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What's New?



August 2014

An update of information, events and resources from established New Zealand websites, relevant to the mental health & addiction sector

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What's New – August 2014?

Mental Health and Addiction Specific Sites

1. Mental Health Foundation

Mental Health Awareness week coming up 6 – 12 October 2014

Order your free MHAW resources from our online shop <http://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/shop/>

You can also submit your [MHAW event](#) to our online calendar! We highly recommend you do this, as this is where journalists find out about what's happening in their local communities, which in turn helps us spread our positive mental health messages.

24/08/2014 Curiosity catching during Mental Health Awareness Week

August Newsletter

The title of this article, [constantly connected – the effects of smart-devices on mental health](#), aptly describes how technology allows us around the clock access, to browse the internet, game, email, use social media or make a call, from the one device. For many of us it is an integral part of our lives.

Over-use can negatively impact on our wellbeing, surprising not due to the amount of time we spend, but more so due to the nature of the relationship or involvement we may have with the device. Involvement in this case, describes the extent to which people are aware of where their phone is at all times, use of it for no reason or feeling disconnected if they cannot use it.

Co-author and psychologist Adrian Scott says there is a difference between people who use their phone and then get on with life, and people who constantly think about where their phone is or feel nervous if they do not have it.

A real eye opener is, according to a previous survey cited in the article, 63 per cent of entrepreneurs reported they would find it tougher to spend a day without their smart device than a week without their significant other.

As I am guilty of regularly checking my phone and mindlessly surfing the internet as a way to relax, I'm beginning to think it might be a good idea to have a regular digital detox day during my week, to break the habit and spend more time enjoying life the old fashioned technology-free way. Or at least use technology in a more mindful way - MHF has some great tips on how to achieve this.

Naku iti nei,

Kim Higginson
Information Officer
Mental Health Foundation

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[New International Resources](#)

[Update on Stigma & Discrimination](#)

[Update on Wellbeing & Flourishing Literature](#)

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MHF publications 2014



Stories of Success

Mental health service users' experiences of social inclusion in Aotearoa New Zealand: Na pukorero rangatira: Na tangata waiora i whaiora i enei tuahuatana.

Featured Books

Pacific identities and wellbeing: Cross-cultural perspectives

Agee, M.N., McIntosh, T., and Culbertson, P. (2013) Otago University Press

Weaving together perspectives, knowledge

This book spreads a mat that weaves together a wide range of perspectives and multiple knowledge traditions, and invites further discussion and sharing.

It weaves stories, research and language from across the Pacific, connecting particularly with New Zealand and the experiences of Pacific people who were born here or migrated.

Referencing a range of research that shows how important cultural identity is in developing mental wellbeing, chapters explore how Pacific people develop and negotiate identities, and find acceptance, exclusion and belonging.

Pacific identity throughout life

The work shared through the book weaves across the lifespan. Two chapters look at the experiences of Pacific young people in New Zealand schools.

One explores the development of positive racial-ethnic identity and identifies how Samoan young people experience both racism and positive pride in difference.

While another chapter looks at initiatives schools have put in place to improve learning outcomes and wellbeing for Pasifika students.

At the other end of the age spectrum, a section of the book considers death and dying, from a Tongan perspective, and through sharing insights from the Tangi Research Programme at the University of Waikato.

Exploring wellbeing

In exploring wellbeing, the book weaves together perspectives along the mental health spectrum from flourishing, with a sense of positive identity and belonging, to distress and suicidal feelings.

One chapter shares a M?ori tool for understanding this continuum, which has been used as a self-assessment tool for people to name and work with their emotional state.

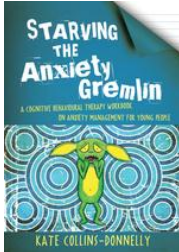
Tihei-wa Mauri Ora, a healing construct based on a M?ori creation story, invites people to consider where they sit on the continuum from darkness to light: Te Korekore (the realm of potential being) to Tihei-wa Mauri Ora (the living breath of life).

Review by Moira Clunie, Suicide Prevention Information Development Manager with the Mental Health Foundation.

<http://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/>

2. Skylight

New resource



This is a unique resource to help young people understand different types of anxiety and how to manage them, including panic attacks, phobias, social anxiety, generalised anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder.

[Click here to order](#)

Skylight's amazing Getting Stronger Game now features a card set for children who have experienced parental break up. Click here to find out more:

[about the game set](#)

[about the when parents break up card set, to play with the game.](#)

Media releases

Unique support after suicide for New Zealand communities

Skylight is pleased to announce that their Waves programme, which supports those bereaved by suicide, is now going to be more widely available throughout New Zealand, thanks to new funding from the Ministry of Health.

On average, 10 people die by suicide every week in New Zealand. Research indicates that those bereaved by the suicide of a close friend or family member are at increased risk of developing complex grief reactions, including depression, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and suicidality. They need unique, targeted support to be readily available. If your organisation is interested in accessing Waves programme training for your area, please contact Skylight on 0800 299 100.

<http://www.skylight.org.nz/>

3. HPA (Health Promotion Agency)

Parental monitoring and substance use among Pacific youth 27 Aug 2014

Parents have a significant influence on the societal norms, values and behaviour learned by their children. Permissive parental rule setting and monitoring has been shown to relate to a greater likelihood of children engaging in health-compromising behaviours such as smoking tobacco and drinking alcohol. Tobacco smoking and alcohol consumption are of particular concern for Pacific youth - although smoking rates have been declining over time, they are still twice as likely to be regular smokers as their non-Pacific, non-Māori peers, and more likely to report drinking five or more alcoholic drinks in one session. To deter Pacific youth from taking up smoking or engaging in excessive alcohol consumption and, therefore, reduce health inequalities arising from such substance use, it is important to understand the relationships with protective factors such as parental monitoring.

