

Whāngaia: Waitematā Bulletin

From the Director

Kia Ora and welcome to the first Whāngaia Bulletin for the New Year.

2018 effectively represented phase 1 of our District roll out of Whāngaia Ngā Pā Harakeke. With the help, support and advice of our people and our partners this was successfully completed ahead of schedule.

It has included the transformation of area-based family violence resources to a district-based family harm structure; the co-location of Family Harm staff and Youth & Community staff in a purpose-built Hub; a transition from the FVIARS model to the Whāngaia Ngā Pā Harakeke deployment model; a transition from a family violence response footing to a family harm prevention model; bringing the SAM table to full operational status including operational partnerships with Oranga Tamariki and Corrections; standing-up three Family Harm Intervention Teams (FHITs); and, employing five Kaiāwhina social workers to commence duties alongside FHITs in February 2019.

Phase 2 will likely bring new challenges and new opportunities as we look to expand the capacity of the existing SAM table, incorporate Waitemata North (Rodney) into the current Whāngaia Ngā Pā Harakeke model, continue to develop our operational staffing capability, and look to establish a strong, effective and inclusive external governance structure.

I look forward to meeting with you and sharing further details on these aspirational goals in the near future.

Detective Inspector Brett Batty

Whāngaia Ngā Pā Harakeke Progress

Operation STAR

Operation STAR ran over the Christmas and New Year and holiday period to prevent family harm episodes in what, traditionally, is a high demand period for police to attend family harm episodes. While most families enjoy being together, celebrating and making the most of the golden weather, there are those families for whom pressure, stress, hardship and, oftentimes, too much alcohol result in violence.



During the operation and in addition to their responses to 5F investigations, Waitematā Family Harm officers and sector partners visited a number of high-risk victims, perpetrators, tamariki and whānau throughout the District to support them so that they were safe from family harm.

Some of the results:

- ★ 201 home visits
- ★ 206 victim contacts
- ★ 35 perpetrator contacts
- ★ 33 children spoken to

Christmas parcels were delivered, a couple of safety alarms were installed, a victim and baby were taken to a safe house, Police Safety Orders were issued, a perpetrator was further remanded and referrals were made to mental health and Oranga Tamariki.

Thanks so much for everything, so grateful to have the support, can't speak highly enough of your assistance today – a victim

Christmas / New Year

As mentioned above, there are those families for whom pressure, stress, hardship and, oftentimes, too much alcohol result in violence over the Christmas New Year period. The SAM table, which deals with Waitematā West and Waitematā East family harm episodes, was hardworking to ensure victims and their whānau were provided with interventions/ prevention.

The SAM table did not convene on the public holidays.

Here are the numbers for Monday 24 December 2018 to Monday 7 January 2019:

- **369** family harm episodes discussed and plans put in place for the victims
- a further 39 cases were sent to partners for consideration
- there were **86** cases on the 27th December; the highest number
- the second highest number was on New Year's eve: 63
- of the 369, **230** were categorised as '**high**' (62%); 52 'moderate' (14%); and 87 'low' (24%)
- 284 were generated in **Waitematā West**; **77%** of the total discussed.

Remember too, that these numbers exclude Waitematā North.

Kaiāwhina

The HR process in the appointment of five Kaiāwhina is well underway and we will have confirmation of these specialist staff who will join the Family Harm Investigations Teams next month. They will bring much needed cultural competency and social work skills to the work we do. We can't wait to have them on board!

Family Safety System (FSS) Database



We are excited to advise that the implementation of the FSS database, which was delayed late last year to allow for performance testing on new enhancements, is in the final stages of analysis.

Our 'go live' date will be early March and if you are registered as a user you will be contacted with information for refresher training prior to the implementation.

If you have had staffing changes and you have additional users to be added (or removed) please contact Senior Sergeant Wendy Pickering with the subject line 'FSS database'.

Any correspondence can be sent to our email address: WNPH.Waitemata@police.govt.nz

Meet the Team

Sergeant Lauris Shepherd

I am the FHIT 3 Sergeant and have been in the NZ Police 10 years, having previously served in the UK Police working in the drugs and Asian Organised Crime space and UK Military Police serving around the world whilst specialising in Counter Terrorism activities. I recently completed a period of time in Waitemata West as a Field Intelligence Officer with a particular interest in gangs and other organised criminal groups.

Having encountered family harm in my previous roles and the damage to families, I'm really looking forward to engaging with victims, their whanau (and perpetrators) and making a difference to their lives. I'm also looking forward to promoting the work of Whāngaia Ngā Pā Harakeke across all the other Police work groups, increasing our profile and interaction with external agencies. These are exciting times and I'm confident of making a difference with my team in our communities.



Sergeant Sila Faga Siaki

Talofa and warm Pacific greetings!! Happy New Year!!

I'm Faga from West Auckland and based at the Whāngaia Ngā Pā Harakeke office at Henderson.



A bit about me... I was born in Auckland, New Zealand, went to school in West Auckland, love travelling overseas, play lots of sport using the oval ball and spending loads of time with my family.

I have enjoyed the opportunities working in various area of Policing such as PST, Motorways, Community, Prosecutions, Rural Policing (in Waikato) and now with Whāngaia Ngā Pā Harakeke. West Auckland however has been where I have spent most of my Policing career.

Through the Police I have travelled around the world and been a part of some amazing tours. I became a sworn member for the Samoan Police and then sworn-in as UN Personnel for a SIDS Conference.

My current posting will be awesome and exciting. The opportunity to work closer with some of my friends in the NGOs and community groups assisting Family Harm affected families will be very rewarding. This posting will be challenging but worthwhile so well worth coming to work for 😊

Be safe and have a blessed 2019, be happy, share happy, do happy!

Contributions

We would love to hear from you! Please send your *Good News Story* to us or tell us about your agency so we can highlight the great work you do in the community. The email address is wnph.waitemata@police.govt.nz and the phone number is **09 477 5202 or extension 97802.**

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