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New Tamariki
Ora Nurses
Welcomed E



Tamariki Ora Nurses Michell Krawczyk and Sharon Kirkpatrick.

Michell Krawczyk from the Public Health Unit and Sharon Kirkpatrick from Te Wiremu House have joined Turanga Health's Tamariki Ora Nursing team this month.

Michell, whose Polish last name is pronounced "krafchick" was working in the Public Health Unit's Well Child Team as a school nurse. She also spent two days a week working at Waikohu Health Centre in Te Karaka.

The mother of two says she has always enjoyed working with children and was excited to be joining Turanga Health.

Sharon and Michell completed their Bachelor of Nursing qualifications through UCOL, at Tairawhiti Polytechnic. Sharon, mother of five, did a nursing placement at Turanga Health three years ago and said she was always keen to return.

Before now she has worked with mental health patients, and as a nurse at Te Wiremu House hospital and resthome and Dunblane Lifestyle Care and Village. Sharon is studying for her Masters in Nursing.

The Tamariki Ora Well Child service is free for all children from birth to five years. Nurses who work in the service see the children at different intervals checking hearing, vision, and various aspects of their growth and development.

Well Child nurses also give health education and promotional advice and link parents with community and other services as they need them. Turanga Health's third nurse within the Tamariki Ora team is Jenelle Sheridan.

Health Innovation – Reforms or Raffles? E



**Turanganui PHO CEO
Keriana Brooking.**

Four of Pinnacle's Primary Health Organisation chief executives were in Melbourne last week for the intriguingly named Health Innovation- Reforms or Raffles Conference.

Along with Pinnacle Chief Executive John Macaskill-Smith, were Turanganui PHO chief executive Keriana Brooking, Shelley Campbell (Waikato Primary Health), Andrew Brock (Taranaki PHO), and Jeremy Mihaka-Dyer (Lake Taupo PHO).

The conference was organized by the Australian College of Health Service Executives of which Shelley Campbell is a member.

The 2007 conference theme "Health Innovation - Reforms or Raffles?" reflected the concept that if the reform process is not strategic and systematic in its development and delivery, then the anticipated health outcomes are likely to be haphazard at best.

It specifically explored the need for greater innovation in managing chronic disease, obesity and mental health issues in New Zealand, Australia and Asia Pacific.

Keriana said the conference demonstrated that the comparative smallness of New Zealand's geography and population along with the simplicity of the primary care sector compared to other countries "makes it easier to design and deliver services".

"While all the countries represented shared similar chronic care issues, the others seemed light years away in being able to effectively make changes."

Keriana's travel and accommodation costs were paid for by Turanganui PHO.

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SF Tairawhiti Annual General Meeting, Monday 13 August, 2007, 1pm, 81 Childers Rd. Guest speaker is Kevin Croskery on "Domestic Violence Interventions - Is It Working?". Enquiries 868 5295 or email [SF Tairawhiti](mailto:info@tpho.org.nz). Nomination forms available at office.

Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind Gisborne Community Committee, Annual Public Meeting, Thursday 16 August 2007, RNZFB Rooms, Grey St, 12 noon. All welcome. Any enquiries 868 7280.

Tairawhiti District Health Board Meeting, Tuesday 21 August, 9am, Morris Adair Building, Gisborne Hospital.

Hospital Advisory Committee TDH Hospital Advisory Committee meeting, Monday 20 August, 1.15pm, Morris Adair Building, Gisborne Hospital.

Community and Public Health Advisory Committee/Disability Support Advisory Committee Tuesday, 28 August 1pm/3pm, Morris Adair Building, Gisborne Hospital. Visit www.tdh.org.nz for all TDH meeting agendas.