



Christmas Edition 2009



It's only October and already we have our Christmas celebrations all planned.

**Age Concern Christmas Party, Wednesday,
9 December 2008, 10am to 12.30pm,
at the Celebrating Age Centre**



Join us for a welcome glass of champagne and fruit mince pies then sit back and enjoy the entertainment featuring the 'world renowned in Hamilton' Age Concern Christmas Tarts, Southwell Choir with a selection of Christmas carols, to sing along to plus general entertainment



Memory Walk -

The local support worker for Alzheimers Society, Jane Kay, is walking from Te Kuiti to Thames, 180Km, to raise funds to support people in the Waikato. She will be walking through Hamilton, on **Sunday 8 November** meeting up with folk at the Celebrating Age Centre at approximately 4pm and proceeding north on Victoria Street finishing at 1 Mill Lane (old Alzheimers building). Please come along and show your support by walking with her along some of the way, cheering the walkers on or with donations to support the cause. Sponsor forms are available from the Age Concern Hamilton office if you would like to sponsor this fantastic effort



Age Concern Hamilton will be offering a reduced service over Christmas this year. The full office will close at 12noon on **Thursday 24 December 2009** and re-open on **Tuesday 5 January 2010**. Some staff will be available to reply to telephone or email enquiries, 9am to 1pm, between 28 December and 31 December 2009.



Celebration Café. The café staff will be having a well earned break over the Christmas period. It has been a busy year but well worthwhile as their loyal customers have enjoyed great new service and food which cannot be beaten for quality and value for money anywhere in the Central Business District. The Café will close from **Tuesday, 22 December 2009** and re-open on **Monday, 25 January 2010**.

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Whats coming up at Age Concern. . .

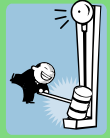
Hosted by Age Concern each Friday,
9.30 - 11.30am, at the Celebrating Age Centre,
30 Victoria Street, Hamilton.
Donation of \$2 per session. Everyone welcome.

November series on Achievement:

- 6 Nov. Challenges—stepping stones or stumbling blocks
- 13 Nov. HCC Youth Awards—winners and finalists
- 20 Nov. Queen's Medal winner from Hamilton
- 27 Nov. NZ Stories from the 1940's & 1950's from a local author

Jan Canton

Jim Witere
Phyllis Johnston



December series on Celebration:

- 4 Dec. Don't Wait 'Til You're Eighty Matey

Jan Canton




A last word from the Manager,

2009 certainly presented us with some challenges, particularly around our funding, but we still have plenty to celebrate

New staff have joined us, new services have been introduced and we have reached out even further across the Waikato to support older people. Between all the hard work from the dedicated staff team, our fantastic volunteers and the Age Concern Council we have supported approximately 36,700 older people, their families and care givers. Add to that all the fun, events and celebrations we have held throughout the year and I think we could say it was a very good year.


I wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe festive season and look forward to starting all over again in 2010.

Gail Gilbert

 **Accredited Visiting Service** volunteers, & clients, **Shopping Service** volunteers & clients are all included in the invitation to the Age Concern Christmas Party. (see the notice on the front page). Any visitor and/or client requiring transport do contact Jane.
Please RSVP to Jane at the Age Concern Office phone - 838 3028.



Don't Wait 'Til You're Eighty Matey calendar - A complimentary calendar, for members, is included with this news sheet. The calendar is now on sale at \$5 each so do contact the Age Concern office (07 838 2266) should you or anyone you know be wanting copies for family or friends for Christmas. The closing dates for overseas mail are 23 November to Northern Hemisphere and 30 November to Australia & South Pacific and

 **Grey Power** bus trip - This bus trip is on **Monday, 30 November**, leaving from the Celebrating Age Centre, 30 Victoria Street at 10.30am. The plan is to visit the Ngaroto Garden Centre, then on to Te Awamutu to visit the museum there and finishing up at the Our Patch Lavendar Farm. Cost for this trip will be between \$35 -\$40 (which includes lunch at the Garden Centre) per person so do contact Grey Power, Phone 834 0668, as there are a limited number seats available.

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