HPA's Youth Insights Survey (YIS) is a key source of New Zealand data on adolescent substance use. The YIS monitors Year 10 students' behaviours, attitudes and knowledge on health-related topics, including tobacco smoking, alcohol consumption, and protective factors such as parental monitoring. [Download this publication](#)

Like Minds, Like Mine Community Partnership Fund

Like Minds, Like Mine is a national programme to promote the reduction of stigma and discrimination and to increase social inclusion for people with experience of mental illness. The programme is guided by the [Like Minds, Like Mine National Plan 2014-2019](#).

The programme is led by the Health Promotion Agency (HPA), which provides funding to support programme delivery. The Ministry of Health oversees the strategic direction and guides the programme with HPA. Like Minds, Like Mine includes the Community Partnership Fund to create social change in workplace and community settings.

Application to the Fund is now open

[PowerPoint presentation](#)

[How to apply](#)

<http://www.hpa.org.nz/>

4. NZDF: New Zealand Drug Foundation

New website reaches New Zealand's hidden problem drinkers August 11, 2014

People struggling with their alcohol use now have a new online place where they can go to get help anonymously from others with similar experiences.

Living Sober (www.livingsober.org.nz) was launched today and is built for people wanting to examine their drinking habits by joining an online community of like-minded people.

The Living Sober online community is moderated by Lotta Dann, self-described former “boozy housewife” and author of the best-selling recovery memoir *Mrs D Is Going Without*. Lotta has been participating in online recovery since she gave up drinking nearly three years ago and knows how powerful the online community can be for people wanting to get sober.

“You have to do the work yourself, but you can’t do it alone”, she says “you need like-minded people to share with and be boosted along by. That’s why this site is so great. People know they’re all in there together talking to each other in kind, supportive and non-judgmental ways.”

The website is supported by the Health Promotion Agency, Matua Rai (Addiction Workforce Development) and the New Zealand Drug Foundation, who wanted to provide a new way to reach kiwis who suffer the ill-effects of alcohol but don’t present to traditional alcohol treatment services.

.The demand for this website is already breaking expectations, with over 400 members joining in the past 5 days. User feedback has been very positive:

- “You people are amazing. I couldn’t even get through one week sober. Am living a life of shame, fear, hangovers and misery. Reading your comments inspires me to try, try, try again. Big thanks for this site.” – Anonymous feedback
- “Mrs D, I am so grateful to have this site and your blog. I never knew Cyber Company could be so understanding, forgiving, non-judgmental and warm. Here’s to a good week for us all x.” – Anonymous feedback
- “When I tried getting sober before I didn’t change my life style at all and just hung around pubs to keep the peace and go along with everyone else. We need to support each other and the great thing is we have Living Sober which is so helpful to me, stay strong and good luck. Xx” – Anonymous feedback

<http://www.drugfoundation.org.nz/>

5. Alcohol Healthwatch

Newsletter [July 2014: Newsletter Edition 2](#)

<http://www.ahw.org.nz/>

6. Like Minds, Like Mine

Newsletter [Issue 56](#) July: Portraying mental illness on the small screen

<http://www.likeminds.org.nz>

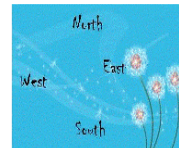
7. Engage Aotearoa

Nothing new this month

<http://www.engagenz.co.nz/>

8. Nga Hau E Wha

Nga Hau E Wha today has a membership of two representatives from each of the four regions (Northern, Midland, Central, Southern) that meet quarterly to learn about each other's activities and collaborate for people who experience mental illness and/or addiction, to have a voice that is heard on a local, regional and national level. For further information on membership please refer to our [Terms of Reference](#).



Nga Hau E Wha
"Champion many voices"

[Click here](#) to view our Strategic Plan

To join our mailing list, please click on your **regional representatives** email address below and sign up today!!

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<http://www.midlandmentalhealthnetwork.co.nz/test/169-nga-hau-e-wha-nhew+nga-hau-e-wha-regional-networks>

9. Midland Regional Network

News, Events & Updates

Please [click here](#) if you would like a copy of the presentation on HISO code changes and [click here](#) for access to important PRIMHD information from Ministry of Health website.

Lakes District
BOP District
Taranaki District
Waikato District
Tairāwhiti District
National



Leadership Networks

Midland Māori Leadership Network – Te Huinga Nga Pou Hauora
Midland Consumer Leadership Network – Te Tipuana Ngā Kakano
Midland Whānau Leadership – Te Ao Whānau
Midland Workforce Leadership Network
Midland Addiction Leadership Network

<http://www.midlandmentalhealthnetwork.co.nz>

Government Agencies

10. Families Commission

Publications

Growing Up in New Zealand

Vulnerability Report 1: Exploring the Definition of Vulnerability for Children in their First 1000 Days

[Download GUINZ Vulnerability Report 1](#)



<http://www.familiescommission.org.nz/>

11. New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse

News

August 2014

[Disability Action Plan 2014-2018 includes actions on violence, abuse and neglect](#)

27 Aug, 2014

[European Convention on violence against women comes into effect](#)

26 Aug, 2014

[Information sought from NGOs on cross-border recognition and enforcement of protection](#)

