participation among older workers.

Ministry of Women's Affairs

Publications

Publication, in February 1999, of a panui (invitation) focused specifically on older women and the International Year of Older Persons.

Statistics on older people

Discussions with Statistics New Zealand regarding the collection and publication of information relating to older people.

Seminar on older women

To encourage Ministry staff to incorporate the perspectives, issues and experiences of older women within their work, and in particular how to recognise and consider the lives of older Māori women.

Department of Work and Income New Zealand

Keeping Independent Now (KIN) Seminars

Seminars focus on assisting older people to maintain their independence.

Support and contribution to local IYOP celebrations

- Information stalls held at shopping centres
- Worked with local councils to run workshops and community events
- Visited rest homes, including some staff taking part in Rotorua Rest Home Games
- Hosting forums for seniors' interest groups
- Rotorua Super Centre hosted "Yesteryear – a celebration of life" displays and talks by local identities



Ministry of
Youth Affairs

Publicity

Promotion, in the Ministry's newsletter which has nationwide circulation, of the LinkAge guidelines.

Runanga Kuia hui

Planned participation in hui, with Ministry of Women's Affairs, with the objective of working collaboratively on issues of mutual interest.

Crown entities
and other

Activities

Accident
Compensation
Corporation

Community-based fall prevention demonstration projects for older persons

Ten community-based fall prevention demonstration projects for non-institutionalised older persons continued to be implemented during 1999, the second year the project operated. The programmes use a variety of strategies to prevent falls in older people, including lower body strength and balance exercises, public awareness, education and training, and environmental assessment and modification. Initial indications of success show that in general older people do benefit from these types of projects.

Home-based exercise project to prevent falls in people aged 80 years and older

ACC is collaborating with other organisations to support a research study by the Falls Prevention Research Group, University of Otago to prevent falls in women aged 80 and over who live independently. The project is conducted in three South Island communities, with another two communities serving as controls. Nurses are selected and trained to implement a 12-month home-based programme consisting of flexibility, strength and balance retraining exercises, and a walking plan. This project began in March 1998 and is due to be completed in June 2000.

Alcohol Liquor
Advisory Council

Information pamphlets on alcohol and the older person

Worked with Age Concern to develop and distribute pamphlets on Alcohol and Older People: for Families, Friends and Carers; for Health and Social Workers; and for Alcohol and Drug Services.

New Zealand Gerontology Conference April 1999

ALAC sponsored and participated in the conference topic of alcohol and substance abuse in older people.



	<p>Published articles</p> <p>A number of articles raising awareness of older people's needs in relation to alcohol and drug use were printed in <i>Say When</i>, the ALAC periodical.</p>
Animal Control Products Limited	<p>Retirement seminar</p> <p>An in-house seminar was held to improve understanding of the issues faced by older people and encourage staff to prepare for a financially independent retirement.</p> <p>Human resource policies</p> <p>Company policies and employment contracts were reviewed to ensure compliance with the removal of compulsory retirement dates.</p>
Aotearoa Traditional Māori Performing Arts Society	<p>Kapa haka performance competitions</p> <p>Themes for haka, waiata, etc in regional competitions acknowledged the great contribution kaumātua have made. The society held a series of "golden oldies" kapa haka performances, as part of regional competitions, and these also featured in the Coronation celebrations.</p>
Broadcasting Standards Authority	<p>Information to older people</p> <p>Special attention was given during the Year to making information about the complaints process readily available to older people.</p>
Building Industry Authority	<p>Promotion of issues relating to the health and safety of older persons</p> <p><i>BIA News</i>, with a monthly print run of 10,400 including distribution to every territorial authority, was posted in the BIA website, making it accessible to housebound or less mobile people. During 1999, articles were published on topics directly relevant to ease of access to buildings for older people. An address covering building code requirements for older people was delivered to the Residential Care NZ annual conference.</p> <p>Promotion of safe water temperatures</p> <p>Older people's possible slower reactions and delicate skin means this issue is highly relevant to them. The BIA specialist in plumbing and drainage gave two invited presentations on this subject. The BIA collaborated with the Building Research Association of NZ to mount a plumbing seminar series, held in 23 locations, which included BIA input about safe water temperatures.</p> <p>Review of fire safety clauses of New Zealand Building Code</p> <p>The review included an investigation of fire risks in rest homes</p>



and of appropriate fire safety precautions, including sprinkler systems, to respond to that risk. Final decisions on proposed amendments to the building code and Approved Documents are expected to be published early in 2000.

