



## E-MALE News Encouraging men's involvement in families, organisations and communities.

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### A word from the editor.

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Well this may be the third version of layout for **E-Male** but I'm hoping we're improving. Despite fancy layout and pictures, some people could not receive their copy and others could not forward. I think we've got it right now.

#### Many interesting things have come out in the media lately:

- 19<sup>th</sup> April – TVONE News and Tonight Show ran stories about the failing of our boys at high schools. Education Minister, Steve Maharey, made the comment, "boys will have to learn to adapt to the NCEA method of learning." *Editor Comment – I suggest Minister of Education has not considered the boys' viewpoint. Where schools are teaching to boys alone (segregated classes) the teachers are able to tailor teaching methods to male requirements. Current teaching methods from Ministry of Education are biased towards female learning styles. Why should boys have to change- why not adapt the style?*
- May issue North and South – Our Shame 10 children killed as result of child abuse. The writer, Jenny Chamberlain, gives an in-depth study of abuse and some prevention methods used in NZ. *Editor Comment – I suggest the sensationalised title is misleading. The tone of the piece of the article about child abuse is claiming dads at fault, however 9 of the 10 victims quoted were killed by women or partners(only one by the dad)*
- Expressions of interest are sought for Families commissioners. *Editor Comment – I suggest it's time a fathers' representative was on the commission. Time to consider making recommendations.*

### Up Coming Events

PHA Conference [5-7 July Palmerston-North](#)

Nelson Fathers Day Carnival -3<sup>rd</sup> September (Details available soon)

NZ Father of the year contest – 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Details available soon)

Involve 2006 Conference 1-3 November, Lincoln University Christchurch

### News

More poverty when Gov't funds family-break-up ([Details](#))

Legal aid provision crisis in provinces ([Details](#))

### Briefs

Minister Releases Family Court Statistics ([Details](#))

Working mums are homesick – study ([Details](#))

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## Get on The Couch!

The Families Commission has a simple new way on issues relating to families

### Your views sought

It has set up an online panel known as The Couch, and is inviting families from throughout the country to join up and provide feedback on specific family issues.

Members of The Couch will get the chance to regularly have their say on topical family matters through opinion polls and longer responses to posted questions.

For example, there might be a quick set of yes/no questions about parenting or the Commission may seek opinion on how families can be better supported.

Knowing more about your experiences will help the Commission in its advocacy to improve services and support for families, and in its advice on proposed government policies.

The results will be posted on the website and emailed to panel members.

You can join The Couch at [www.thecouch.org.nz](http://www.thecouch.org.nz)

### New Resources At [Our web site](#)

- NZ Father and Child Society now have tee-shirts for sale on the web site. – only \$30
- **Arriving soon** – Resource area with brochures on family court, parenting plans, community law Centres, etc. Download and order facilities.
- **Arriving soon** – A comprehensive list with links to organisations and groups who offer help in your areas of NZ. **Are you listed with us yet?**

**Note: If you have resources you think others may use, let us know and we'll advertise here!**

### Profiles this month

#### MANLINE

Manawatu Alternatives to Violence Inc.

[www.manline.co.nz](http://www.manline.co.nz) Ph. (06) 3581211

Counselling, Therapy support groups, Stopping violence groups.

### Useful Links to other services

[Community Net](#) - access to relevant, quality information Raising the profile of the community sector Encouraging information sharing between organisations

[Families Commission](#) The Families Commission gives New Zealand families a voice—promoting their interests to government and community.

[Childrens Commission](#) The Children's Commissioner speaks out on behalf of all children to ensure their rights are respected and upheld.

### The Benefits of Joining us.

**Why?** At NZ Father and Child we have a vision to increase our membership so that:

1. Our lobbying and advocacy is more representative and credible.
2. We can share resources and stop the “re-inventing”.
3. Help set up organisations in needing areas. (Our “interested people and organisations” data-base is already being used to help.)

**What you'll get.**

1. Receive regular newsletters by email or mail.
2. Receive questionnaires – we want your opinions!
3. Keep up to date with other like organisations or people.
4. Find out about resources you can use.
5. Receive discounts to conferences or summits (Where arranged)

**Our promise:** Is to never claim to represent you without asking – we recognise diversity.

**Cost?** Only \$10 per year. (Tax Deductible)

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