

**VIOLENCE FREE TAIRAWHITI NETWORK**

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: AUGUST 2017**

**FEBRUARY 2017**

**Kia ora and welcome to the eighth issue of our VFTN newsletter for 2017 … AND APOLOGIES FOR THE LATENESS AND LEAN-NESS OF THE NEWSLETTER THIS MONTH**

Don’t forget that if you wish to have something included in the monthly newsletter, please email the document/details to [wendy.miller@barnardos.org.nz](mailto:wendy.miller@barnardos.org.nz) by the middle of the month.

***Family Violence Statistics for Tairāwhiti***

For the month of August our Police attended 157 incidents (that equates to 5.6 incidents a day, which is considerably less than last month, great news!). There were 297 children listed on the incident forms and although this does not mean that they were present, it does mean that they are currently associated with the adults who were involved.

Let’s continue to support each other in the work that we do to influence our families to seek help before things get out of control.

***Thought for the Month***

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world

*Anne Frank, 1929-1945, German Jewish Schoolgirl Diarist*

Defining Family Violence – a reminder for us all [From Family Violence Clearing House this month]

The Justice and Electoral Committee has released its report on the Family and Whānau Violence Legislation Bill. The [**Select Committee's report**](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/reports/document/SCR_74967/family-and-wh%C4%81nau-violence-legislation-bill-247-2) recommends that the bill be passed with amendments.

The report includes a copy of the bill with the suggested amendments. It also includes minority views from the Labour Party and the Green Party. The bill will now proceed to Second Reading.

The [**Family and Whānau Violence Legislation Bill**](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL_72556/family-and-wh%C4%81nau-violence-legislation-bill) was introduced to Parliament in March 2017 and many agencies made submissions.

***ACC partners with NZUSA on sexual violence prevention in tertiary education***

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The Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) has provided $1.4 million for a three year partnership with the New Zealand Union of Students’ Associations (NZUSA) to prevent sexual violence in tertiary education settings. The work will involve training programmes and a review of policies around sexual harassment and sexual violence prevention in tertiary institutions. The programme will also provide education and communications to students and staff. [**NZUSA said**](http://wellington.scoop.co.nz/?p=101772) the agreement will more than double NZUSA’s financial and staffing capacity.

[**NZUSA National President Jonathan Gee said**](http://wellington.scoop.co.nz/?p=101772) "This is an historic milestone for students. It empowers the student movement to undertake a comprehensive work programme to stamp out rape culture and sexual violence in our communities. It shows we can be true to our principles and beliefs and work constructively with a government of whatever shape on issues we both see as a priority."

[**Mike McCarthy, ACC’s Violence Injury Prevention Manager said**](http://wellington.scoop.co.nz/?p=101772) "ACC is delighted to be working with NZUSA to rid our communities of sexual violence. This partnership means that we can work together to provide more support to young people and make a real difference."

On 24 August 2017, a report from a survey on tertiary students’ experiences of sexual violence and secondary school sexuality education will be launched at Victoria University of Wellington. The *In* *Our Own Words* report will also include recommendations for both the secondary and tertiary education sector. [When the report is available we will include it in our Newsletter].

**Related information :** A report [**Change the course: National report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at Australian universities**](https://www.humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/document/publication/AHRC_2017_ChangeTheCourse_UniversityReport.pdf) has recently been published (Australian Human Rights Commission, 2017). A national survey measured the experiences of over 30,000 students across all 39 universities, in the first attempt to examine in detail the scale and the nature of the problem in Australia. It found around half of all university students (51%) were sexually harassed on at least one occasion in 2016, and 6.9% of students were sexually assaulted on at least one occasion in 2015 or 2016. A significant proportion of the sexual harassment experienced by students in 2015 and 2016 occurred in university settings.

 Open consultations:

* [Submissions Employment (Pay Equity and Equal Pay) Bill](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00145omT5h_DGjwTvwngt8annPQP6s65AMeq-mAJ5OaoDrF8g5nWzNOd5GiW1ZTsCDU5xeByGOF36jGnyO3pNUpF-0WPXqJzbwmstTbCrdOazCT8FywEcfp5gJ9SL0DJNTCJalhIZV_aIfANaYuWpXCzPWwmBU9TUohGCXAT_DSVVaMVJzSlW6ZXuSD6yYDMS3x6jXSkNYCxJ68rue-nRM1dpooq3NesJCLVk38l-NhJ2vlHWwMtmSmoDmj4st5zuIv&c=maxaVdgfnaZhjJdnFRzBFqyc5UB2QyVHu6ghx9ZIDjtWj-Pv0AVw9Q==&ch=3FBLfY1JAJNJKbAOasKNx3Ea9aILcW8FZVQejSr3sCkTMfx0fGu3gQ==) (close 1 November 2017)

VFTN UPDATE

* Our Community Champions Project is underway with initial training having occurred. Watch this space for updates on the Project and remember, it’s not too late to nominate someone so If you are interested in nominating someone to act as a champion please contact us ([wendy.miller@barnardos.org.nz](mailto:wendy.miller@barnardos.org.nz)) as we will look at having more training next year
* Remember to check out the Manaaki Tairāwhiti website [www.mt.org.nz](http://www.mt.org.nz)

**UPDATES FROM OUR COMMUNITY**

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| **TAIRAWHITI COMMUNITY VOICE:** Check out the relevant information on:  [http://tcvhub.co.nz/NewsEvents](http://tcvhub.co.nz/NewsEvents.aspx) |
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**AT BARNARDOS:**

* Parenting Through Separation sessions. When parents separate the whole family is affected, and this programme is to help parents focus on the needs of their children during separation so they can support them through the process and make the best possible contact arrangements.  Several sessions will be held in August and September.

For further information or to enrol please phone the office on 06-869-1340 or email [cathy.porter@barnardos.org.nz](mailto:cathy.porter@barnardos.org.nz)

* Children’s Safety Programme (formerly called Footsteps to Feeling Safe): help for child witnesses or victims of family violence.

***Contact Barnardos for more details.***

**AT TAUAWHI:**

* Building Awesome Whanau: a 6 session Toolbox Parenting Programme**-** runs periodically
* Individual counselling and Youth Social work support
* Non-Violence Programmes(Court Directed)
* Weekly Men’s Group (Self Referred)

***Contact Tauawhi for more details.***

**UPCOMING EVENTS – September**

Did you know that Ka Pai Kaiti has a **weekly** calendar of events? We share it here for your information, contact them at [www.kapaikaiti.com](http://www.kapaikaiti.com) for more details:

Monday Romiromi Sessions 6-8pm (koha)

Monday-Friday Bro Tec (computer repairs)

Monday-Saturday Tupa Fadez Haircuts

Monday-Sunday Whanau Support

Tuesday Markets 7-12 Lunchtime

Tuesday-Friday Foxy Locks Women’s Haircuts

Thursday Ka Pai Kaiti Kings Chess and Draughts Club 6-8pm

Thursday Whanau Support with Meph (P) 12-2pm

Saturday Kaiti Mall Market 7am-1pm

Sunday Spin Classes 12.30-2.30pm.

