

Te Puna Aonui E-Update

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Introduction from Hon Marama Davidson

Kia ora koutou

I was so proud to join many of you for our inaugural Te Aorerekura Annual Hui for government, tangata whenua, specialist sectors and community participants at the end of July.

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, we listened to community and held the first hui online. While it was a shame we couldn't meet face to face, it did allow for over 900 people to register for the event, which is huge! It shows just how important this kaupapa is to all of us.

For those of you who couldn't make it, we will be publishing a report on the event soon and you can now watch keynote sessions and panels from the event on the [Te Puna Aonui YouTube channel](#). A huge thank you to everyone who presented, facilitated sessions, participated, and took time out of your busy days to attend the hui, and to the Te Puna Aonui team who organised and ran the event.

I was incredibly humbled to hear so many different groups, communities and sector experts come together to share their thoughts and insights on Te Aorerekura, and the progress so far. The engagement and commitment to realising our vision of eliminating family violence and sexual violence was evident from everyone. What is clear is that



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this is a strategy for all people in Aotearoa New Zealand, and one that will see lasting, generational change.

Last month I also had the pleasure of welcoming the new Tangata Whenua [Ministerial Advisory Group](#) (MAG) with a mihi whakatau at Parliament before their first hui. Each member of the MAG brings enormous mana, matauranga Māori and a depth of understanding on the impacts and drivers of family violence and sexual violence for whānau Māori. Most importantly, their expertise and experience on the ground in their communities, means they know what works and what doesn't. The MAG will provide critical, independent advice and guidance as we work hard to uphold our commitments to Te Tiriti and to Māori through all aspects of delivering Te Aorerekura. They will ensure the voices of tangata whenua and whānau are always front and centre in our discussions and decision-making.

If you're not already aware, my colleague Jan Logie MP, previously the Under-Secretary to Justice (Domestic and Sexual Violence) recently put forward the '[Protecting Migrant Victims of Family Violence Bill](#)', which seeks to increase protections against family violence in New Zealand migrant communities. The Bill is focused on prioritising children's needs, removing barriers to migrants seeking help, recognising and removing opportunities for immigration law-related abuse and coercion as a dynamic of family violence.

Over recent weeks I've had the privilege of meeting with providers and community groups in Tāmaki Makaurau, Whakatāne and Tāneatua and Hauraki. I've heard first-hand the issues that communities are facing, and particularly the challenges facing rural and isolated communities. What continues to astound me is the commitment, perseverance, and innovation that community leaders are showing all around the country, when it comes to putting whānau at the centre of their family violence and sexual violence work. Time and time again, I am reminded of how much government has to learn from our communities and sector experts, and I am always grateful that they continue to share their wisdom with us.

As always, it's great to see progress in the implementation of Te Aorerekura. In this newsletter you'll see stories about Police and Oranga Tamariki relaunching the family harm support fund, information about the Integrated Community-led Response futures visualisation project, and information from ACC about their work to deliver the primary prevention model that forms Action 16 of Te Aorerekura.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

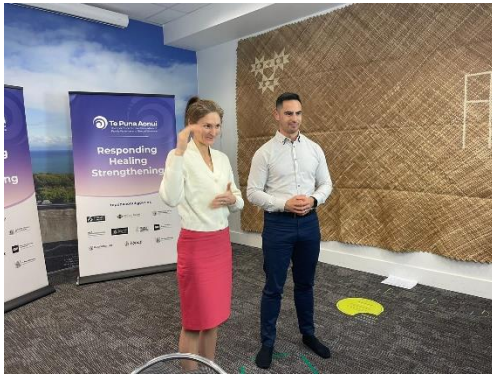
Hon Marama Davidson

Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

Minita mō te Ārai i te Whakarekerekere Whānau me te Koeretanga

Annual Hui – Round up

Last month we hosted our inaugural Te Aorerekura Annual Hui. This was the chance for us to come together and reflect on progress towards achieving the [Shifts in Te Aorerekura](#) and what we have learnt so far. The hui included discussions about the six Shifts, discussion panels and lightning talks, a keynote Ministerial speech and a panel discussion involving Ministers who are working together on family violence and sexual violence.



The intention of the hui was to build a shared understanding of Te Aorerekura, how we have started working together more effectively, and how we want to work together going forward. We also wanted to share the voices of the diverse communities who are engaging with us on family violence and sexual violence as it is those people on the frontline, and those with lived experience

of violence, who are advising on the changes that are needed. The hui recognised the importance of us drawing strength from one another through reflection and celebrating where we've come from, as well as understanding we're accountable to each other for the changes we need to make.

