

**VIOLENCE FREE TAIRAWHITI NETWORK**

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: JUNE 2017**

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**Kia ora and welcome to the sixth issue of our VFTN newsletter for 2017**

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 June our Police attended 265 incidents (that equates to 8.83 incidents a day, which is still way too many). There were 389 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***

*E kore e taea e te whenu kotahi kite raranga I te whariki kia mōhio tātou ki ā tātou.*

*Mā te mahi tahi ō ngā whenu, mā te mahi tahi ō ngā kairaranga, ka oti tēnei whāriki.*

*A strand of flax is nothing in itself, but woven together is strong and enduring.*

*Collective efforts often result in more meaningful and sustainable outcomes.*

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

**RESEARCH PROJECT:** The latest update from the Government's Family and Sexual Violence Work Programme announced a research project to be undertaken on family violence services.

The research is focusing on family violence service needs. The email update stated the research team "will examine the range of services needed by family and whānau affected by family violence, and identify and asses options for people to get timely access to this help and support." The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) has commissioned Allen + Clarke consulting firm to conduct the research, with support from researchers Devon Polaschek, Sue Carswell, Hector Kaiwai and Louise Dixon.

The research team will be interviewing providers from family violence specialist and general services (such as mental health and alcohol and other drugs). They will also interview some victims and perpetrators. If your agency is interested in taking part in the research, you can email [**familyandsexualviolence@justice.govt.nz**](mailto:familyandsexualviolence@justice.govt.nz) with a brief description about your services, where you are located, and who your clients are. This will be shared with the researchers who may consider interviewing your service - they are not able to speak to all services. For questions about this work or to receive the work programme email updates, contact [**familyandsexualviolence@justice.govt.nz**](mailto:familyandsexualviolence@justice.govt.nz).

For more information about the work programme see the pages on the [**MSD website**](https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/initiatives/action-family-violence/ministerial-team/) and the [**Ministry of Justice website**](https://www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/key-initiatives/reducing-family-and-sexual-violence/work-programme/).

**NEW ELDER ABUSE SERVICES AND HELPLINE LAUNCHED:** The Minister for Seniors has announced a new Elder Abuse Response Service (EARS).The new service includes a 24/7 free helpline, 0800 32 668 65 (0800 EA NOT OK). Registered nurses will provide information and support and direct callers to elder abuse service providers in their region.

Here are some further links you may find useful and interesting:

<https://nzfvc.org.nz/news/family-violence-frameworks-and-mandatory-social-worker-registration-launched-summit>

<http://gisborneherald.co.nz/localnews/2869059-135/tairawhiti-men-of-the-year>

<http://gisborneherald.co.nz/video/2867093-135/call-for-men-to-be-better>

Open for consultation:

[Submissions open on bill to prevent forced marriage](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NzrO6k9_Mz7yNSoB4C0hoC4KrukYTKgDCylaIYCZhmBR5iLFWz6_p4Lc1fiFXAccjkEFAQBwBjXCzmNBC7Vz_YH6KEn846rYGl3oZXDjysUv3kUYVaKD3BxZXXWaoVGznUe080K4bIVM8f4XRzkYqHcIrE0g3oe71wVtrQ2BYmE9NvoLru0ZGhgITnU0fAyA2aGiizeM-wcCwn1YTv39kRCPwHgqVQ6lL2FCuykQhVc=&c=0Y18dgpJ2rI_9_DC1DPOvPUTeLnSbhDn-gIZlgZ1ZDGBZ9D3dENrAQ==&ch=ls6LiaRbHrQEIqHKd4LWro6-FGXrWZBTTrH47U5d0Wz1wQ1iHj0gig==) (closes 21 July 2017)

[Submissions invited on discussion paper - "one court one judge" for family violence](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NzrO6k9_Mz7yNSoB4C0hoC4KrukYTKgDCylaIYCZhmBR5iLFWz6_p55NMbkiOgXKg3zWWVSydg-He1E2HEn3l2_V22kwUqSLCq_it_fDYEQut3Q7TeDzOLxjMi9WjPXttoUlv9d09KptSjJdphwgOI0GH9D7ysD77EOxNV3ZQcWF2n_XnweyB7fqwzbDnqS9kVr4I2xU4kvjCa1sQtK1QmCCKAyxxLrRg1R0cfWR0G2SsIiPuJVTPZ5JcceRDpuFDnEHZ0LqD0l8BNnwydFpTQ==&c=0Y18dgpJ2rI_9_DC1DPOvPUTeLnSbhDn-gIZlgZ1ZDGBZ9D3dENrAQ==&ch=ls6LiaRbHrQEIqHKd4LWro6-FGXrWZBTTrH47U5d0Wz1wQ1iHj0gig==) (closes 25 August 2017)

