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**PHOnetic
Photographer
has own
Exhibition**



PHOnetic photographer Clare Webber's first Gisborne exhibition has debuted at Maia Gallery, Toihoukura, in Gisborne this month.

Breathtaking Mauriora Te Ha *the smokefree journey* is an artistic project that has people who have battled or are battling a tobacco addiction at its core.

It was commissioned by smokefree coalition Taki Tahī Toa Mano, which boasts Turanga Health as one of its members.

PHOnetic editor Hayley Redpath says everyone who has seen Clare's contributions to The PHOnetic, will enjoy the opportunity to view a different dimension of her work.

"The exhibition includes black and white candid images of 23 Tairāwhiti locals, each accompanied by short, sometimes sad, sometimes humorous, always brutally honest, personal anecdotes, also collected by Clare."

Clare says she wanted people portrayed in a positive, powerful and contemporary way. Black and white portraits particularly lend themselves

to texture and layering, she says.

"The road to becoming smokefree seemed raw, emotional, and complex for the people I photographed and interviewed. A monochromatic image was one way to portray that."

Taki Tahī Toa Mano says the aim of the exhibition is to raise community awareness of the effort individuals, their friends, family and whānau make during attempts to quit smoking.

Throughout the months of collecting the images and stories that make up the exhibition, Clare has been pregnant with her second child.

"So often children, and the motivation they provided, came up in our conversations. Many of the women I interviewed looked back on their smoking history with sadness and disbelief. As mothers, we all want our children to be healthy and happy. Time and time again, I felt lucky to be carrying my child at a time when we are so much better informed about smoking."

Originally from Australia, Clare, 31, completed postgraduate studies in Professional Communications (Photomedia) at Edith Cowan University in Western Australia in 2005.

As a photography student, she was awarded best student photographer by the prestigious West Australian Institute of Professional Photographers (WAIPP).

Clare's particular interest lies in documentary style photography. As a result, her work often portrays people in a natural state within their own environments. Clare has traveled extensively, and photographed people in Northern and Southern Africa, Central and South East Asia and Eastern Europe.

Clare's work has been included in a number of Australian exhibitions and many publications in Australia and New Zealand.

Clare came to Gisborne in 2006 with her family and worked as a photojournalist for the Gisborne Herald and, more recently, as a freelance photojournalist on local and national projects and publications.

Her health and education background and her keen interest in the wellbeing of those around her, made her the perfect choice for working alongside Taki Tahī Toa Mano to produce the images and stories in this exhibition, says Ms Redpath.

Kaiti Medical Centre Chief Executive Officer Ingrid Collins was at the exhibition opening on Friday. She congratulated Taki Tahī Toa Mano and Clare Webber, saying the stories were "down to earth and real". Ms Collins has asked that the exhibition be installed at Kaiti Medical Centre at some stage.

Breathtaking Mauriora Te Ha *the smokefree journey*, Maia Gallery, Toihoukura, Tairāwhiti Polytechnic, Cobden St (opp KFC), November 21 - December 2, 2008. Entry is free.



Clare Webber

Community News

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Breathtaking Mauriora Te Ha *the smokefree journey* Exhibition by PHOnetic photographer Clare Webber in association with Taki Tahī Toa Mano, this district's smokefree coalition. Friday 21 November to 2 December, Maia Gallery, Toihoukura, Cobden St (Opposite KFC). Entry is free.

Gisborne/Wairoa Plunket Society AGM
Wednesday 26 November, La Quay, 7.30pm, all welcome.

Turanganui PHO family getting smaller?



Image [Clare Webber Photography](#).

By Hayley Redpath

General practice and Turanga Health staff are working harder than ever, despite a drop in Turanganui Primary Health Organisation's enrolled figures.

"We are doing more, for less people," says Chief Executive Keriana Brooking, who will use the latest Pinnacle Trend Analysis report for future planning.

Currently 31,733 people are enrolled with a Turanganui

PHO general practice. That's 200 less people than the same time in 2007, and 300 less people than mid-2006.

"It's a small drop, but something to keep an eye on none-the-less," said Ms Brooking.

"Interestingly (and general practice and Turanga Health staff will attest), despite the drop, the work throughput hasn't changed."

She said instead, Turanganui PHO has been doing a better job with less people.