From the 28 July – 14 August we ran a survey that asked hui participants 8 questions about the content, organisation and accessibility of the hui. The initial feedback shows that the hui was perceived to be successful, was presented professionally, and offered constructive korero and 'food for thought'. Māori NGOs appreciated the contributions and honesty from the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) members and the hui had an impressive reach and interest across government and community.



The full feedback from this survey will be released along with the hui report at the end of September and will be available on our website www.tepunaonui.govt.nz.



Family harm support fund relaunched

A fund providing extra support to children affected by family violence and harm has been refreshed and relaunched.

The [Children's Flexi Fund](#) is a Police-Oranga Tamariki initiative launched in December 2020. It enables staff working with tamariki or rangatahi who have experienced family harm to apply for funding to buy goods and/or services to support their wellbeing.

The fund was refreshed following feedback to Police and an evaluation by independent consultants.

By the end of April 2022, there had been 893 approved payments made.

These included money for household costs such as food, clothing and bedding; attendance at holiday programmes and counselling/therapy; uniform or other school-related costs; mentoring; computers for study; and transport and accommodation costs.

“The fund provides vital support for young people who really need it, which just isn't readily available in other ways,” says Inspector Natasha Allan, National Prevention Manager Harm Reduction at New Zealand Police.

“It brings another dimension to our work with whānau under stress, and might make a huge difference for tamariki or rangatahi.”

The funding was received as part of the Joint Venture for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence Budget 2020.

A condition of the funding was that an evaluation was undertaken to ensure processes and procedures could be refined and improved over time.

The process evaluation by consultants Allen & Clarke was positive overall, showing the fund fills a gap in funding and that those who have used the fund generally report a positive experience.

Suggested improvements included:

- improving communications about the fund
- providing more guidance about funding parameters
- improving the application form.

To address these and other improvements suggested, Police has updated its [webpage](#) on the fund. Work is under way on the feasibility of an online application form/portal.

Police will also carry out a second stage of evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the fund – specifically, the impact on the wellbeing of tamariki/rangatahi who have received a service, goods or intervention through the fund.

Integrated Community-led Responses: Futures Visualisation Project report

The [Futures Visualisation Project report \[PDF, 11 MB\]](#) explores what it could look like if a wider ecology of support was available for people impacted by family violence and



sexual violence. The resource has just been released. It also has tools and suggestions for services, organisations and communities thinking about how they can be more healing, strengthening and responsive.

The Futures Visualisation Project will help people understand [Te Tokotoru model](#) and its relevance for eliminating family violence and sexual violence.

Protecting Migrant Victims of Family Violence Bill

The [Protecting Migrant Victims of Family Violence Bill](#) put forward by Jan Logie seeks to increase protections against family violence in New Zealand migrant communities, including prioritising children's needs, removing barriers to help-seeking for recent migrants, and recognising and removing opportunities for immigration law-related abuse and coercion as a dynamic of family violence.

Coercion through visa status dependency and the threat of losing legal immigration status were highlighted by ethnic communities during engagement on Te Aorerekura. During the engagement period to develop Te Aorerekura, ethnic, migrant and former refugee communities told us that their bottom lines for a National Strategy were that visa processes be restructured, and that government tackle visa-related coercion and control experienced by ethnic communities. Their feedback on these issues is

available in the [ethnic, migrant and former refugee communities analysis paper](#) on the Te Puna Aonui website.

Inaugural Ministerial Tangata Whenua Advisory Group meeting

In our last E-update we introduced the new [Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group](#) (MAG). The group consists of 11 Māori members from all over Aotearoa whose role is to bring the voices of whānau, hapū, iwi and hapori Māori to shape the implementation of Te Aorerekura through regular and independent advice to Hon Marama Davidson.



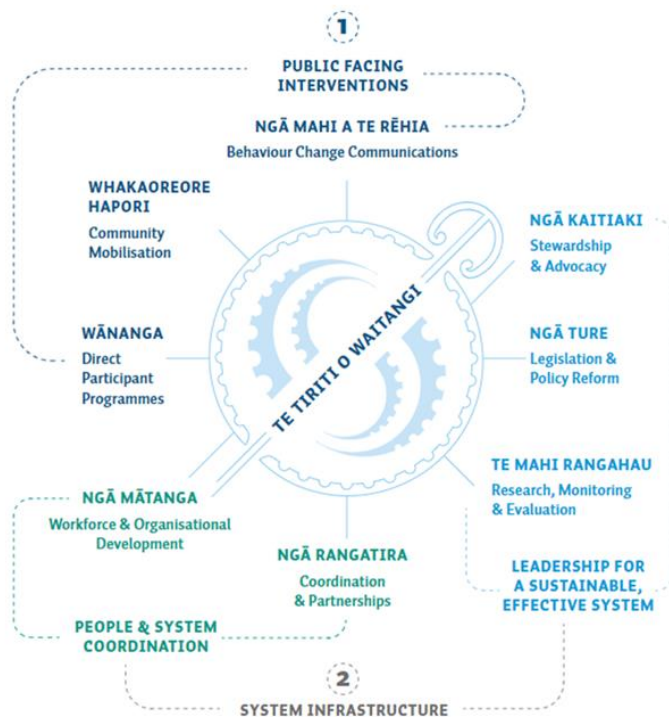
Last month, the MAG had their first hui, spending time talking to, and sharing their whakaaro with, the Minister and Chief Executive for Te Puna Aonui, Emma Powell. Government accountability, supporting Māori workforce capability and resourcing the needs of rural and isolated communities were discussed. These and other topics will pave the way for the MAG to highlight the use of Māori-focused knowledge, practices and solutions to support and improve the toiora of Māori with lived experience of violence. Next month, the group will come together in Kirikiriroa (Hamilton) to continue to whakawhanaungatanga and to identify the issues, solutions and ideas that will form the basis of their three-year work programme.



Primary Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence

At the annual Te Aorerekura hui, ACC presented its work on a primary prevention model. Action 16 of the Te Aorerekura Action Plan is [Adopt the primary prevention system](#). The Primary Prevention System, (PPS, pictured below), is based on a public health approach to preventing violence. It recognises that sustainable, long term prevention needs to include several different parts that all work together: public-facing prevention activities, coordination, and leadership.

A similar approach has been used successfully in other prevention initiatives in Aotearoa New Zealand such as smoking cessation and 'road to zero'. The primary prevention system model in Te Aorerekura centres Te Tiriti o Waitangi and reflects both a Māori world view and Western concepts.



This is important work as we all know we need to tip the balance towards prevention and ensure our prevention approaches are working. You can see the presentations on the primary prevention model for [family violence](#) and [sexual violence here](#).

A good understanding of the current ecosystem for preventing family violence and sexual violence will help us develop a roadmap and investment to enable it.

Family Violence Workforce Capability Frameworks

In May, we launched the [family violence workforce capability frameworks](#) to support organisations and workers to respond to family violence. This work contributes to [Shift 3 of Te Aorerekura](#): Towards skilled, culturally competent and sustainable workforces. The frameworks provide a shared understanding of family violence, set standards, and

provide essential knowledge to guide people and organisations to respond to family violence in safe and effective ways.

At the annual hui, Merran Lawler and Puawai Rudman spoke about bringing an indigenous lens to the mahi, including Te Tiriti, Te Ao Māori and whānau- centred approaches.

Ngā Pirihimana O Aotearoa Police, Ara Poutama Corrections and Tāhū o te Ture Justice are leading the implementation of the frameworks. In the community sector, the National Collective of Independent Women’s Refuges and Te Kupenga – the National Network of Family Violence Services are leading a test and learn phase. For more information, you can view the [full discussion about the family violence workforce capability frameworks](#) during the online hui for Te Aorerekura.

About Te Puna Aonui – the Joint Venture for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence

[Te Puna Aonui](#) brings 10 government agencies together to align whole-of-government strategy, policy and investment to eliminate family violence and sexual violence.

*Te Puna Aonui includes:

- [Ara Poutama Department of Corrections](#)
- [Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga Ministry of Education](#)
- [Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health](#)
- [Te Tāhū or te Ture Ministry of Justice](#)
- [Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora Ministry of Social Development](#)
- [Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa New Zealand Police](#)
- [Oranga Tamariki Ministry for Children](#)
- [Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#)
- [Te Puni Kokiri Ministry of Māori Development](#)
- [Te Kaporeihana Āwhina Hunga Whare ACC](#)

[Te Tari O Te Pirimia Me Te Komiti Matau](#) (Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet), [Manatū Wāhine](#) (Ministry for Women), [Te Manatū mō Ngā Iwi o Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa](#) (Ministry of Pacific Peoples) and [Te Tari Mātāwaka](#) (the Ministry for Ethnic Communities) are associate agencies of Te Puna Aonui.

Te Puna Aonui reports to the Minister for Family Violence and Sexual Violence, Hon Marama Davidson.



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