

## The PHOnetic

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### Meet our new GP Board Members



**New Board member Dr Tom James**

Story and Image by Clare Webber

**Turanganui Primary Health Organisation has two new board members, Dr Tom James, and Dr David Maplesden both representing Pinnacle.**

**Both General Practitioners bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position.**

Tom James is a part owner of Kaiti Medical Centre, where he has been a GP since he arrived in New Zealand in 1994 from Bristol in the United Kingdom. Tom says being a part of the board is a good way to shape the future of general practice in Gisborne.

"Thinking about and planning for the future of general practice is important – trying to reshape general practice to attract current graduates, and to be proactive to allow GPs to be a big part of primary health care in the community."

Tom is a generalist GP but has developed a number of medical hobbies while working and living in Gisborne.

He is one of three [Police Doctors](#) who maintain an on-call roster for the Gisborne Police and also spends one afternoon each week doing Occupational Medicine at Bernard Matthews meatworks.

Tom also has interests in dermatology, medicine in the elderly and the use of IT in medicine.

Pinnacle Medical Advisor and part-time GP David Maplesden is based in Hamilton, and travels to Gisborne once a month.

"Being part of the Board means I can take an active and supportive role in the implementation of the Primary Health Care Strategy locally, and contribute my expertise from a clinical viewpoint."

David works as a GP in Hamilton for three months each year, and has also developed interests in Continuing Medical Education, the use of IT in medicine and chronic disease management.

"It is a privilege to interact with the other members of the Board who have great knowledge and experience.

"Also, Gisborne is a great place to be."

The full Board is: David Scott (Chair), Tracey Tangihaere, Reweti Ropiha, Albie Stewart, Pene Brown, Tom James, David Maplesden, and Ken McFarlane.

#### Community News

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**Cultural Competence Symposium - Overcoming Disparities: The Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act and Culturally Competent Health Care.** Organised by Tairāwhiti District Health in association with Mauri Ora.

This symposium is targeted at Chief Executives, senior management and senior clinicians. It will be held Wednesday 2 July 2008, 1pm-5pm.

Register by [emailing](#), or telephoning Tia Moeke at Turanganui PHO on **(06) 863 2661**. Background information about Mauri Ora and the symposium can be located at [www.mauriora.co.nz](http://www.mauriora.co.nz).

**Tairāwhiti District Health Board Meeting**, Tuesday 22 July, 9am, Morris Adair Building, Gisborne Hospital.

**Community and Public Health Advisory Committee/Disability Support Advisory Committee Meeting** Tuesday, 29 July, 12.30pm, Morris Adair Building, Gisborne Hospital.

**Hospital Advisory Committee Meeting**, Monday 21 July, 12.30pm, Morris Adair Building, Gisborne Hospital.

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

### Turanga Health Smoking Cessation Staff at New Look Tamararo

By Hayley Redpath

Turanga Health smoking cessation staff will be at this year's new look kapa haka festival in support of its new smokefree status.

Fourteen teams will be taking part in this year's competition now named Tamararo Auahi Kore. It will be at the Gisborne Show Grounds Event Centre on Saturday 5 July, starting at 9am.

In the lead up kapa haka participants are receiving resources to help smokers access smoking cessation services, and festival organisers are visiting each roopu to promote the Auahi Kore (smokefree) message and explain its significance.

During the event smoking will be forbidden inside and outside the venue. There will be people on hand to support the resolve. Turanga Health and Ngati Porou Hauora Primary Health Organisation will be there so smokers can easily sign up to quit.

Teams will continue to receive education and access to smokefree cessation services after the event in the lead up to the Te Matatini National Festival in

February.

Organisers have received help from smokefree coalition Taki Tahī Toa Mano in the creation of this year's Tamararo Auahi Kore.

"We want people to inhale kapa haka rather than inhale tobacco," says Maui Tangohau, Chair of the Tairawhiti Cultural Development Trust which has the responsibility of organising Tamararo Auahi Kore.

As well as supporting the auahi kore kaupapa Turanga Health smoking cessation staff will also be able to encourage fellow staff competing in the prestigious competition.

This region's kapa haka festival is named Tamararo after the man responsible for starting the initial competition back in 1952, Karaitiana Tamararo.

## Western Rural Goes Up For Tender

By Hayley Redpath

Organisations interested in managing the Waikohu GP, community nursing and community based palliative care west of Gisborne have until the end of July to submit a proposal and a price.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) tender process is being advertised locally and nationally from today.

The services, commonly referred to as Western Rural, are currently run by Tairawhiti District Health. Turanganui PHO received a letter of offer to manage the service earlier this year.

Pinnacle Group Ltd will manage the RFP process which includes a two week timeframe for interested parties to ask questions, and then another four weeks for them to prepare and submit a proposal.

A "two envelope" process will be used, says Turanganui PHO Board Chair David Scott.

"One envelope will enclose an interested party's assessment of themselves to deliver the service specifications. The second envelope will include their price."

David says if the first envelope does not meet with the satisfaction of a Review Committee, the second envelope will not be opened.

The Review Committee is made up of Taupo Primary Health Organisation CEO Jeremy Mihaka-Dyer, Pinnacle Group Ltd Medical Advisor Dr David Maplesden, Chairperson for Takipu Marae Chair and Te Aitanga-a-Mahaki Trustee Barry Kingi-Thomas, and Turanganui PHO Board Chair David Scott, who is also Chairing the Review Committee.

David says the Review Committee understands fully the implications of Conflicts of Interest and will be complying with the approved Turanganui PHO policy. It hopes to make a recommendation to Turanganui PHO Board by September.

Depending on the success of the process, and allowing time for a handover, the earliest possible start for a new provider for the Western Rural Service is 1 January 2009.

## Pero Acknowledges Awesome Smokefree Effort



Image: Clare Webber

The achievements of 13 inspirational former smokers were acknowledged during a special World Smokefree Day presentation with legendary basketballer Pero Cameron last month.

Six Turanga Health smoking cessation clients who have been smokefree for over 12 months were congratulated on centrecourt by Pero Cameron, who traveled to Gisborne especially for the World Smokefree Day activities. Pictured (L to R) are Sophia Stewart, Tom Smith (Turanga Health), Tawhai Cannell, Mere Waihi (Turanga Health), Pero Cameron, Mereana Te Are, Christine Nepia (Turanga Health), Walter Walsh, Bruce Rangirangi and Tina Pritchard.

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