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PROGRAMME

When? Monday 25th November 2013, 3pm-5pm.
Refreshments provided from 2.45pm

Where? Victoria's Railway West Wing Room 501

(Victoria University's door on the left hand side of the Station; take the first lift to the 5th floor, or take one of the other lifts to the 4th floor and walk up a flight of stairs.)

Speakers: (see over the page for abstracts)

Philip Walker: "Social well-being in New Zealand – Insights from the General Social Survey 2012"

Val Goold: "What's in my kete? Women in Leadership"

Rachel Baskerville and Carolyn Cordery: "Voices from the Clubroom"

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Philip Walker: “Social well-being in New Zealand – Insights from the General Social Survey 2012”

Abstract: On 13 August, Statistics New Zealand started releasing information from the 2012 New Zealand General Social Survey (NZGSS). The release reports new information on what New Zealanders consider important in their lives and also provides valuable national and regional statistics about a wide range of outcomes for people.

The NZGSS is an official national survey of well-being involving over 8,000 people aged 15 years and over, and is aligned with international measures. The 2012 survey is the third in the General Social Survey series and includes information about population groups defined by

age, sex, labour force status, education level, household income, housing tenure, family type, migrant status, ethnicity, and region. Data is available from 2008, 2010 and 2012. Philip will target his presentation to the community and voluntary sector.

Bio: Philip Walker is the manager of the NZ General Social Survey at Statistics New Zealand and has worked on the development of the Māori Social Survey of wellbeing 'Te Kupenga'. Philip has a masters degree in Sociology and has worked in community development and social service delivery settings both in NZ and the UK. He has also worked as a journalist.

Val Goold: “What’s in my kete? Women in leadership”

Abstract: The key objective of this research was to examine the essence of leadership for five women in leadership roles of not-for-profit organisations in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

This qualitative study adopted an integrated research approach, which wove together Māori and Pākehā understandings of research, knowledge, and symbols. It privileged indigenous ways of knowing by centring the research on the concepts of the *kete* – as a material metaphor and a way of communicating Māori ways of knowing – and *kōrero*, which is meaningful conversation together with others, from which to gather data. The key question asked was “What is in your kete?” which asked what they brought with them to their understanding and role of leadership, and what continued to shape and sustain them as leaders.

From this dual method qualitative research approach, three key themes emerged—the presence of a whole personal community in their kete, a clear sense of purpose and the realisation that there is power in their kete .

Bio: Ko Tapuae o Uenuku toku maunga. Ko Kurahaupo toku waka. Ko Rangitane o Wairau toku iwi. Val studied at Victoria University completing a BA in Economic History and then completed a B.Div at Laidlaw College, Auckland. Val taught History and Economics at Macleans College before moving up an age group to work with university students. Since 2002 Val has worked as the Head of Student Ministries, for Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship. Val is nearing completion on her Masters in Education (Adult Education).

Rachel Baskerville and Carolyn Cordery: “Voices from the Clubroom”

Abstract: A number of factors may undermine the ongoing sustainability of ‘grass roots’ sports clubs and be serious enough to threaten their survival and their ability to achieve the goals for which they were established. In much research the focus to date has been on financial resources, or the lack thereof. This paper offers a qualitative analysis of those involved at grass-roots level in clubs. This data reveals the individual’s eye on the long term membership potential of their own club, and their recognition of having to compete with other providers for potential members. In addition, the qualitative data offered the rare opportunity to document the stories of clubs’ rescues from “the bottom of the cliff”. When a club survives near-collapse, such stories remain in a club’s oral tradition and members enjoy the re-telling and interrogation of causes and solutions. These narratives encourage optimism towards the ongoing sustainability of ‘grass roots’ sports clubs and their ability to

achieve the goals for which they were established.

Bios: Professor Rachel Baskerville is in the School of Accounting and Commercial Law at Victoria University and is an active volunteer. She is a Chartered Accountant and her research is diverse, particularly focused on the impact of ethnicity and cultural values on accounting or auditing practices, and issues in translation of accounting and auditing standards.

Carolyn Cordery is a Senior Lecturer at Victoria University and she is also a Chartered Accountant. Her research focuses on not-for-profit accounting and accountability which links with her appointment to the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

This presentation is from data gathered from a Sport New Zealand project into financial vulnerability in golf and football clubs which Carolyn and Rachel worked on jointly.