Access projects

- Slip resistance of access routes – work is continuing on predicting the effects of weathering, cleaning, use of floor surfaces and the resulting hazards, particularly for older people who are the most likely group to suffer injury through slipping and falls
- Access in stadiums and theatres – work on access in stadiums and theatres has identified internationally used design standards that specify safe stairs and steps
- Counters and reception desks – work during 1999/2000 on practicable means of making counters and reception desks in public buildings more easily approached and used by people in wheelchairs, and allowing people to be able to sit while they conduct their business

Improvements in thermal insulation

A review of approved documents for thermal insulation is expected to be completed shortly. It is expected to lead to improvements in the level of thermal insulation in new houses in colder parts of the country. This will be advantageous for older people, as research has shown that cold houses may be a major contributor to illness and mortality in the older age group.

Civil Aviation
Authority of NZ

Human resource policies

A human resource strategy is being undertaken to address ageing workforce issues, including consideration of the impact of Human Rights Act provisions. A review of policies and employment contracts is being undertaken to ensure compliance with the Human Rights Act. Material from the Office of the Retirement Commissioner regarding retirement planning is available to staff.

Commerce
Commission

Human resource policies

Action has been taken to ensure that the Commission's human resource policies comply with the Human Rights Act provisions prohibiting compulsory retirement on the grounds of age.

Commissioner
for Children

Research project

A small research project was undertaken on issues relevant to grandparents who are full-time caregivers for their grandchildren.



Children's Day

Planning was undertaken with Child, Youth and Family and other agencies for a Children's Day to be held in October 2000, where interaction between the young and the old will be emphasised.

Creative
New Zealand

Funding decisions

Research undertaken during 1998 confirmed that older people participate in the arts at the same high level as other age groups. Responsibilities regarding support for older persons as either practitioners or audiences were recognised in the intergenerational approach to supporting arts activities.

Earthquake
Commission

Earthquake Commission Act

A review of the Act's definition of long-term accommodation for the elderly was completed. Comment from owners of residential care facilities indicated that they are satisfied with the provisions of the current legislation. Recommendations for change are still being considered.

Human resources

EQC's human resource policy and superannuation policy are in the process of being reviewed. Once completed, arrangements will be made for a representative of the Office of the Retirement Commissioner to address EQC staff.

Discussions

There were informal staff discussions on issues associated with ageing during the year.

Publicity

A hyperlink from the EQC website to the IYOP site was established.

Electoral
Commission

Information to older people

Older people have been identified as a particular target group who require additional assistance in learning about the electoral system. As a result, in the past year special attention was given to make information about MMP and the electoral process readily available to older people, with a particular focus on those in retirement villages and similar places of residence. A direct mail campaign was also targeted at women in a number of electorates between the ages of 60 and 65 as part of the lead up-to the general election.



Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA)

Energy efficiency initiative

Continued involvement in an energy efficiency, housing and health project in association with the Wellington School of Medicine and Smart Power. The study is funded by EECA and others, and targets residents of pensioner flats owned by the Wellington City Council.

Communication strategy for energy efficiency advice

- Several Energy Saver Fund projects funded in 1999/2000 specifically target residences where older people live. These projects include energy efficiency retrofits of housing for the elderly in Hastings, Timaru and Kaikoura districts, and several private sector ESF-subsidised projects which aim to improve the energy efficiency of rest homes throughout NZ
- Residential efficiency initiatives such as *Energy Wise Home* magazine and the EECA-managed Bay of Plenty Electrical Consumer Trust "Energy Save Energy Safe project", which includes older people in its target audience
- EECA's transport activities in 1999 have focused on the roles of walking, cycling and public transport. As many older people rely on walking and public transport for independent travel, EECA initiatives will assist in creating more transport choices for older people

Foundation for Research, Science and Technology

Research strategy development

Strategic Portfolio Outlines, which identify directions and objectives for future research funding, have been developed and include three that are particularly relevant to older people: *The Peoples of Aotearoa/New Zealand*, *Families and Communities*, and *Business and Economic Life*. For research relating to social outcomes, age is one of the core factors that are identified as possible factors for detailed analysis.

Research funding

Funding has been provided for two research programmes that focus on older persons – Intergenerational Communication and Stereotypes of the Elderly (Victoria University) and Employment of the Older Worker (Massey University). The Massey programme was highlighted in the March newsletter *Foundation*.

