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Taranaki Pilot Youth Transition Service

“Your future - your choice” is the catch-phrase of the new scheme aimed at getting Taranaki school leavers into training or work.

Tui Ora Ltd were successful with their tender to pilot the new Youth Transition Service in North Taranaki. The region is one of five areas to pilot the government funded initiative along with Whangarei, Waitakere, Rotorua and Porirua.

The Youth Transition Services has been established to support at risk young people (15 - 17 years) to undertake activities that contribute to their long term economic independence and well being. The goal is to keep them engaged in training, further education or employment.

New Plymouth has more than 7,000 young people aged 15 to 19, and about 22% are not in education, training or employment. The service will provide teens at risk of becoming long-term unemployed, with advice and guidance on getting skills and training and finding work.

Youth Transition Manager, Anaru Marshall, has been responsible for setting up offices in New Plymouth and Waitara. Youth Coordinators will work with young people to develop their potential. The service will also help young people with health, financial and other social advice.

The service provides a system of support by using mentors and coaches to assist the young person

implement their own individualized plans. These plans may include enrolment or registration into established training or educational programmes.

The staff at the Youth Transition Services all come with a background in training, employment and youth development. They are Anaru Marshall, Manager; Mary Wilson, Coach Co-ordinator; Sara Bright and Simon Ripia, Coaches.

The pilot scheme will be funded for three years. It is anticipated that 300 young people would be put in touch with the service in its first year.

Although Tui Ora works primary in Maori Health, CEO Hayden Wano said the service was a natural fit - health and education go hand in hand, and Tui Ora was prepared to take up the challenge.



Left to Right: Queenie Mackey, Simon Ripia, Sara Bright, Mary Wilson, Anaru Marshall



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Innovative Provider

Traditional Maori Healing is the focus of New Plymouth Provider Karangaora. The organisation has been a dream come true for its founder Mahinekura Reinfeld (*Ngati Mutunga*). After setting up the organisation five years ago Karangaora was publically acknowledged for its service at the inaugural Te Matarau Maori Health Provider Awards in October 2004 as winner of the Innovation Award.

Mahinekura has spent time sharing her knowledge with other indigenous healers from around the world visiting places such as Alaska, Hawaai and more recently in Canada.



The commitment of Karangaora to traditional Maori healing have also seen them undertake research, produce resources and provide training in the field.

In the last 12 months Mahinekura has been working on a project funded by Nga Rahui Whenua, returning her to Wharekauri (Chattam Islands). This project included providing training to establish their own traditional Maori healing clinic and re-establish the ngahere (forest) to grow traditional medicine.

To ensure the art of traditional healing is past down from kaumatua (elders), Karangaora are also working on a research project funded by Health Research Council. Assisted by Dr Leonie Pihama the project aims to capture the traditional methods of healing and will include interviews with kaumatua recording their stories before they are lost. The work is due to be published at the conclusion of the Project in June 2007.

The current Tui Ora contract funded out of Ministry of Health allows Karangaora to continue it hands-on work in delivering its services to the Taranaki community.

ACC improve Accessibility

Tui Ora CEO, Hayden Wano facilitated the ACC Consultation Hui held at Owae Marae on 21 July 2005. The hui was part of the ACC Roadshow travelling the country to seek feedback from communities on their perception of ACC.

Statistics show that Maori are not fully utilising and under claiming entitlements when injured.

Interacting directly with communities and listening to the issues will allow ACC to address the barriers and improve accessibility for Maori.

ACC have already initiated five pilots programmes around the country, one of which is Tui Ora, to address the access issue for Maori to the services of ACC.

Maori Disability Forum

The Taranaki Maori Disability Forum was held on 29 July with the theme of whakawhanaungatanga (building relationships).

The Maori Disability Forum is part of an annual programme of events delivered in conjunction with APEPSI, New Plymouth District Council, AccessAbility, Disabled Persons Assembly, Taranaki Disabilities Information Centre and Tui Ora as a means of informing the community about services and resources available to those with disability issues.

The forum provides an opportunity to improve consumer interactions with services and removing barriers of accessibility.

Guest speakers Rose Hawkins and Roger Jolly from Ministry of Health were present to update the forum on developments within the disability sector. Gary Williams, CEO, Disabled Persons Assembly also participated in the forum along with other governments agencies and community advocates.

The forum was a great day for everyone with over 80 people attending representing both providers and whanau.

Associate Minister visits Taranaki



Tui Ora have confidence in the continued support for Maori Development Organisations assured by the Associate Minister of Health, Mita Rinui during his visit on 27 April 2005.

Associate Minister Rinui was accompanied by his fellow Labour candidates Mahara Okeroa, Errol Mason and Dave Hereora. Their visit to Maru Wehi Hauora campus included a presentation of the past history and future strategies of Tui Ora, a visit to Hauora Taranaki PHO and network providers located on-site.

"I was impressed by the professionalism of Tui Ora, and the longer-term view that the organisation has developed," commented Mr Rinui. "There were key challenges for this government, including: the need to

support the growth of a well-trained Maori health workforce; the development of quality based programmes and best practice standards; and the future roles and relationships between Maori providers, Maori Development Organisations and Primary Health Organisations."

The CEO of Tui Ora, Hayden Wano, was pleased with the positive feedback received from the Associate Minister during his visit. The commitment to continued provision of Maori health services and support for Maori Development Organisations provides reassurance for the Tui Ora network.

Their visit to Taranaki also included meetings with Ngaruahine Health Services and Raumano Trust in south Taranaki before returning to Wellington.

PHO Bus Service into Rural Communities

Health services will reach rural and isolated communities with a new Mobile Health Bus service being launched on 29 July 2005 by Hauora Taranaki PHO.

The mobile health bus services will centre on chronic disease management, health assessment, lifestyle intervention programmes, alongside other nurse led clinical services throughout Taranaki.

The key target areas will be those patients at risk of or suffering from any disease that requires lifestyle



modification and or intervention. The service will be accessible to all people regardless of PHO affiliation and will be provided free of charge, though gold coin donations will be welcomed.

The mobile bus service will also focus on working alongside GP and Maori Health Providers within the Tui Ora network to enhance and support health services at a local level.

This initiative has been developed in response to feedback from communities, health providers and other agencies and in alignment with the PHOs major focus on improving access to services particular for high need populations and isolated communities and will compliment existing health services.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the Tui Ora network, who where chosen to pilot the service based on its experience in organizational management and infrastructural development.

Training for Cadetship

Moses Kemp, of Mahia Mai has been working with the Tegel Cadetship program which has been underway now for just over three months.

The Cadetship program is a partnership between Tegel Foods Ltd and Work and Income NZ to provide four youth an opportunity to get some work experience and training. This program will help them improve their employment prospects in the future and also give them a much needed opportunity to get into the workforce.

Tegel sees it as a terrific opportunity to make a positive difference to our at risk youth in the community. They

are youth who have been having a great deal of difficulty finding employment, and perhaps they have been down on luck and simply need a chance to get some work.

Over the 26 weeks of the program the cadets will not only gain valuable work experience but will receive generic training. Mahia Mai has been working with the cadets to raise their awareness of the impacts of drug and alcohol. "It is pleasing to be involved in this program and to see the awesome progress of the cadets," comments Moses.



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