26 Aug, 2014

[New sexual violence prevention video developed for teenagers](#)

21 Aug, 2014

[Proposed family violence cross-agency work plan 2014/15 released by Government](#)

14 Aug, 2014

[Government action plan on gangs includes measures to address family violence](#)

7 Aug, 2014

[Child sex offenders register to be established](#)

4 Aug, 2014

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Events

[A Call to Men! Be the Change Hui 2014](#)

When: 12 - 14 September 2014

Where: Taheke Marae, Rotorua

Supported by the It's not OK campaign

[March to change New Zealand's shame: A united call to action to address domestic violence](#)

When: Monday 15 September 2014, March at 12noon (gathering commences 11am)

Where: From Civic Square, down Lambton Quay to Parliament steps, Wellington

Led by National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges Inc - Shakti - Relationships Aotearoa - National Network of Stopping Violence Services - Pacific Island Safety Prevention Project Inc - Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Supervised Contact Services - TOAH-NNEST

[Child Protection Studies Programme - 5 day course](#)

When: 22 - 26 September 2014

Where: Auckland, Venue to be confirmed on enrolment

Training provided by Child Matters

[Working with parents anger - Training Workshop](#)

When 29 & 30 September 2014, 9am - 5pm, 1 December, 9am - 12noon

Where Mercy Spirituality Centre, Te Ngakau Waiora, 104 Epsom Drive, Auckland

Training Provider Kairos Development

[Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion - 12th World Conference](#)

When 19 - 23 October 2014

Where Atlanta, Georgia, United States

Hosted by CDC Injury Centre, the Centre for Injury Control at Emory University and the Johns Hopkins International Injury Research Unit of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

[Protecting children with disabilities - Workshop](#)

When Wednesday 29 October 2014, 9am-4pm

Where Auckland, venue confirmed on enrolment

Organised by Child Matters

[Developing child protection policy and procedures - Workshop](#)

When Thursday 30 October 2014, 9am-4pm

Where Auckland, venue confirmed on enrolment

Organised by Child Matters

Panui | Newsletter [Issue, 33, July 2014](#)

<http://www.nzfvc.org.nz>

12. Health & Disability Commissioner

Download your Health Passport

[Introduction to the Health Passport](#)

[Health Passport](#)

[Health Passport \(with pictures\)](#)

[Health Passport as a Word document](#) (for filling your passport out before you print)

[download the cover](#) (you may like to Print cover in colour)

[Download your Guide.](#)

You can also order all these items through our [online shop](#), free for consumers.

<http://www.hdc.org.nz/>

13. Health Quality & Safety Commission New Zealand

News

[Consumer advisors sought for National Health Board First Specialist Assessment programme](#)

28th Aug 2014

[Hospital patients urged to give feedback](#)

26th Aug 2014

[Legislative change supports further work on the New Zealand electronic Prescription Service](#)

19th Aug 2014

[Survey finds staff values the surgical safety checklist](#)

18th Aug 2014

[West Coast leads Australasia in systemic fight against infections](#)

8th Aug 2014

Upcoming Events

[Medication Safety Forum 2014](#)

16th Oct 2014 James Cook Hotel, Chancellor 1, 147 The Terrace, Wellington

[Safe use of opioids collaborative](#)

1st Oct 2014 Venue TBC

Publication and Resources

[Health Quality & Safety Commission e-update, Issue #35 online now](#)

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[Update from the Medication Safety programme: August 2014](#)

20th Aug 2014

[Video: Ron Paterson shares personal experience of great hospital care](#)

20th Aug 2014

<http://www.hqsc.govt.nz/>

14. Human Rights Commission

Recent News

28-08-2014 - Commissioner Jackie Blue's address 'Women's rights are human rights' to BPW Franklin» [MORE](#)

27-08-2014 - Human Rights Commission condemns violent hate attack on gay Wellingtonians» [MORE](#)

26-08-2014 - Woman censured for using Kia Ora should contact the Commission» [MORE](#)

19-08-2014 - The Right to Work: Young New Zealanders in South Auckland» [MORE](#)

Making disability rights real report

Making disability rights real, the second report of the Independent Monitoring Mechanism of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was launched in Christchurch on 7 August 2014.

The full report has been published along with a summary of the report – these are available to download below in a number of accessible formats –

Full report

1. [Making disability rights real full report \(PDF 500kb\)](#)
2. [Making disability rights real full report \(Word 1Mb\)](#)

Summary report

1. [Making disability rights real summary report \(PDF 500Kb\)](#)
2. [Making disability rights real summary report 2012-2013 \(Word 1Mb\)](#)
3. [View making disability rights real summary report 2012-2013 in New Zealand Sign Language.](#)
4. Easy read version of the summary report is in progress and will be uploaded shortly.
5. Braille copy – is available upon request (from the end of August 2014).

<http://www.hrc.co.nz>

15. Ministry of Health

Newsletter

Grey Matter newsletter is compiled by the Ministry of Health Library. It provides access to a selection of the most recent NGO, Think Tank, and International Government reports that are relevant to the health context. [Issue 13, 2014 August \(pdf, 312 KB\)](#)

Media releases

Sentence handed down after steroid ring uncovered 19 August 2014

The head of a steroid ring has been imprisoned for 9 months and 3 weeks for the illegal supply of medicines. [Read more](#)

Targeted screening for Ebola at airport but risk to NZ very low 10 August 2014

The risk of any cases of Ebola in New Zealand remains very low, but health and border authorities are well prepared. From today, anyone arriving in New Zealand who in the last three weeks has visited West African countries affected by the Ebola outbreak will be screened for symptoms of the disease and where necessary receive a health assessment. [Read more](#)

Ministry of Health seeks world-class contractor for one of New Zealand's largest-ever hospital projects 01 August 2014

A world-leading construction company is being sought as the main contractor for Christchurch Hospital's new Acute Services Building (ASB). [Read more](#)

Publications

Palliative Care and Māori from a Health Literacy Perspective 01 August 2014

This publication looks at health literacy barriers to palliative care for Māori patients and their whānau and explores ways to improve the quality of services. [Read more](#)

Increasing Violence Intervention Programme (VIP) Programmes' Responsiveness to Māori 30 July 2014

VIP practitioners, health professionals and service providers talk about what improving their responsiveness for Māori means to them and how they can improve their practice. [Read more](#)



My DHB Statistics

Your district health board (DHB) funds and provides health services in your area. My DHB helps you find these services and tells you how well your DHB is performing. [Click here](#) for more information.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/>

16. Ministry of Justice

[Better public services](#): Reducing crime: Achieving the Government's targets to 2017 - previous trends, action plans and measuring results

Accessing court decisions online

This page provides information about where to find all final decisions made by the courts that are available to the public. These are:

- Higher courts
- District courts
- Environment court
- Employment court
- Tenancy tribunal
- Disputes tribunal

<http://www.justice.govt.nz/courts/accessing-court-decisions-online>

Court and tribunal statistics

View the latest [workload and waiting time statistics for courts and tribunals](#).

<http://www.justice.govt.nz/>

17. Ministry of Social Development

Budget services additional funding applications open

Social Development Minister Paula Bennett has announced application dates for a \$2 million funding pool to support budget services. The \$2 million funding is drawn from the new operating funding for budget services of \$22 million over four years announced in May (of which a total of \$4 million is allocated to the current year).

Applications for this funding opened at noon Friday 22 August and will close at 4.00 pm on Friday 19 September.

[Read the Minister's announcement](#)

[Eligibility criteria and funding information](#)

[Registration of interest](#)

The **Social Sector Trials** are in place in sixteen locations around New Zealand. These programmes of work begin in March 2011 and have been extended to 30 June 2015.

[Read more about Social Sector Trials](#)

<http://www.msd.govt.nz/>

18. National IT Health Board

What's happening?

[Nexus Booth - Call for entries from DHBs, PHOs and NGOs](#) 26 August 2014

This is a great opportunity to tell others about your innovations, and to allow other health organisations to benefit from the work you are doing to improve the delivery of health services.

Clinicians' Challenge 2014 – call for entries

Are you a clinician with an innovative idea
for using IT to improve health care?

If so, you could win \$10,000.

01 August 2014

Newsletter

[Towards 2014 July 2014 newsletter](#) – 11 July 2014

In this issue:

- Our digital health future
- Clinician's Corner - Dr Sadhana Maraj
- Online health records to improve care
- Top tips from ambassadors
- Accessing health information from overseas
- Hand-held technology for ambulances
- ePrescriptions hit 4 million
- Better patient information for SI hospitals
- Clinical pathways website launched
- Ambassadors to speak at conference

<http://www.ithealthboard.health.nz/>

19. Office for Disability Issues

No updates this month

<http://www.odt.govt.nz/>

20. Office of the Children's Commissioner

First Child Poverty Monitor released

Too many kiwi kids live in poverty. Each year the Children's Commissioner, J R McKenzie Trust and Otago University will release a monitor of child poverty in this country. The data is backed up by a Technical Report produced by Otago University's NZ Child and Youth Epidemiology Service. Read the [Child Poverty Monitor: 2013 Technical Report](#)

[Visit the Child Poverty Monitor website](#)

www.oct.org.nz

21. Child Youth and Family

News

Excellence in Foster care Awards 7 August 2014

Do you know an outstanding Child, Youth and Family caregiver? Someone who goes the extra mile to provide exceptional care, support and encouragement to a vulnerable child or young person? Read



Social workers on the beat 30 July 2014

[Read more about it](#)

Brochures [View our current range of brochures](#)

Newsletters

- **Awhi Mai Awhi Atu**

Awhi mai Awhi atu is our newsletter, featuring updates about our key projects, and stories about our work and partnerships in the community, to help children, young people and their families to be safe, strong and thrive. It was previously printed quarterly and is now produced electronically.

[E-newsletter issue 8 - 7 April 2014](#)

- **Care Matters**

Care Matters is our quarterly newsletter for foster-carers. It celebrates people at the heart of caring for children and young people, and has helpful tips and tricks, interesting articles and updates about the supports available.

[Issue 37 - June 2014 \(PDF 3.69MB\)](#)

If you are worried....

There might be times when you're worried and don't know how to help, or the family might not want help. There are lots of agencies that you can call and ask for advice, share your worries and get their support. They can help with things like parenting issues, and provide support if families are struggling.

Groups that can help

- ✚ **Barnardos:** For family counselling

Call: 0800 227 627

Website: <http://www.barnardos.org.nz/SupportServices/FamilyCounselling.asp>

- ✚ **Plunketline:** For 24 hour help with anything to do with parenting and children under fives

Call: 0800 933 922

Website: <http://www.plunket.org.nz/>

- ✚ **Relationships Aotearoa:** For help with family or relationship problems

Call: 0800 735 283

Website: <http://www.relationshipsaotearoa.org.nz/>

Working together seminars

A schedule of workshops, which generally run from 9.30am to 2.30pm, is below. If you would like to register your interest in attending a workshop, please contact [Kate Gilchrist, Child Matters on 07 838 3370 or \[kate@childmatters.org.nz\]\(mailto:kate@childmatters.org.nz\)](#)

Northland	
Whangaruru	10 November
Whangarei	11 November
Paihia	18 November
Auckland	
Takapuna	17 October
Onehunga	21 October
Papakura	23 October
Pukekohe	31 October
Central	
Lower Hutt	17 September
Otahuhu	26 September
Hawera	17 October
New Plymouth	23 October
Wellington	19 November
Napier	20 November
Wairoa	27 November
Southern	
Dunedin	4 November
Balclutha	5 November
Invercargill	6 November
Ashburton	11 November
Timaru	12 November
Oamaru	13 November

<http://www.cyf.govt.nz/>

22. Office for Senior Citizens

Nothing new this month

www.osc.govt.nz

23. SPINZ (Suicide Prevention Information New Zealand)

Media reporting of Robin Williams' death

The MHF is deeply saddened to hear of Robin Williams' tragic death. If you are affected by his death and need someone to talk to, please reach out for help. Keep an eye on your friends and family who may be vulnerable, and encourage them to seek help if they need it.

Many, many people care very deeply about the experiences of people who are in distress, and want to help. A good first port of call is your GP, or phone a helpline such as **Lifeline 0800 543 354 or the Suicide Prevention Helpline 0508 828 865.**

We are closely monitoring media reporting of Mr Williams' death. Research has demonstrated that there is a strong relationship between suicide reporting and a rise in suicidal thoughts and behaviours. The risk increases when someone identifies with a person whose suicide is reported and when stories are prominent or repetitive. Stories about suicide have the greatest impact on people who are already vulnerable, and this risk increases when the story is about a celebrity.

When a well-known person dies by suicide, and the media covers it prominently and repeatedly (as with Mr Williams' death), vulnerable people are put at risk, and we hope the media will work with us to remind those people that help is available, and where to get it.

Our resource database includes [a list of support groups throughout New Zealand](#).

<http://www.spinz.org.nz>

24. The Beehive

Releases

28 August, 2014

Cancer treatment to be sped up even further

If your doctor suspects you have cancer, the Government will ensure you see a cancer specialist and receive treatment faster than ever before. [Read full release >>](#)

Minister congratulates Diversity Award winners

Women's Affairs Minister Jo Goodhew has congratulated the winners of this year's Diversity Awards. [Read full release >>](#)

27 August, 2014

11,850 Home Start grants to support Canterbury

Housing Minister Dr Nick Smith and Associate Housing Minister Paula Bennett today released the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's estimates of the number of first home buyers in Canterbury who are to benefit from the Government's new Kiwi Saver Home Start package.

[Read full release >>](#)

26 August, 2014

Real Me wins international internet award

Internal Affairs Minister Peter Dunne is delighted the digital identity service Real Me last night won an international internet award saying it shows how highly the government service is rated.

[Read full release >>](#)

\$11m in funding for sign language

The Government is investing \$11 million over 4 years to help support deaf children, their families and their schools, says Education Minister Hekia Parata. [Read full release >>](#)

Further steps forward for \$359m education initiative

Education Minister Hekia Parata says good progress continues to be made on the Government's \$359 million initiative to lift student achievement. [Read full release >>](#)

Health services focused on prevention

The latest National Health Target results show more New Zealanders are getting help to quit smoking and getting checked to see if they are at risk of developing diabetes or heart disease.

[Read full release >>](#)

25 August, 2014

Weymouth symbolic of Government's housing success

The Waimahia Inlet housing development at Weymouth consisting of 282 homes at the Government's first Special Housing Area is a flagship of the Government's new housing policies, Housing Minister Dr Nick Smith said today. [Read full release >>](#)

Funding boost for rest homes & dementia care

The National-led Government is increasing the rest home bed subsidy by \$10 million a year – a 5 per cent increase – as part of the government's on-going plan to meet the changing needs of our population. [Read full release >>](#)

22 August, 2014

Tuhoe Treaty settlement celebrated

Tuhoe hosted the Crown at a 'Settlement Day' ceremony in Taneatua to celebrate the recent passage of Tuhoe Treaty settlement legislation today, with several thousand Iwi members joining Crown representatives for the celebration. [Read full release >>](#)

21 August, 2014

Criminals pay for new drug screening lab

Customs Minister Nicky Wagner says the opening of the first drug screening laboratory at the border will dramatically speed up analysis of unknown substances, saving time and money for Customs. [Read full release >>](#)

20 August, 2014

ACC funding boost for ambulance services

Associate ACC Minister Craig Foss today announced a \$9.2 million boost to emergency, 1 am ambulance services which will improve service response times, increase the number of frontline paramedics and provide better tailored patient care. [Read full release >>](#)

Glimmers of light amidst the darkness of suicide in New Zealand

Latest provisional figures from the Chief Coroner for the year ending 30 June 2014, show an encouraging decline in the number of deaths by suicide among young people aged between 15 and 24 years with 110 suicides compared with 144 last year. The figures also suggest that suicide deaths amongst Māori may have stabilised as have suicide deaths in Christchurch, which, like last year's figures, are back to pre-earthquake levels. [Read full release >>](#)

15 August, 2014

\$2m initiative for healthier Wanganui families

Health Minister Tony Ryall today announced Te Oranganui has been selected to lead a \$2 million anti-obesity initiative in Wanganui which will help families improve their health.

[Read full release>>](#)

14 August, 2014

Over 5000 red zoned houses now cleared

Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Minister Gerry Brownlee says more than 5000 Crown-owned properties have now been cleared from the flat land residential red zones in greater Christchurch.

[Read full release >>](#)

Minister announces Child Protection Offender Register

Police and Corrections Minister Anne Tolley has announced that the country's first sex offender register, the Child Protection Offender Register, is to be introduced to help keep communities safe. [Read full release >>](#)

Half a million dollars to support volunteers

Community and Voluntary Sector Minister Jo Goodhew has today announced that \$502,000 in grants will be given to community groups reliant on volunteers. [Read full release >>](#)

12 August, 2014

New scheme to support at-risk young West Aucklanders

Social Development Minister Paula Bennett has announced new Government funding for the Zeal Education Trust to support its work with young people in West Auckland in reducing anti-social behaviour. [Read full release >>](#)

7 August, 2014

Whanau Ora Collectives Trialling New National Whanau Ora Information System

Minister for Whanau Ora Tariana Turia has announced that the trialling of a new national information sharing system for Whanau Ora is now underway. [Read full release >>](#)

Māori face barriers preventing access to palliative care

Associate Minister of Health Tariana Turia says that research reports recently released show that Māori continue to face a number of barriers preventing them from accessing palliative health.

[Read full release >>](#)

6 August, 2014

Welfare fraud reforms delivering results

The Government's welfare fraud reforms are working to make sure the benefit system is there for those who need it, says Associate Social Development Minister Chester Borrows.

[Read full release >>](#)

Increased returns to community from new gambling regulations

New regulations requiring gaming machine societies to increase the minimum they return to the community from Class 4 gaming machine ('pokies') takings come into effect on 4 September 2014, Internal Affairs Minister Peter Dunne announced today. [Read full release >>](#)

<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/>

Workforce Centre's

25. Health Workforce NZ

Summer Studentships: Apply now for 2014/15 25 August 2014

Applications are now open for HWNZ's annual paid internships. Based in our Wellington office, interns work on projects that offer insights in the health sector.

<http://www.healthworkforce.govt.nz/>

26. Le Va

News

Join our new Pasifika Public Health Network

We are pleased to announce that Le Va and the Public Health Association of New Zealand (PHA NZ) have formed a strategic relationship to develop a Pasifika Public Health Network.

Publication

Pacific public health workforce development

To contribute to flourishing Pasifika families and healthy communities we look beyond healthcare services to improve the conditions in which we live, learn, work and age. We partner with communities to enable increased control over and improve their health and well being. *Taeao o Tautai: the Pacific Public Health Workforce Development Plan 2012-2017* takes this approach.



Le Va has been charged by the Ministry of Health with implementing actions in Taeao o Tautai.

The plan contributes to [Te Uru Kahikatea: The Public Health Workforce Development Plan 2007-2016](#) and focuses on

The plan has been inaugurated with the Samoan name Taeao o Tautai: the morning for the fisherman – an appointed time of stewardship and leadership as they navigate the seas for village sustenance

Engaging Pasifika training calendar 2014

Date	Sector	Location
30 September 2014	Mental health and addiction	Auckland
14 October 2014	Mental health	Whangarei or Midcentral
13 November 2014	Addiction (CEP)	Wellington
9 December 2014	Open	Auckland

Sector Events September 2014

04 September 2014 | [From communication to collaboration](#)

08 September 2014 | [Getting a good life - Michael Kendrick](#)

09 September 2014 | [Right relationship and the challenges involved in attaining it](#)

10 September 2014 | [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)

11 September 2014 – 13 September 2014 | [The New Zealand Sexual Health Society: 36th Annual 'Make it Count' Conference 2014](#)

17 September 2014 – 20 September 2014 | [Cutting Edge Conference 2014](#)

17 September 2014 | [Pre-Cutting Edge Fono](#)

18 September 2014 – 19 September 2014 | [Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, An introductory two-day workshop](#)

22 September 2014 | [Disability and the Treaty of Waitangi](#)

23 September 2014 – 24 September 2014 | [Supervision skills for health & social service professionals](#)

`What's New August 2014

23 September 2014 – 24 September 2014 | [Supervision skills for health and social service professionals](#)

26 September 2014 | [Tupu'aga: 6th Pasifika Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Addiction Conference](#)

26 September 2014 | [Coaching and mentoring skills](#)

30 September 2014 | [Feedback conversations](#)

<http://www.leva.co.nz>

27. Matua Raki

Latest News

[The Global Addiction academy Project \(GAaP\)](#) **Published:** 28 August 2014

Anna Nelson from Matua Raki is a founding member of a global addiction project, hosted by Middlesex University in London. She met with rest of the founding members in May to discuss the global phenomenon of addiction and the vision of GAaP.



[Addiction nurses update](#) *Handover | Issue 28 – winter, 14 August 2014*

Addiction update – Already past the shortest days and well into Matariki, it may feel like the year is ticking past quickly. The achievements of your day to day work don't always get celebrated and the paperwork may seem endless. That said, there are a couple of activities and events I would like to draw your attention to that have occurred over the last few months or are in planning for the next few.

Supporting the workforce

ADOM implementation project

The Alcohol and Drug Outcome Measure (ADOM) is a brief outcome measure relevant to New Zealand alcohol and other drug (AOD) services. Te Pou and Matua Raki have formed an [ADOM implementation](#) team whose role is to assist addiction services to implement ADOM.



Publications

[Matua Raki newsletter, September 2014](#)

Published 28 August 2014 by Matua Raki

[ADOM Systems Information Version 4.0](#)

Published 20 August 2014 by Te Pou and Matua Raki

[Takitaki mai: A guide to Motivational Interviewing for Māori](#)

Published 07 August 2014 by Matua Raki

Te Pou and Matua Raki event September 2014

30 September 2014 | [Engaging Pasifika Cultural Competency Workshop - mental health and addictions focus](#)

The programme aims to ensure a mental health, addiction, disability and public health workforce that can better engage Pacific clients, families and communities at the critical first point of contact, ensuring the best possible outcomes for Pacific consumers and their families/aiga.

www.matuaraki.org.nz

28. Te Pou

News

[Reducing the use of seclusion](#) 15 August 2014

Reducing the use of seclusion in mental health and addiction services continues to be a focus for everyone. Through two new videos, we highlight that change takes time and it is important to maintain momentum and interest to embed change.

[Let's get together, yeah, yeah, yeah](#) 14 August 2014

Handover | Issue 28 – winter, August 2014

Service user perspective – Recently, at a meeting with some local addiction consumer leaders, the subject of participatory notes came up. We were discussing what authentic person-centred or strengths-based services would look like from our perspective, and collaborative documentation definitely comes into that.

[Highlights from the 2014 International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership \(IIMHL\) exchange](#)

14 August 2014 *Handover | Issue 28 – winter, August 2014*

Here are the highlights from the 2014 IIMHL held in the UK in May this year. Te Pou was represented at the exchange by chief executive Robyn Shearer, business development support manager Rob Gill and clinical lead Mark Smith.



[Disability Workforce Development – Supporting a stronger workforce](#) 14 August 2014

Handover | Issue 28 – Winter, August 2014

Disability Workforce Development at Te Pou is a programme dedicated to supporting workforce development for frontline disability support staff and the development of leadership skills for disabled people.

Your Stories

Activity based experience



Research indicates that people who experience mental health and/or addiction issues often have poorer physical health than the general population. There is also evidence that physical activity and lifestyle programmes can improve people's mental health by increasing their physical health, quality of life and by alleviating social isolation. One such programme is Activity Based Experience (ABE), established in Christchurch in 2008 by Richmond Services. [Read more](#)

How Taranaki DHB is leading the way in outcomes

Taranaki DHB is regularly one of the best performing DHBs in the country for outcomes measurement collection. Outcomes and clinical information projects officer Graham Donlon attributes this to organisational policies, leadership, staff commitment and effective training. [Read more](#)



Inspirational voyage for young people with disabilities



Rachel Berry is one of two young people supported by Deaf Aotearoa to take part in the Spirit of Adventure. [Read more](#)

Latest Te Pou resources

[2013 Disability Workforce Development grant funding annual report](#) 28 August 2014
[Competencies for the mental health and addiction service user, consumer and peer workforce](#)
26 August 2014
[PRIMHD outcome reports: April 2013 to March 2014](#) 20 August 2014
[ADOM Systems Information Version 4.0](#) 20 August 2014

Te Pou Events September 2014

22 September 2014 | [Train the trainer \(TTT\) Foundational Training](#)
23 September 2014 | [Train the trainer \(TTT\) HoNOS outcome measure training \(part B\)](#)
24 September 2014 | [Train the trainer \(TTT\) HoNOSCA outcome measure training \(part B\)](#)
25 September 2014 | [Train the trainer \(TTT\) HoNOS65+ outcome measure training \(part B\)](#)
30 September 2014 | [Engaging Pasifika Cultural Competency Workshop - mental health and addictions focus](#)

Sector Events September 2014

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17 September 2014 – 20 September 2014 | [Cutting Edge Conference 2014](#)
17 September 2014 | [Pre-Cutting Edge Fono](#)
17 September 2014 | [Pre-Cutting Edge Maori Hui 2014](#)
18 September 2014 – 19 September 2014 | [Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, An introductory two-day workshop](#)
22 September 2014 | [Disability and the Treaty of Waitangi](#)
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30 September 2014 | [Feedback conversations](#)

<http://www.tepou.co.nz/>

29. Te Rau Matatini

Nothing new this month

<http://www.matatini.co.nz/>

30. Werry Centre

Events & Training

Event/Training	Dates	Sector
Intensive Family Therapy Training with Rick Whiteside	3-4 September 2014	Auckland
Youth Health Workshop - What Comes After HEEADSSS	9 September 2014	Auckland
Involving Youth Voices: A workshop for services on increasing youth participation	12 September 2014	Palmerston North
Postgraduate Study in Youth Health – Youth Health theory, application & leadership (PAEDS 720)	22 September 2014	Auckland
Train the trainer (TTT) HoNOSCA outcome measure training (part B)	24 September 2014	Auckland
Postgraduate Study in Youth Health – Health, Education, & Youth development (PAEDS 719)	26 September 2014	Auckland

Research

SPARX related research [SPARX is a online self-help tool for depression](#) which is now freely available in New Zealand. We have tested SPARX in New Zealand in several ways and we currently have collaborations under way to explore aspects of SPARX in the USA, Japan, the Netherlands, Australia and elsewhere. For example collaborators from the University of Tasmania are exploring the use of SPARX for young people in rural and remote areas. New Zealand clinical teams have tested the use of SPARX in inpatient mental health services for young people.