Health Funding Authority

Publicity and planning

- With the Ministry of Health, promotion poster displays marking IYOP and World Health Day
- Participation by key staff members in working groups planning for the promotion of IYOP in government agencies and voluntary organisations



Publication

Joint publication, with the Ministry of Health, of a booklet, *Older People with Disabilities*, the first analysis of nationally collected data on the level of disability and services provided to a sample group of older people.

Conferences and seminars

Participation of staff in appropriate conferences and seminars discussing wide-ranging issues for older people.

Health Research
Council of
New Zealand

Research into ageing

Two articles about health issues affecting older people were commissioned and published in the June issue of the HRC newsletter. One focused on a major clinical trial which established that aspirin reduces the risk of blood clots in elderly people after hip fracture operations. The other discussed the benefits of calcium supplements and sunshine for preventing bone fractures from osteoporosis.

Research topic

Research into ageing is included in the Health and Independence of Population Groups' portfolio, in the new HRC topic-based portfolio structure which focuses on achieving health outcomes. The new structure will encourage co-operation between researchers from different disciplines who are working on the same topics.

Health
Sponsorship
Council

He Oranga Poutama – healthy lifestyles programme for Māori

Contributed during first six months of 1999 to He Oranga Poutama project of activities involving kaumātua, which was delivered through the Hillary Commission. The project operated in Waitakere, Auckland, Whakatane, East Coast, Gisborne, Tauranga, Rotorua, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay and Canterbury.

Hillary
Commission for
Sport, Fitness,
and Leisure

Sport and physical activities

- KiwiSeniors activity programmes in which approximately 18,000 older people take part each week. Activities are co-ordinated by 17 regional sports trusts, under contract to the Hillary Commission
- He Oranga Poutama in conjunction with Health Sponsorship Council
- Walks for International Day of Older Persons were held in conjunction with Age Concern on 1 October 1998 (2,500 walkers) and 1 October 1999 (4,250 walkers over 28 walks)
- Seven training workshops were held for gentle exercise instructors. The 92 attendees gave the series a 99% satisfaction rate



	<p>Conference</p> <p>Funding provided for Susie Dinan (UK) to present one lecture and two workshops at the Wellington Gerontology Conference, April 1999.</p> <hr/>
<p>Housing Corporation of New Zealand</p>	<p>Human resource policy</p> <p>Employment contracts reviewed and clauses about retirement policy removed.</p> <p>Website</p> <p>The IYOP logo was added to the Corporation's home page and a link provided to the IYOP website.</p> <hr/>
<p>Housing New Zealand Limited</p>	<p>Housing assets</p> <p>Rebalancing strategy aimed at ensuring needs of customers are met has resulted in the creation of new homes and complexes with specifically designed features and amenities for older people. These include a 20-unit village complex for older customers in Clendon, Auckland; units for older, post-family customers in a Papatoetoe development; and four-bedroom units in Mangere to provide for extended family living. The principles of "Universal Design" are being considered for incorporation into properties purpose-built for HNZ, which would allow older people to remain in their property longer. Smoke alarms were installed in houses during 1998/99, providing increased peace of mind for customers.</p> <p>Housing policy</p> <p>Ongoing work on Tenure Protection Allowance and 55+ Rent Rebate was undertaken and the provisions remain available for eligible older persons.</p> <p>Housing services</p> <p>HNZ's new role as Access Facilitator for customers in greatest need will identify issues specific to the older person and enable the company to develop and implement appropriate strategies to address them.</p> <hr/>
<p>Human Rights Commission</p>	<p>Age and employment conferences</p> <p>Two "Valuing the Older Worker" Conferences were held in March 1999 in Auckland and Wellington which examined employment issues for older workers. The conferences, organised in conjunction with the Senior Citizens Unit, featured a number of international speakers and attracted 240 delegates. They were one of the national events planned as part of the Government strategy for International Year of Older Persons. A booklet of conference speeches was produced which addresses performance,</p>



management and research issues for the older workforce and is in demand from employers, the public sector and others.

Employment issues booklet

In conjunction with the State Services Commission, a booklet was produced to provide guidance to public service employers on age discrimination in advance of the 1 February 1999 changes to the Human Rights Act that abolished compulsory retirement. The booklet covers legal and human resource implications of the removal of the upper age limit in employment.

Age and employment seminars

In conjunction with the Employers Federation, seminars for employers were held in Christchurch (June) and Dunedin (July) which covered retirement and performance issues for older workers.

Published information

Three articles covering age and employment issues for older persons were published in the Commission's publication *Tirohia* in 1999. In addition, the Commission's factsheets on age and retirement were updated.

