Papakura Courier
ww.papakuracourier.co.nz
ffice
h 272 7017
ax 265 1285
Hours: 8am – 5pm
ditor
dith Tucker
ail: eamc@snl.co.nz
les Manager
tuart Palmer
ail: stuart.palmer@snl.co.nz
irculation
h 525 2022
ax 580 1648
ail: delivery@snl.co.nz
lassifieds
h 525 2100
ax 580 1643
ail: class@snl.co.nz
0,224
udited Circulation
ec Jan-Dec '09.) Delivered
ch Wednesday (RD Areas
ursday) to Aramu,
rirston, Ardmore, Brookby,
arts Beach, Clevedon,
mber Grove, Drury, Hunua,
raka, Kawakawa Bay,
ngseat, Opaheke, Orere
int, Pahurehure, Papakura,
parimu, Paturahoe, Ponga,
marama, Red Hill, Runciman,
agrove, Takanini, Te Hihi,
atu Pa. Includes Rural
livery areas: Drury RD 1,
3, Papakura RD 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
kekohe RD4, Manurewa RD1.
3 Birmingham Rd,
East Tamaki.
P.O. Box 76-400,
Manukau City.
Fairfax Media

Phoenix rises to challenge

By MELISSA KINEALY

Grabbing a moment in time can help point life in a new direction.

One of those small moments could be found at the new Phoenix Centre's alcohol and other drugs service.

The Papakura centre opened on Monday and is one of four run by Challenge Trust, an organisation that provides a range of services focused on recovery and rehabilitation throughout Auckland.

It's now aiming to serve Counties Manukau with tailored treatment programmes for people whose lives have been severely impacted by alcohol and/or drugs use.

South Auckland service manager Abi Bond says the centre's point of difference is working with people at their homes or out in the community.

"It does not matter how many times you have tried. You go home to the environment you came from," Ms Bond says.

It pairs clients with a qualified clinician and a peer support worker who has got through their own alcohol or drug problems, giving the service a "wraparound" holistic view.

Peer support specialist Tony Wright will also help clients in other areas of life such as housing or relationship issues.

It's his job to get "onsite with those we're helping" and support them in their recovery journey.

"I have had the difficulties, I have overcome them. I'm there to help keep their motivation going and do whatever I can.

"Everyone's journey is different but I have an idea of where you are going."

Service manager Fiona Power says the service is made to fit the individual and is especially important given south Auckland's young population.

People can self-refer or they can be referred to the service but it will only help if the client wants it.

Clients are assessed on whether their case is mild, moderate or severe, Ms Power says.

"We will connect them to the right service within the community if they're not in the severe category."

Time for change: Peer support specialist Tony Wright and service manager Fiona Power at the new Phoenix Centre in Papakura. Photo: MELISSA KINEALY

Four clinicians and four peer support specialists work from the centre which has a capacity for 60 clients.

Counties Manukau District Health Board funds the free service which is aimed at people aged 18 to 65.

Phone 296-0983 for more information

Pa for ce

By MELISSA KINEA

KATHLEEN LI heart is in Papak just as well she's role of town centre

"I'm so proud of and I'm so happy job," she says.

Here is a face just recognise – sh and-bred local wh school at Rosehill

Generations of have lived in Ka the 1850s. Now sh her partner Ste dad's family farm built by her grand

"When I was g my dad always sa the local fellow what's at the fr mind for my role a centre manager,"

"I think they wi ate having a to manager who's about the town.

"This is my tow

Coun

By MELISSA KINEA

Taking a co approach has n Papakura Local get everything it a its budget wish list to the new Aucklan

The board is sc meet tomorrow to first funding agree the council.

It provides $8.4 operating costs an capital works for starting in July.

And the council the board three spend as it likes: