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About Rongo Korero O Hauora

Rongo Korero O Hauora is an e-news bulletin from the Health Promotion Forum (HPF). Its purpose is to inform you of health promotion events, issues and training opportunities as they happen. It will also alert you to new releases and research. *Rongo Korero* is a companion publication of our main newsletter, *Hauora*, which provides a detailed analysis and report on news and issues. Enjoy *Rongo Korero*. Your feedback and input is most welcome - Helen Rance, Editor.

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Issues and News

World Health Organisation (WHO) Commission on Social Determinants of Health

HPF is privileged to print and distribute copies of the Commission's report, *Closing the Gap in a Generation*. This extremely important document and special summer edition of *Hauora*, will be coming to you soon. It features comments about the importance of the report from Dame Silvia Cartwright, Professor Mason Durie and others. *If you don't receive it please email hpf@hauora.co.nz and check we have your correct contact details.*

Speech from the Throne

John Key's speech from the Throne, delivered by the Governor General, to the Opening of Parliament, Tuesday 9 December 2008. [Speech](#)

The Briefing for the Incoming Minister of Health provides a comprehensive summary of the NZ health system. These briefings can be found [here](#) and [here](#). See the Minister of Health's response in his [press release](#).

Children and Young people: Indicators of Well Being in NZ 2008

This 2008 report presents: indicators of the social wellbeing of children and young people, how this has changed over time and how different groups of the population are faring.

The entire report or sections of it can be downloaded from the [MSD website](#).

Healthy Eating – Healthy Action, Oranga Kai – Oranga Pumau Progress on Implementing the HEHA Strategy December 2008

This document will inform a wide range of audiences - from the government and private sectors to the public in general - about Healthy Eating – Healthy Action (HEHA). It defines what HEHA is about, the HEHA Project Team's progress to date and also includes a summary of the main work areas that the project team will continue to work on in 2009 and out-years. The document can be [found here](#).

Health and Independence Report November 2008

The Health and Independence Report 2008 combines the Minister's report to Parliament on progress on implementing the New Zealand Health Strategy with the Director-General of Health's report to Parliament on the state of public health. This report provides a helpful snapshot of the progress being made in improving the health of New Zealanders, reducing inequalities in health, and increasing participation and independence – the overarching goals of the New Zealand Health Strategy and the New Zealand Disability Strategy. The [Report](#) is now on line.

Health Targets - Full year report 2007/08

The New Zealand health system has made significant progress across all 10 Health Target areas in the 2007/08 year. A summary from the Director-General of Health, detailed information on national progress towards the 10 Health Targets in 2007/08 as well as progress for the individual DHBs is provided:

[Summary from the Director-General of Health](#) [National 2007/08 achievements](#) [Individual DHB progress reports](#)

Discussion Paper - Opportunity for input

Health Expectancy: Toward Tier 1 official statistic status

Comments by 30 January 2009

Monitoring population health is essential for assessing the performance of the health system. Discussion paper and feedback form can be downloaded from the [Statistics NZ website](#).

HPF News

Primary Health Reference Group The HPF is advised by five Reference Groups - Māori, Pacific, Academic, South Island and the most recent 'Primary Health' Reference Group was established in December. The initial members are Pat Neuwelt (interim Chair), Ada Wanoa-Armstrong, Ana Apatu, Dallas Honey, Ngaire Rae, and Glenn Thomas.

AGM and Board The first AGM to be conducted under the rules of the amended Constitution was held on Wednesday 10 Dec in Auckland. The following people are members of the new HPF Board: John Wong (interim Treasurer), Leota Tu'itahi Tahaafe, Adrian Te Patu, Cinnamon Whitlock, Donna Leatherby, Frances Smiler-Edwards, Gary Brown, Te Hemanawa Emma Kutia, Janferie Bryce-Chapman (interim Chair), Viv Daley and Richard Wallace (Kaumatua).

People on the move

Dr Api Talemaitoga Has moved from Pacific Trust Canterbury to the Ministry of Health where he is Chief Advisor Pacific Health. His role is to help make health services and the system more responsive to the health needs of Pacific populations living in New Zealand. His email is api_talemaitoga@moh.govt.nz Visit the [MoH website](#) for the full list of chief advisors.

Kevin Hague, past Executive Director of the AIDs Foundation and recently Chief Executive of the West Coast DHB, is now a Member of Parliament. Kevin shares the health portfolio for the Greens with Sue Kedgley. His responsibilities include health services and health promotion. Contacts are Kevin.Hague@parliament.govt.nz or phone (04) 817 8251

Public Health South Dunedin Office is on the move to;
Main Block, Level 2, Wakari Hospital Taieri Road, Wakari, Dunedin. Phone (03) 474 1700, [Website](#).