Institute of
Environmental
Science and
Research Limited

Human resource policy

ESR promotes a Family/Employee Friendly Work Practice that recognises elderly dependants as part of the family.

Institute of
Geological and
Nuclear Sciences

Human resource services

Services routinely offered to staff, free of charge, include individual financial planning with a registered external provider, regular financial planning seminars (Family Trusts, etc), attendance at Retirement Advisory Service seminars, flexible and part-time hours of work, and reduced hours of work for staff approaching retirement.

Provisions for retired staff

Continued use of research and library facilities is available after retirement and Research Associate positions are available to retired science staff.

International
Accreditation
New Zealand

Promotion of good laboratory practice in testing

Improved quality of life in NZ by supporting protection of public health and safety, environmental protection, consumer protection, trade facilitation, and customer confidence through internationally recognised accreditation of all testing and calibration laboratories, inspection bodies and other technical professional services.



Promotion of good-quality assurance practice in the supply of goods and services

Assisted clients' business development and growth through management system assessment and recognition.

Land Transport Safety Authority of New Zealand

Road safety initiatives

- LTSA has been monitoring crash trends and patterns among older drivers with a view to identifying appropriate road safety programmes
- For the first time, separate targets for older road users are being prepared for consideration in the draft Road Safety Strategy for 2010
- Funding for 11 community projects targeting older road users has been provided through the NZ Road Safety Programme for 1999/2000. These projects aim to increase the awareness of older road users about ways in which they can make themselves safer on the roads, both as drivers and as pedestrians
- Participation in two Australasian research projects related to the safety and mobility of older road users

Driver licensing changes

Changes have been made to driver licensing and testing routes. The changes include reducing the costs to older drivers by delaying the need for retesting and reducing the frequency for such tests (licences are renewed every two years after age 80 instead of annually after age 76). In addition, older driver practical tests and special testing routes for older road drivers have been developed.

Safe with Age programme

This educational course developed and funded by LTSA to promote road safety issues (with an emphasis on driving) among older people has been relaunched with a revision of the course and training for course providers.

Law Commission

Reports

The Law Commission's Preliminary Paper 34 *Retirement Villages* (1998) has been followed this year with Report 57 containing recommendations. Paper 35 *Shared Ownership of Land* (1999) and Report 59 (1999) deal with publications about deteriorating buildings on land in multiple ownership. Both, and especially the former, have major significance to older people. Much other work undertaken has reference to older persons.



Management Development Centre

Organisational philosophy

The role of the Management Development Centre is to contribute to the development of management capability across the Public Service. The organisation's belief system recognises that management roles often come later in careers, with age and experience contributing to judgement and wisdom in good management. The contribution that older people can make to the development of others is particularly valued.

Maritime Safety Authority of New Zealand

Medical fitness for seafarers

Developed new standards for medical fitness of seafarers working on large commercial vessels. Started work on developing new standards for medical fitness of seafarers working on fishing ships and vessels operating in restricted limits. This will help protect the well-being of older seafarers whose health and safety could be compromised by working at sea and assist those who are medically fit to remain eligible for seagoing employment.

Safety measures

A review of life rafts, buoyancy apparatus, life jacket and lifebuoy requirements for restricted limit ships took into account the need to cater for older people (and small children).

Human resource policy

- Encouragement of staff to attend retirement planning seminars arranged by MSA
 - Availability of reduced hours, or other appropriate arrangements, for staff to assist with the transition to retirement
 - Development of medical standards appropriate for various positions and the encouragement of staff to maintain fitness
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Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa

Exhibition

An exhibition of works by Goldie, featuring kaumātua and kuia, coincided with the NZ Gerontology Conference being held at Te Papa on 6 - 9 April 1999.

New Zealand Artificial Limb Board

Review of internal processes

NZALB has provided assistance to older amputees and their families. They have been encouraged to make the most of their prostheses, and advised about regional clinics where minor discomfort can be corrected easily, thus saving long travel times.



Information booklet

A special booklet of helpful advice for older amputees and for those involved with them has been written and published specifically to commemorate the International Year of Older Persons.

Research project

The availability of funding for a research project to study the application of energy-storing componentry for older amputees was extensively advertised (traditionally such componentry has been used more frequently for high-performance applications such as athletes, but it was felt that there was a possibility that its use could be of special benefit to older amputees in special circumstances). Unfortunately, there was little response to the proposal.

