



COOK ISLANDS

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PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE CREATIVE CENTRE 2013

To the members, caregivers and community of The Creative Centre

On the 11th to 14th of February 2013 the Ministry of Education's Planning and Development (P and D) Division undertook an education review of the centre's staff, systems, teaching programmes and resources. The following is an executive summary of our findings.

Review Purpose and Coverage

The purpose of this review was to view the centre holistically in all areas of learning offered at the Creative Centre. P and D reviews do not cover every aspect of performance and each P and D report may cover different issues. The aim is to provide information on aspects that are central to member achievement and useful to the centre.

Summary of Findings

The Creative Centre is situated beside the sea and adjacent to the Public Health Clinic in Tupapa. The buildings are well maintained and adapted for the special needs of the centre's members, allowing them to participate in a range of activities such as cooking and pottery as well as more formal learning.

There are currently 20 members attending regularly and five staff with a range of experience and useful skills. The Centre Manager and staff are keen to provide the best possible support and learning opportunities for their members. It is pleasing to see staff undertake further studies with this goal in mind. At the same time they and the members are making impressive efforts to support the running of the Centre through the creation and selling of craft items. The Manager and staff are encouraged to look for support from the MoE and from NZQA, both of whom could help with the more formal aspects of programme provision, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

The Board continues to overview the quality of the services being supplied and to encourage the upskilling and further education of both staff and members. However, with the cessation of funding from bilateral donors, the Board will also need to continue to look for extra revenue for maintenance of the buildings, replacement of the transport and development of a full range of learning materials.

The Creative Centre can claim considerable success for its members so far, with several making impressive moves towards greater independence. All staff observed during the review team visit were unfailingly supportive and considerate in their work with the members and with each other. Success was celebrated and effort acknowledged.

The greatest challenge for the Creative Centre continues to be that of obtaining adequate funding.

Future Action

The next full review of The Creative Centre will be in 2015. Review officers are happy to visit for special focus areas.

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