

## The PHOnetic

*For anyone interested in primary health*



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### Turanga Health Staff Muck in with Patutahi for JP E

Turanga Health staff as well as other friends and whanau were at John Pomana's house in Patutahi in January helping with a "muck in" for him to be televised later this year.

Cars, diggers and construction trucks lined the street outside John's house in Patutahi as hundreds of people descended on the town to help say "thanks".

During the muck in John and his wife Helen were treated to a weekend holiday away while everyone else helped construct his dream garden.

When he arrived back at his house on Sunday night there was a huge party!

Men's Health Coordinator at Turanga Health and a Minister of Te Hahi o Te Wairua Tapu Church John is well-known for helping out those in need throughout the community.

The episode of Mucking In is scheduled to screen on TV1 later this year



Mucking in for Turanga Health's John Pomana

### Minister of Health Pays a Visit to TPHO TPHO



**Minister of Health  
Pete Hodgson**

Minister of Health Pete Hodgson will be visiting Turanganui Primary Health Organisation (TPHO) on Thursday 15 March 2007.

TPHO Chief Executive Keriana Brooking said this is TPHO's chance to profile "the good, the bad, and the ugly" with regard to the primary health sector.

"By that I mean it's our chance to showcase some of the successful work being achieved at TPHO, especially through some of Services to Improve Access Programmes. But it's also our chance to show him some aspects of the primary health sector that do not work so well, and ask for his comment and help."

The Minister of Health will be in Gisborne all day on the 15th, also visiting Ngati Porou Hauora PHO, and Tairarwhiti District Health.

### Ken McFarlane Measures Up GP, PM, PN

Mangapapa Medical Centre GP Ken McFarlane believes a major development bringing true professionalism to the work of Turanganui Primary Health Organisation (TPHO) will be an increasing focus on evaluation of the effectiveness of services.

"At the moment I'm not sure our PHO, or any PHO, has completely mastered the way to objectively evaluate and measure the result of its services."

Ken is one of eight people making up the newly formed Central Primary Health Clinical Advisory Group which also includes new Pinnacle Chief Executive John Macaskill-Smith and Pinnacle Clinical Advisor David Maplesden.

"The group has a fairly innocuous title I'll admit!" says Ken, but it's a group with an important role to play as PHO's commit more and more money into services to improve health.

The group's concern is that the design of some health programmes and services are not sufficiently robust to allow the outcomes to be accurately measured.

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### Turanga Health Presence at National Kapa Haka Festival! E

**Kapa:** to stand in a row or rank

#### Community News

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**Taki Tahi Toa Mano** Tairarwhiti's regional smokefree group working towards a Smokefree Tairarwhiti. Bi-monthly meetings. Next meeting Friday 23 March, 9.30am, venue to be confirmed. For more information email [Taki Tahi Toa Mano](#).

**Cancer Control Group** Next meeting Wednesday 28 February, 12 noon, Cancer Society Rooms. For more information email [Cancer Control Group](#).

**Te Kete Mauriora** Next meeting Thursday 1 March, 1pm-2.30pm. Venue is Turanganui Primary Health Organisation office, level 1, Rockforte Tower Building, Grey St. For more information email [Te Kete Mauriora](#).

**TDH Health Advisory Committee Meeting** Morris Adair Board Room, Tuesday 27 February, 9am.

**TDH Community and Public Health Advisory Committee/Disability Support Advisory Committee Meetings** Morris Adair Board Room, Tuesday 27 February, 1pm/2.30pm.

Visit [www.tdh.org.nz](http://www.tdh.org.nz) for all TDH meeting agendas.

**Haka:** to dance (the dance of Tanerore, the quivering of the air on a hot day)

As 35,000 people pour into this year's National Kapa Haka Festival, Turanga Health staff will be there in force, some defending their last year's title!

Te Matatini National Kapa Haka Festival will see 32 groups compete from across the country for supremacy in Maori Performing Arts from tomorrow running February 22 to 25.

Last year local team Te Whanau Apanui won top honours, an achievement group member and Turanga Health Personal Health Manager Albie Stewart is very proud of.

"The good thing about Kapa Haka is that it motivates a community and when people see Te Whanau Apanui on TV, it continues to motivate a whole tribe. Everyone wants to be affiliated with it and then we can use it to send other messages".

Te Matatini is at the Manawatu Showgrounds. This year Albie is part of group called Taurimaimai Tawhiti, which has its roots in Te Whanau Apanui.

Other Turanga Health staff competing are Smoking Cessation Coordinator Mere Waihi (Whangara Mai Tawhiti), Te Whare Hauora Nurse Polly Maxwell (Tu Te Manawa Maurea), Vanessa Lowndes Tutors John and Guy Moetara (Tu Te Manawa Maurea), and Turanga Health Kaumatua Service Programme Coordinator Tanya Coleman (supporting Tu Te Manawa Maurea).

The finals will be screened live on Maori Television, this Sunday 25 February between 11.30am and 3.30pm.



## Wassup Doc! E

Radio programme Wassup Doc! featuring Kaiti Medical Centre GP Dr Johan Peters is now a regular feature of the Turanga FM Breakfast Show.

Hosted by DJ Walter the Wiz, the Turanganui PHO-sponsored breakfast show is a morning package of music and news featuring public and primary health related advertising and information.

Wassup Doc! is broadcast on Mondays just after the 8am news and issues covered so far include stomach bugs, sexual health, Meningococcal Disease, hayfever, and the cost of seeing a doctor.

Johan's easy-going style and humour have made him the perfect mouthpiece for primary health issues.

Johan says after a feeling of trepidation during the first few broadcasts he now feels comfortable beaming out to the public.

"The feedback has been great and quite often a day later I am informed about how many calls the station has taken about the topic we talked about the day before."

Wassup Doc! is just one more way Turanganui Primary Health Organisation can promote free services available to the community via its GPs and Maori Health provider Turanga Health.

Over time Johan looks forward to sharing the Wassup Doc! duties with other local GPs.

To listen to Wassup Doc! on Mondays just after the 8am news tune into Turanga FM on 91.7, 95.5, or 98FM, or go to [Turanga FM Webcast](#) and click on "Tapuni Iarere". Select Turanga FM, then the "Listen" option. (It may take a minute or so to work through the "connecting, playing, buffering" cycle).



**Dr Johan Peters, fisherman, broadcaster and GP!**