

# Whāngaiā: Waitematā Bulletin

## From the Director

Hi all and welcome to another edition of the Waitematā Whāngaiā Ngā Pā Harakeke Bulletin.

I'm writing this introduction from Taipa in the far north where I am currently attending Te Hiku Wānanga, a conference that is bringing together Police, Iwi, and other partners from all over New Zealand to share experiences, ideas, innovations and lessons learned in developing Whāngaiā Ngā Pā Harakeke across the country.

Day one on Kauhanga Marae has already produced robust debate and insightful discussion around what a true partnership with Iwi in the Family Harm space can look like when all parties are truly committed. I am looking forward to the next two days of the wānanga which I expect to be challenging and rewarding, in equal parts.

Thank you to our partners who supported my leadership team and I at a recent Police executive assessment of Whāngaiā Ngā Pā Harakeke's progress in Waitematā (see below). Whilst acknowledging that police and our partners are only at the start of a challenging journey toward enhancing our collective response to Family Harm, the panel members were satisfied with the direction we are taking and the foundations that are now in place to deliver better outcomes for whānau and tamariki affected by Family Harm.

White Ribbon week kicks off on the 25th of November. Waitematā Police in all three areas will be attending and supporting a number of activities. If you have a particular activity planned and would like police to take part please contact Kelly Farrant or I via email to arrange this.

We are in the process of completing a Family Harm prevention operation which will run district-wide from mid-December to the end of January. Our activities will predominantly be focussed on high-risk perpetrators and repeat victims. There will be opportunities for police to work more closely with our partners around these individuals and whanau. I look forward to sharing more information around this when the final operation orders are drafted.

**Detective Inspector Brett Batty**

## Whāngaiā Ngā Pā Harakeke Progress

### Panel Presentation

We were most appreciative of Matua Glen Wilcox, a member of Tu Tahitanga, Iwi Advisory Board; Michelle Clayton (CEO, Family Action); and Tea (Tolotea) Roache-Malo, Acting Manager, Department of Corrections and member of our Pacific Advisory Board who supported us at the recent Whāngaiā Ngā Pā Harakeke Panel Presentation. This involved Detective Inspector Batty presenting an account of the District's progress in implementing Whāngaiā Ngā Pā Harakeke to Deputy Commissioner Mike Clement, Deputy Commissioner John Tims and experts from Police National Headquarters.

We had great stories to relay, milestones achieved and of course, how we will improve and develop. The panel reinforced the message that it is iwi, community partners and police helping to build resilience in victims and whānau/families affected by family harm that will bring positive change in addressing complex and deep-rooted family harm.

Our demand data shows there is much to be done however with the wealth of expertise and willingness in the community, and the coming together of government and non-government agencies in a coordinated way, the message to those suffering family violence is to report and there will be support.

## Family Safety System (FSS)

Delayed. Due to the software system requiring further testing and review by the developer, the FSS has been delayed. Obviously we are very disappointed however it's important that the system is robust so further time testing and reviewing is necessary. It seems unlikely that we will be able to turn FSS on until the new year. Apologies for the delay.

## Victim Video Statement (VVS)

As 5F is demonstrating, we are improving the way Police interact with family violence victims. Another improvement is how we record victims' statements after a family violence event.

Instead of requiring victims to provide a written and signed statement of the event, trained staff are digitally filming the victim's statement using a special app. The victim must give consent for the video interview and they can have a support person present.

Front-line staff are being trained as VVS interviewers with Acting Detective Senior Sergeant Andrew Wong Woo leading the project. If you would like to hear more about this initiative contact Andrew on [Andrew.Wong.Woo@police.govt.nz](mailto:Andrew.Wong.Woo@police.govt.nz)

# News and Views

## Whānau Resilience

Changes in family violence service provision. From July next year, Ministry of Social Development will be investing \$15.4 million from this year's Budget into new long-term healing and recovery services, Whānau Resilience. These services are designed to enable family violence service providers to offer services to individuals, families, whānau and communities affected by family violence long-term support.

Whānau Resilience "will ask for a range of successful providers to work together across their regions to determine what the needs are, what is available, and to collaborate to design effective responses based on the voices and input from individuals, families and whānau"

MSD are running workshops for family violence service providers to provide information to providers and communities about what this new funding may mean for them. To best prepare the sector for the upcoming procurement process, these workshops will start from November 2018.

