

The Turning Point

Rangitīkei Path to Well-Being Conference



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10 February 2017, Memorial Hall, Marton.

This conference is FREE to anyone who wants to make a difference in our District.

PROGRAMME

8.30 am	Registration opens
9.00 am	Welcome from Rangitikei District Mayor, Andy Watson
9.15 am	Introductory comments Robbie Magasiva
9.30 am	Keynote 1: Zizi Charida – Community Minds NSW Australia
10.15 am	Introduction to workshop facilitators Zizi Charida - Shared local visions or goals to drive action and change Bronwyn Meads - Using existing strengths and assets Andrew Tripe - Many people and groups working together James Liu - Building diverse and collaborative leadership Erena Mikaere Most - Adaptable planning and action informed by outcomes
10.30 am	Morning Tea
10.45 am	Workshop Session 1 – please indicate your choices of workshop on the registration form
11.45 am	Workshop Session 2 – please indicate your choices of workshop on the registration form
12.45 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	Introductory comments Robbie Magasiva
1.45 pm	Keynote 2: Erena Mikaere-Most – Ruapehu Transformation Project
2.15 pm	Workshop Session 3 - please indicate your choices of workshop on the registration form
3.15 pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30 pm	Feedback/Action Plan – Robbie Magasiva to facilitate feedback from the workshops and key action points
4.15pm	Closing Comments – Robbie Magasiva
4.30pm	End of Conference

Zizi Charida will also be holding an informal After-5 meeting at Mad Toms, Marton for community minded businesses - all welcome!

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Robbie Magasiva is the MC for the day. Robbie is a Samoan New Zealand actor who has starred in several films and as a member of the Naked Samoans comedy troupe. He has also appeared on television and theatre, and was the co-presenter of New Zealand's Tagata Pasifika. He is also known for his role on Shortland Street as Dr. Maxwell Avia. In 2013, Robbie received an ASTA award nomination for his current role as Will Jackson on the prison drama series Wentworth, an adaptation of the iconic prison drama Prisoner.

Although Robbie was born in NZ, his family moved to Samoa and he grew up in a small community west of Apia called Tanumapua. His family moved back to NZ permanently when he was 10 years old. After leaving school he gave theatre sports a go and acted in some commercials while working as a receptionist at an advertising agency. He had his start on television during the 1990's beginning with comedy. In 2006 he co-starred in Sione's Wedding, a comedy film that achieved success in NZ.



RANGITĪKEI MAYOR

Andy Watson moved to the Rangitīkei, coming from Horopito at a very young age. He then moved away to attend University and complete a degree in Agriculture, managed a series of agricultural development properties, before returning back to Marton to set up local businesses. He is married to Beth (a local girl) and has three children – Julia, Mark and Simon. Andy has had an extensive history in serving his community, having been on three different Boards of Trustees and a number of local organisations. He then went into local government, serving 9 years as a Marton Ward Councillor before being elected as Mayor in October 2013.

His business background is in education, agriculture and tourism. He is currently involved in tourism through companies that his daughter, Julia, now manages.



ZIZI CHARIDA

Zizi Charida, Founder and Director of Community Minds in Sydney. Zizi has over 17 years of experience working on a broad range of community building projects, with a focus on working with youth, culturally diverse and refugee communities. She has been part of the planning and presenting panel at the 2nd International ABCD Conference (which will take place in January) and she is an expert in ABCD, particularly Appreciative Inquiry (which forms part of the toolkit around developing shared visions).

Zizi will also be staying on after the conference to talk about the Community Minds programme 'Community Minded Businesses'. This is a unique initiative designed to:

- Build community and business partnerships to better address community issues
- Create an accessible platform for businesses to establish or extend their community involvement



PROFESSOR JAMES LIU

Head of the School of Psychology at Massey University in Auckland. James is well-known for his work around developing strategies based on spheres of influence that cross communities and societies to get different groups working together. He is also a key contributor to government funded programmes such as E Tu Whānau.



ERENA MIKAERE-MOST

Ruapehu Whanau Transformation Project Implementation Manager, Erena's background in strategy development, quality assurance and policy implementation, combined with an extensive working knowledge of government departments, makes her a creative and highly resourceful leader. Her undeniable passion, empathy and integrity has already seen the project celebrate a staggering number of successes.



BRONWYN MEADS

Community Programmes Officer Rangitikei District Council. Bronwyn has over 13 years experience in community development. She worked for 10 years as the Bulls and District Coordinator creating a legacy of activities and events that continue today. She initiated the inaugural NZ Small Town Conference in Bulls in 2008, attracting delegates from throughout Australasia and establishing the conference as an annual event in New Zealand. In recognition for her work in the community, she was awarded Coordinator of the Year in 2008 at the Main Street Australia Awards in Melbourne. Bronwyn will be presenting at the 2nd International ABCD Conference in January: her work in our District continues to inspire nationally and internationally.



ANDREW TRIPE

Founder and Director of SamePage Group based in Whanganui. SamePage Group is a boutique consultancy which helps organisations transition people so that everyone is on the same page and heading in the same direction to achieve remarkable results. To do this, SamePage Group focuses its work on three areas – strategy, culture change and people (HR). Andrew has returned with his young family to the Whanganui region having held executive and senior roles with National Australia Bank, Refining NZ, Deloitte Consulting and IBM Global Services.



CATERING

The catering for the conference will be provided by the Samoan Methodist Church in Marton, as part of the Marton Samoan Community Support Committee.