Publicise International Year of Older Persons

The IYOP logo was printed on letterhead and envelopes. IYOP logo stickers were fixed to all other mail.

Human resource policies

All internal procedures and staffing matters were reviewed to ensure due recognition was given to the Year, and positive attitudes to ageing and older people were promoted in all internal policies. As a result, an older person has been employed on a part-time basis.

New Zealand Film Archive

Monthly public programmes

The Film Centre, in association with Wellington City Council's Senior Community Network, presented *Looking Back: New Zealand on Film*, a special film series selected from the collections of the NZ Film Archive to appeal to Wellington's senior citizen community.

New Zealand Fire Service Commission

Fire safety initiatives

- Inclusion of older adults, particularly isolated elderly, as a key at-risk group in the national fire safety promotion plan. Key messages included how to avoid fires and how to escape safely from a fire, bearing in mind special risks of older people due to loss of hearing, sight and mobility
- Inclusion in television advertising of the tragic death of an older woman in a house fire to promote the need for older people and families to have escape plans
- Proactively pursuing, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, a fire protection and evacuation scheme upgrading state and private hospitals, rest homes and community welfare homes. This will ensure a safe environment for elderly people receiving medical, rehabilitative or aged care in these facilities



- Providing comment to the building industry during the Building Act, Code and Review to ensure all new buildings incorporate appropriate fire protection
- Contributing to, in association with the NZ Police and the Senior Citizens Unit, the development of draft national protocols for the delivery of the Confident Living Programme

New Zealand Lotteries Commission

Human resource policies

Planning retirement seminars are periodically arranged for staff. Fitness classes for older staff members are available upon request.

Publicity

IYOP will be acknowledged on a Lotto Draw to recognise that funding for the Year, provided through the NZ Lottery Grants Board, is derived from the Commission.

New Zealand Lottery Grants Board

Funding for International Year of Older Persons

The Lottery Aged Committee distributed \$250,000 allocated for the International Year of Older Persons. A total of 200 applications seeking \$1,550,000 were considered on 31.3.99. Of those, 108 applications received grants ranging from \$250 to \$11,000, most of which were for celebratory-type events such as kaumātua balls, luncheons for older volunteers, concerts, festivals and information days.

New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Limited

Transport to concerts

Transport is provided at a highly subsidised rate to senior citizens. Passengers receive complimentary refreshments.

Day time/early evening concerts

During 1999, Tea & Symphony and Showstoppers concerts were scheduled during the day and early evening, to make them more accessible to older persons (as well as to some other groups).

Membership of NZSO Alumni Association

Allows retired ex-employees to continue their association with the orchestra and participate in social occasions, reunions, fund-raising activities and special projects.

Lunchtime symphony seminars/pre-concert talks

Pre-concert talks, provided free of charge to concert-goers, were launched in 1999. The seminars particularly attract older persons; and provide an opportunity for them to socialise and to develop their appreciation of classical music.



	<p>New initiatives</p> <p>The NZSO is considering the following initiatives for the future which would benefit older people: social club for older persons developing a Rewards Programme; and offering travel discount packages for over-60s for international tours.</p> <p>Reviewing retirement policy for employees</p> <p>The NZSO is proactively embracing new retirement options for staff.</p> <hr/>
NZ on Air	<p>TV3 documentary</p> <p>Relevant documentary in production – will liaise with TV3 re appropriate scheduling.</p> <p>Information to producers</p> <p>Will advise producers of IYOP and ask them to consider featuring the Year in a special-interest series.</p> <p>Information to Access Radio managers</p> <p>Will advise Access Radio managers of IYOP and ask them to consider IYOP in programming decisions.</p> <p>Assist broadcaster liaison</p> <p>Provide advice and assistance to Senior Citizens Unit, if appropriate.</p> <hr/>
Office of Films and Literature Classification	<p>Human resource policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office policies, procedures and employment contracts have been reviewed to ensure compliance with the Human Rights Act• Copies of the Retirement Commissioner Retirement Planner were distributed within the office, with copies located in each staffroom <hr/>
Pacific Business Trust	<p>Publicity and promotion</p> <p>Assisted the distribution of IYOP material through networks in the Pacific community.</p> <p>Celebration</p> <p>Contributed to a celebration of older Pacific women in the Trust's Contemporary Pacific Art Gallery.</p> <hr/>
Public Trust	<p>External customer communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article included in "Life Times" to raise awareness among older people of the importance of Enduring Power of Attorney• Some regional offices hosted morning tea for older people on 1 October to mark International Day of Older Persons



