



## PANUI

### ***Kupu whakataki***

E ngā marae, e ngā iwi, e ngā hapū, e ngā whānau, tēnā koutou katoa. Nei rā te mihi nui rawa atu ki a koutou katoa.

Welcome to the first edition of our E Tu Pānui. The E Tu Pānui intends to keep staff up to date with events, initiatives and kōrero happening within the Community Relations team, the Māori Reference Group (MRG) and also in our communities.

The MRG members represent iwi, hapū and whānau related organisations and also have specialist knowledge and expertise in the family violence sector. The members are Roku Mihinui, Roni Albert, Tau Huirama, Hera Clarke, Ngaropi Cameron, Roma Balzer, Ariana Simpson, Georgina Wilkinson, Parekotuku Moore, Darrin Haimona, Di Grennell, Mereana Pitman, Jozie Karanga, Druis Barrett, Ngaire Te Hira, Dr Hone Kaa, Donna Matahaere-Ariki, Glenys Papuni, and Barbara Greer.

In each edition we will also include relevant regional and national events, updates from MRG and the communities. E Tu Pānui will also be an opportunity to highlight whānau, hapū and iwi models of success working in the community.

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## **Dr Paratene Ngata**



Dr Paratene Ngata, affectionately known as Dr Pat was an inspiration to all who crossed his path. Condolences and acknowledgments flowed throughout the country on news of his passing. Dr Pat was well known for pioneering and leading change on pivotal issues impeding Māori development and well-being. Dr Pat was significant in championing the end of violence in our families and communities. Personally he broke the cycle of violence in his own whānau by overcoming his own violence, and consequently his children are violence free. “Over twenty years ago he recognised his own violence, and promised that he would raise his sons to be ‘gentle’ men as indeed they are now.”

*– Tariana Turia - Co-leader of the Māori Party, Associate Minister of Social Development*

## **Human Rights prize award to Amokura**



Māori Reference Group member Di Grennell (Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāi Tahu) along with Ani Pitman will accept the prestigious annual Alumni Human Rights prize on behalf of Amokura.

The Leitner Centre for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School awards the prize to honor an organisation the Center has worked with during their annual human rights fact finding mission. The Leitner Centre worked with Amokura in 2008, when coordinating the Tai Tokerau section of the freedom from domestic violence fact finding mission, ensuring participation from iwi and Māori providers and practitioners in the Tai Tokerau region.

The prize enables Di Grennell and Ani Pitman to accept the award on behalf of Amokura and to attend Fordham Law School’s 12th Annual Domestic Violence Conference in New York. Di Grennell will have the opportunity to address the conference and meet to share experiences with other violence prevention groups.

## ***Rangatahi and Whānau Ora Hui***

The Community Relations team will be holding rangatahi and whānau ora hui throughout March and April 2009. These hui will be based on Māori strengths and will focus on strategies and solutions that encompass the whole whanau. The team will work with hui participants to develop whānau ora indicators and also develop a youth strategy. A key part of the whānau hui will be to work together to develop action plans to fulfil whānau ora.

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### ***Te mahi kei ngā hapori – Tū Tama Wahine o Taranaki***

Tū Tama Wahine o Taranaki has been meeting the needs of whānau/Māori in the Taranaki community for more than 20 years. Tū Tama Wahine o Taranaki operates from a kaupapa Māori base and their services are underpinned by tikanga Māori. Tū Tika o Aro Tika - Domestic Violence Education Programme for Māori Men employs a methodology that seeks to address violence from within a Māori cultural worldview. The sessions are structured around tikanga Māori that assist in facilitating learning and self-examination. These include: tikanga, identity, whānau, whanaungatanga, Taranakitanga, mana and te ao Māori me te ao hurihuri. In particular, Taranakitanga, the deeds of Tohu Kakahi and Te Whiti O Rongomai, and the culture of passive resistance are strongly evident throughout the programme.

Despite the challenges, the historical legacy and commitment to whānau, and an ethos of non-violence continue to sustain and nurture the commitment of Tū Tama Wahine o Taranaki to whānau ora. Tū Tama Wahine o Taranaki see themselves today as continuing the legacy of non-violence - of stopping violence within whānau, caring for whānau and drawing practical strength from ngā mahi a ngā tupuna me ngā tikanga o mua (from the deeds of tupuna and cultural practices).

## ***Turia supports call for more focussed approach to anti-violence programmes***

Associate Minister for Social Development - Tariana Turia - is supporting calls for more tailored anti-violence programmes and other changes as outlined in a speech by the Principal Judge of the Family Court. Judge Peter Boshier was critical of present programmes saying they are missing their target possibly because of a *one size fits all* approach, and that they should be better focussed and redesigned for one-off offenders and for Maori and Asian men.

The Maori Party welcomes the awareness of cultural competence being demonstrated by the Principal Judge - the recognition that the quality of services, access and outcomes is seen in the responsiveness to culturally determined solutions. Mrs Turia says "I think the whole area of violence prevention services deserves another look – it might be better to have fewer providers delivering quality programmes that are targeted at a whole of family approach."

"It seems bizarre that perpetrators of domestic violence can receive counselling but it is only in rare situations that the Court can direct children to counselling – and yet surely the traumatic impact of violent episodes have the capacity to scar children for life". Mrs Turia is welcoming the announcement by the Minister of Justice - Simon Power - that he will meet Judge Boshier to discuss his ideas. Mrs Turia says "It seems to me that what Judge Boshier is saying makes good sense and we should be listening carefully and taking what ever steps we can to deal with the violence that is affecting our families." "The Judge is telling us that things haven't been done right in the past. I am keen to see positive and meaningful changes to get on top of this problem."

## ***Panui next edition...***

Look out for updates from . . .

-MRG member Di Grennell regarding her Domestic Violence conference in New York

-TPK on the research agenda feedback from national organisations on work they are doing in building on their best practice for Maori practitioners.

-Another Māori model working and making a difference in the community

-Kim and Juan

-More detail from the All Iwi Leaders Forum agreeing to respond to family violence - and more