Gerrie Vandersanden will be leaving Community Public Health at the end of January 2009. You will find Gerrie at her Silverbacks Café in Cashmere Road. Call in for fair trade organic coffee and Dutch bakery treats all made from animal friendly products.

Tahu Potiki Stirling moved from Cardio/Respiratory Outreach and started as the new Pouārahi Roopu / Team Leader for Nga Ratonga Hauora Maori / Maori Health Services based at Christchurch Hospital in Te Waipounamu. Tahu can be contacted at tahu.stirling@cdhb.govt.nz or ph (03) 3640 640 ext 88797.

Lewis Boyles now a member of the Community Mental Health Team of the Nelson Marlborough DHB and is Chair of the Maataa Waka Ki Te Ihu Trust Blenheim. Phone (03) 577 9156.

Brett Cowan, well known in past roles at Hauora Matauraka, Brett recently has been based in Kaikoura as a physical activity and nutrition advisor. Since mid December he has been taking on a new role as Community Relations Ranger with the Department of Conservation in Te Tau Ihu.

Events

National Not-For-Profit (NFP) Sector Conference - Skills to Make a Difference

19-20 March 2009, Napier

The 2009 NFP conference aims to help managers, boards and leaders within non government organisations learn practical skills. www.nfpconference.co.nz

National Māori Asthma and Respiratory Hui

18-20 March 2009, Orakei Marae - Tāmaki Makaurau

This hui is open to all Māori and non-Māori health practitioners, and community health workers. For more information contact Sunny Wikiriwhi, (04) 4994592 and sunny@asthmafoundation.org.nz. Visit the [Asthma Foundation](#) website for registration and programme details.

ANA 2009 National Nutrition and Physical Activity Conference

Kia Hono: Kia Awe Cultivating Connections: Inspiring Solutions

25-27 May 2009 Wellington

Connect with colleagues for three days of inspiration as we focus the spotlight on how we can respond to environmental changes to promote healthy eating and healthy action. See [Registration Information](#)

Training Opportunities

Certificate of Achievement in Introducing Health Promotion (aka the Short Course) **Health Promotion Forum & Manukau Institute of Technology** See the [HPF website](#) for 2009 course dates and locations.

New; Diploma in Health Promotion 2009

To register your interest and to receive more information about the Diploma in Health Promotion when it comes available please email [Gina Chen](mailto:Gina.Chen)

13th Public Health Summer School, University of Otago, Wellington School of Medicine

9- 27 Feb, 2009 A range of 2-5 day courses.

See the [website for details](#) including the full range of topics, and enrolment information.

Unitec Graduate Diploma in Not-for-Profit Management 2009

The 2009 prospectus is now online, [see the Unitec website](#) for programme and timetables.

Men's Health University of Canterbury - Distance Learning

Whole Year 2009: [HLTH 451](#) will provide an understanding of men's health through the life span and their health risks and health status in New Zealand.

IPNANZ Foundation Certificate in Injury Prevention-Te Aho Tapu - Injury Prevention Network of Aotearoa New Zealand (Ipnanz)

10-13 March 2009 Christchurch,

1-3 September Wellington

This elementary training provides sound theoretical frameworks for injury prevention and is suitable for those either new to their role (under 18 months) or as a refresher. Visit the [IPNANZ](#) website.

Tobacco Control Postgraduate Course - The Auckland Tobacco Control Research Centre

Semester 2, 2009, Postgraduate course in Tobacco Control. Contact Marewa Glover m.glover@auckland.ac.nz for further information.

HPF Office Holidays

The Newmarket office will close at midday **23 December 2008** and will reopen **12 January 2009**.

You can leave a message on the answer phone (09) 520 3714 or send an email hpf@hauora.co.nz We will respond when we return.

Wishing you all a happy and safe festive season and prosperous New Year!

**Ka puawai te raukau Pohutukawa
Ka tai o Raumati
Me ka haramai a Hana Koko
No reira Meri Kirihimete
Me nga mihi o Te Tau Hou
Kia koutou tatou**

**The blossom of the Pohutukawa
Heralds the summer
And Santa is coming
Merry Christmas and happy new year to you all**

From the Operations Team at the Health Promotion Forum



'Pohutukawa trees', URL: <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/media/photo/pohutukawa-flowers>, (Ministry for Culture and Heritage), updated 13-Feb-2008

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