VFTN UPDATE

* Our Community Champions Project is underway and the people who had been nominated by others in the community are in the process of deciding whether they want to go ahead with this role. Police vetting has started, and a Trainer from It’s Not OK Campaign will come to Gisborne to train our Tairawhiti Champions later in August. 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))
* Our coordination funding has been confirmed for another year so we are happy to announce that Wendy is continuing in her role.
* Wendy has, you will be aware, continued to be out and about meeting with agencies and her collaboration and networking appears to have been well received and appreciated by all in the community. She participated in the Matariki Whanau Day over this last month and you can see photos in our community update section. The E Tu Elgin group was a major contributor to this event which was held at Elgin School. It is always great to work with more groups and have them keen to join the network; the network welcomes any group interested in our values and concerns about family harm. Working together for our shared purpose to reduce the number of family violence incidents in our community and continually raise awareness of the effects of family violence is key.
* World Elder Abuse Awareness Day occurred in June and Wendy attended an event with Age Concern who continue with their great work trying to keep older people safe from harm and violence of all kinds.
* Manaaki Tairāwhiti launched their website at a meeting with Minister Tolley at the end of the month. Although there is still some tweaking to be done and this is a living website so will have some changes, here is the link: <http://mt.org.nz.host2.dodat.co.nz>



**UPDATES FROM OUR COMMUNITY**

**TAIRAWHITI COMMUNITY VOICE:** New to the Website this week is:

Arthritis Care Workshops;

* Caring for yourself with arthritis Monday 17 July
* Managing arthritis pain Tuesday 18 July
* All about gout Tuesday 18 July
* Arthritis and emergency preparedness Wednesday 19 July
* Gadgets, devices and arthritis, Wednesday 19 July
* Gardening and arthritis, Thursday 20 July
* Caring for yourself with arthritis, Friday 21 July, Tolaga Bay
* Arthritis and kai atua, Friday 21 July, Tolaga Bay

More information can be found on the website: [http://tcvhub.co.nz/NewsEvents](http://tcvhub.co.nz/NewsEvents.aspx)



Matariki whanau Day at Elgin School

*Are you participating in Plastic Free July? It really isn’t that difficult once you set your mind to it. Just remember to keep reusable shopping bags in the car or in your cycle basket; if you buy takeaway drinks you can easily purchase a reusable cup, there are plenty around (or you can take your own cup from home!); instead of using cling wrap to store leftovers, invest in some storage containers or reusable washable plastic food covers. Remember, it is “single-use” plastic that is the real killer here, reusable and recyclable is not so bad.*

* The annual Tairāwhiti Men of the Year Awards evening was held on 23rd June and once again was a fantastic night out, celebrating some wonderful male role models in our community. Group photo below. Congratulations to The Tauawhi and Family Works teams for their commitment to this great night and of course to all the Award recipients.



* One of the recipients, Puna Manual, a teacher at Kaiti school (far right above), has been successful in another sphere too: he is part of the trio East Coast Breevahs, a three man reggae band who won first prize for their song *One Love* at the national E Tū Whānau Song Competition 2017. The group said “Our song is about us rangatira uplifting and guiding our rangatahi towards a brighter future for the Māori nation.” **Well done guys, that is a fantastic achievement.**

**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 July and August.

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:**

* Dad & Me Parenting  programme – 4 Weeknight workshops commencing Monday 7th August  - Plus 3 weekend interactive whanau opportunities for the Dads (and Mums) and their children activities, including – Morere Hotpools, History Hikoi & Making Home-made Take-aways.
* 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 – July**

**1-31 July → Plastic free July – let’s keep it going past July**

Winter Arts and Crafts Fair:

* Gisborne Girls’ High School, Saturday 15th July, 9.30am – 2.00pm

EIT student association details for Orientation Week, Semester B. The kaupapa of the morning is about providing information on the services that agencies provide:

* Tuesday 25th July, 11.30-1pm, The Hub, Main EIT Campus
* Wednesday 26th July, 12-1pm, Student Centre, RSU Stout Street

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.