	<p>Seminars</p> <p>Developed ongoing networks with Probus organisation to raise awareness of the types of products and services that will protect older people.</p> <p>Publicity</p> <p>Promoted IYOP on the Public Trust Intranet to make all employees aware of the importance of the Year.</p>
<p>Retirement Commissioner</p>	<hr/> <p>Publicity and promotion</p> <p>The NZ logo for the Year was included on education and information publications, in particular the Office's newsletter <i>Future Focus</i>. The logo was also included on Office stationery where appropriate.</p> <p>Database information</p> <p>The Senior Citizens Unit was offered the extensive database established by the Office, to assist with promotional activities.</p> <p>Website</p> <p>A hyperlink was established from the Office's website to the site established for International Year of Older Persons.</p> <p>Contributions to IYOP information kits</p> <p>The Office provided information for inclusion in the IYOP information kits distributed by the Senior Citizens Unit.</p> <p>Workplace Programme</p> <p>The Office developed a Workplace Programme, designed to assist employers to identify opportunities to encourage private provision for retirement to employees, which will be launched in early 2000.</p>
<p>Royal New Zealand Ballet</p>	<hr/> <p>Matinee performances</p> <p>A number of special matinees aimed at older people were presented in Auckland and Wellington.</p>
<p>Securities Commission</p>	<hr/> <p>Much of the Commissioner's work is concerned with ensuring that people can make informed decisions about their savings and is, therefore, relevant to the objectives of the International Year of Older Persons 1999. Specific activities during the Year included:</p> <p>Exemptions</p> <p>A review of the exemption notice in respect of retirement villages was completed. As a result, a class exemption notice for retirement villages was published. This increases the safeguards for residents by improving the quality of information available to</p>



them and imposing as a condition of exemption an independent person available to handle complaints. It also reduces compliance costs for managers of retirement villages, thereby reducing costs to residents.

Enforcement

In undertaking inquiry work, situations were targeted where savings of more vulnerable people in the community were at risk, particularly older people. Specific activities included prohibiting advertising that was in breach of the law for investments offered by four companies, issuing six warnings about dubious investment schemes, and initiating or approving inspections by the Registrar of Companies of documents of issuers or promoters of securities.

Reform

Having invited the Law Commission to review the law relating to retirement villages, we co-operated fully with the Commission and commented in detail on their discussion paper.

Public understanding

In its work to ensure that people can make informed investment decisions, the Commission:

- Reviewed 78 investment statements and 60 prospectuses of investments being offered to the public, to ensure information is provided in plain language so investors can make an informed decision. A significant number of offer documents were amended after discussion
- Warned commercial property syndicates about the manner in which returns are expressed, to avoid confusing or misleading investors
- Surveyed investors about the use and level of understanding of offer documents, and made results available to the public and issuers
- Published information on its website on obligations of investment advisers and questions investors could ask them

Skill New Zealand Analysis of information

Trends relating to age are monitored as part of ongoing organisational activities. Analysis of data by age within the programmes purchased by the agency is routine, with the aim of highlighting issues surrounding participation for older trainees.



Standards New Zealand

Publications

The following publications have been undertaken during 1999 with a specific focus on issues related to older people:

- NZMP 6004:1999 *Safer electrical installations in homes for children, the elderly and people with disabilities*
- National Health and Disability Sector Standards – to ensure services providing health or disability support to older people will be required to demonstrate compliance with a higher safety standard than previously required. These can be viewed or downloaded on Standard New Zealand's home page where a hyperlink provides access to the IYOP website
- NZS 4801 (INT):1999 *Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems – Specification with guidance for use* – the standard is very relevant for hospitals, rest homes and facilities

Te Taura Whiri i te reo Māori (Māori Language Commission)

Advice to Senior Citizens Unit

The Māori Language Commission provided advice on Māori language translations to assist the Senior Citizens Unit's communication strategy.

Transfund New Zealand


Social Services output class

\$6.9m allocated in 1998/99 for passenger transport services for transport-disadvantaged people, some of whom are older. Regional councils manage the delivery of passenger transport subsidies, including concessional fares for older people.

Transit New Zealand

Human resource policy

Ensured compliance with the Human Rights Act on retirement.

*S*ir Thomas Davis, scientist,
traditional navigator, yachtsman,
musician, author and philosopher, at
age 81 still thunders through the sleepy
villages in Raratonga on his Harley
Davidson 1200cc Sportster. 





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