More information is available at:

<https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/initiatives/family-and-sexual-violence/index.html>

## White Ribbon

White Ribbon Day (November 25th) is the International Day for the Elimination of Men's Violence Towards Women. The 2018 campaign *#Respectful Relationships* is encouraging men to take the pledge *to stand up, speak out and act to prevent violence towards women*. Check out the website for downloading the seven toolboxes that have been designed to promote respectful relationships <https://whiteribbon.org.nz/> and here are some of the local events taking place in Waitematā:



Community Barbecues	Other Events
<b>Tuesday 20 November</b> Hosted by Police 12-4pm Ranui Library 431 Swanson Rd	<b>White Ribbon Breakfast</b> <b>Friday 23 November</b> Around 7.30am - TBC Glendene Primary School Police helping to serve breakfast to teachers and children
<b>Wednesday 21 November</b> The Fono 11am-2pm Catherine Plaza 360 Great North Road Henderson	<b>White Ribbon Takapuna Walk Through</b> <b>Monday 26th November</b> North Shore Family Violence Prevention Network 11am - 1pm Mary Thomas Centre 3 Gibbons Road
<b>Thursday 22 November</b> Family Action 11.30am – 3.30pm Glen Eden Library 12-32 Glendale Road	<b>Pacific in the Park</b> <b>30 November</b> 3pm – 8pm Moire Park Granville Drive Massey
<b>'Taking the Pledge' , Discussions &amp; Giveaways</b> <b>Friday 23 November</b> Te Rito, Hestia & Police 11am Whangaparaoa Mall with White Ribbon Ambassador S/Const. Bryan Ward 12:30pm Hillary Square or Outside New World Orewa 1:30pm Silverdale Mega Centre 2:30pm At Mighty Ape Millwater (invite only)	

WAVES has been coordinating the White Ribbon campaign in Waitakere and have White Ribbon resources at their office – ribbons, balloons, temporary tattoos, flyers and posters. There is an invitation to pop in and get some.

## Meet the Team

### Jenny Smith

I am Jennifer, I am a social worker with Oranga Tamariki. I have been a social worker for coming up five years, having worked here in New Zealand at Oranga Tamariki for three years and over in London in child protection for two years. I am very passionate about a child's right to grow up safe and loved, and ensuring their voices are heard. I am currently on secondment here with the police at the SAM table for 12 months, having started here in September 2018. I am really enjoying the opportunity to work close with Police and Corrections to work towards reducing family harm across West and East Waitematā District. I have loved meeting everyone who I have crossed paths with so far, and looking forward to meeting more of the team working across family harm as times goes on. I am always happy to talk if any one has any queries in regards to Oranga Tamariki.



### GOOD NEWS STORIES

#### From a thankful whānau

*...as a whanau we would like to thank-you for co-ordinating a plan with Probation, Oranga Tamariki and other services that may have been involved. The execution of the plan has kept us all safe as a whānau and enabled us to continue to extend the support to our [wahine] at a time in her life when she has most needed it. In this instance, the Whāngai Ngā Pā Harakeke approach has been really effective and most greatly appreciated.*

#### Congratulations, Kelly!

Detective Senior Sergeant Kelly Farrant was awarded a District Commander's Commendation for dedication, leadership and meticulous planning and promotion of the Waitematā CIB Awards, driving and leading a CIB diversity campaign and leading a working group to fundraise lifesaving treatment for a fellow Police Officer at a ceremony in Auckland last week. The award was presented by Commissioner Mike Bush. The photos below show Kelly with

Assistant Commissioner Tusha Penny who nominated her. The other shows Kelly with her husband, Mauga Michael Alofa, Strategic Advisor Auckland Council, Commissioner Bush, Assistant Commissioner Luano Sue Schwalger and Inspector Zane Hooper, Area Commander Wiatematā West.



## 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](mailto:wnph.waitemata@police.govt.nz)

Last month we introduced a single source number system for our agencies, networks and internal police partners to call us. The phone number is **09 477 5202 or extension 97802**.

## Contact Us

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