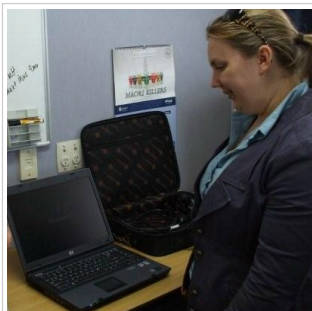
Ms Brooking said she and the Board will watch the trend as the organisation is funded on capitation.

"What the report does do, is remind us that any improvements planned, and any targets set, must be done so against a population that is declining."

Figures of interest include:

- 100 less Maori are enrolled than the same time last year
- Enrolment numbers for non-Maori patients have stayed relatively stable the past two years
- The number of patients aged 0-44 has gradually dropped, particularly in the 25-44 year age bracket, reflecting people moving away to study, travel, and work
- The number of patients aged 45-85 plus has gradually increased
- The number of patients coded as being from the lowest socio-economic background has dropped from 11,540 in 2007 to 10,487. Movement may reflect a growing number of Maori travelling offshore. (A change in deprivation index definitions between 2001 and 2006 may also have had a bearing).

Medtech Tips, Tricks and Timesavers



Medtech Product Consultant Anya Rudykh

Invaluable tips, tricks and timesavers were presented to 40 of this district's health sector staff during the Medtech User Group Meeting this month.

Turanga Health, general practices from both Primary Health Organisations, and Waikohu Medical Centre, all use Medtech as their electronic patient management system.

Training organiser, Robyne McKeague from Pinnacle, said all but one provider sent staff to the training sessions, which were run by Medtech Product Consultant Anya Rudykh, and funded by Turanganui Primary Health Organisation.

New features of Medtech Version 18 were demonstrated for administration staff along with the Appointment Pad which was detailed in V17 release notes.

"It enables many appointment screens to be accessed at once, with the incorporation of a procedure drop down box," said Ms McKeague.

This function alone would be a huge timesaver for practices with multiple doctors, and those running appointment books for doctors and nurses. It could also be accessed by practices for free, which was a new and added bonus, she said.

In a second training session, clinical staff learned about importing electronic photographs and images.

"This, along with using the drawing tool and text boxes will enable an accurate record to be kept on file. Suggested uses for this tool were to record details on images for diabetic foot checks, or perhaps mole mapping," Ms McKeague said.

Other demonstrated Medtech functions included:

- The Medtech Website www.medtechglobal.com which has useful queries eg: query to extract eligible patients for HPV Immunisations, and a standard Outbox document to send out recall letters to those eligible.
- Keywords for searching phrases and terms which are used frequently
- Web training, which will be a useful tool for locum doctors and administration and clinical staff with little or no Medtech experience.

Ms Rudykh later visited several practices as well as Turanga Health. Staff reported the "one-on-one time" with her, was invaluable.

Handouts from both sessions are available by emailing robynem@pinnacle.org.nz.

Wound Care Study Day - One Day Workshop

Presented by Tairāwhiti District Health with Ann Corak, Woundcare Nurse Specialist, and Donna Johansson from Smith & Nephew. Wednesday 26 November, 9am-4.30pm, Conference Room, Tairāwhiti District Health.

HRC Maori Health Research Roadshow and Writing Workshop

December 1 and 2, 2008. 9am- 4pm both days. Venue still being confirmed. No cost.

POSTPONED: The Privacy Workshop and Code of Rights Session for Pinnacle staff on December 4 has been postponed.

It has been rescheduled for February 2009. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Telemedicine

A presentation by Matthew Parsons, PhD, Senior Lecturer Gerontology Education, Research & Consultancy (GERaC), Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Auckland University. Telemedicine is the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support remote 24 hour and asynchronous clinical health care. Matthew will present and lead discussion regarding the potential for Tairāwhiti healthcare providers.

Tairāwhiti District Health Corporate Board Room, Wednesday 26 November 2008, 5pm-6pm.

Tairāwhiti District Health Board Meeting,

Tuesday 16 December, 9am, Morris Adair Building, Gisborne Hospital.

Community and Public Health Advisory Committee/Disability Support Advisory Committee

Meeting Wednesday 17 December, 9am/11am, Morris Adair Building, Gisborne Hospital.

Hospital Advisory Committee Meeting,

Monday 15 December, 12.30pm, Morris Adair Building, Gisborne Hospital.

Visit www.tdh.org.nz for all TDH meeting agendas.