<http://www.werrycentre.org.nz/?t=16>

International Organisation

31. World Health Organisation

WHO News

[WHO issues roadmap to scale up international response to the Ebola outbreak in west Africa 28 August 2014](#) - WHO is issuing today a roadmap to guide and coordinate the international response to the outbreak of Ebola virus disease in west Africa.

[WHO calls for stronger action on climate-related health risks?](#)

27 August 2014 - Previously unrecognized health benefits could be realized from fast action to reduce climate change and its consequences. For example, changes in energy and transport policies could save millions of lives annually from diseases caused by high levels of air pollution.

[World Humanitarian Day: WHO calls for protection of health workers in conflicts, disasters?](#)

18 August 2014 -- On tomorrow's World Humanitarian Day, celebrated every 19 August, WHO will draw attention to the continued trend of attacks on health-care workers, hospitals, clinics and ambulances in Syria, Gaza, Central African Republic, Iraq, South Sudan and other areas.

World Health Statistics 2014

WHO's annual World Health Statistics reports present the most recent health statistics for the WHO Member States.



[By section](#)
[Full report](#)

<http://www.who.int/en/>

Other

32. Health Consumer Website/Health Navigator

Trusted health information and self-help resources for all New Zealanders



Website features include:

- 100s of [health topics](#)
- [Asthma](#), [diabetes](#), [gout](#), [kids](#) ...
- Plain English [medication information](#)
- [Library](#) with [videos](#), [people's stories](#)
- [Multiple languages](#)

Resources for Health Providers:

- [Guidelines](#), [pathways](#), & [tools](#),
- [Resources](#) and [training](#)
- Workshops -[Long-Term Conditions Feb 14](#)

Assessment Tools

This section will be of most interest to health professionals and provides a place to find and share useful resources relating to quality improvement and clinical excellence.

Continuing Professional Development

`What's New August 2014

Courses

- [Online Learning](#)
- [Short Courses](#)
- [Postgraduate study](#) - long-term conditions

Lectures - A - Z Topics

- [Video Library for health professionals](#) (links to separate page)

[New roles and scopes of practice](#) - Links to Health Workforce NZ

Professional Requirements

Reference Resources

- [Journal Reviews](#)
- [Online Textbooks](#),
- [Self-directed Reading](#)

Topic missing? - [tell us](#) what else to add

What's exciting?



Team walking challenge starts **8th September 14**

<http://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/>

33. Working For Youth

Recent Notices

[Creative Communities Scheme - Applications Open](#) 25/08/2014

[NGO Highlights in the August update](#) 22/08/2014

[Play in the Bay Workshops](#) 22/08/2014

[Applications Open for World of Difference Programme and Fellowship](#) 18/08/2014

[Big Brother Big Sister Mentoring available position](#) 14/08/2014

[Vacancies - Staff for Certificate in Vocational Skills in Murupara](#) 12/08/2014

Upcoming Events

[Festival for the Future](#) **05-06 September 2014**

[Teen Parent Support Conference](#) **24-25 September 2014**

<http://www.working4youth.co.nz/>

34. Skip – Strategies for Kids/Information for Parents

What's New

New website & app for Pacific parents 26 August 2014 Tapuaki is a great new website, with information on pregnancy and parenting for Pacific families living in NZ. And they have a smartphone app! [Read full details](#)

Active Dads making headlines 12 August 2014 Marlborough SKIP programme a 'revolution'!
[Read full details](#)

Information for Parents

Need parenting support? The Family Services Directory helps you to find parenting support programmes in your region.



Parenting types The type of parent you are will influence your child's development. Children learn their behaviours from how you interact with them.



Things to try This section looks at common behaviour and development problems. It offers some things to try, some things to think about and some thoughts on what children might be thinking.



Training SKIP can help with training for parent educators - do get in touch if you'd like to increase your knowledge and capability in these areas.

<http://www.skip.org.nz/>

35. Deaf Aotearoa New Zealand

we need your support
DONATE NOW

Deaf Awareness Workshops - how do I book a workshop?

Contact our [national office](#) and request a **Think.Deaf.Discover** workshop

www.deaf.org.nz

36. Autism New Zealand Inc

Latest News

Autism New Zealand: Text Campaign

From now until September 17, you can texts 'GIVE' to 4847 to donate \$3 to Autism New Zealand.

Autism New Zealand Conference 2014: Conference Ambassador Programme

AUTISM NEW ZEALAND LAUNCHES ANOTHER NEW INITIATIVE

On Friday 22 August, Autism New Zealand launched its very first Conference Ambassador Programme.

Piloting it for the first time, Autism New Zealand has appointed eleven people who have an association with Autism and the organisation to attend this year's Autism New Zealand Conference in Nelson. As part of being an Ambassador they will advocate learning and experiences from the Conference back into both their local communities and through national networks. Chief Executive Dane Dougan says "It's great to have this initiative off the ground and get it underway. We anticipate this programme starting slowly and with success we hope we can make this a more permanent initiative".

Eleven were selected by Autism NZ and are listed as follows:

Ray Powell - Nelson
Sharon Bond - Hamilton
Alison Newcombe – Palmerston North
Gwen Sadler - Nelson
Janet Mossop - Nelson
Wendy Duff - Auckland
Gabby Hogg – Hawkes Bay
Mike Griggs - Wellington
Jeff Hermes – Wellington
Robina Reid – Wellington
Michele Columbus – Nelson

Training Programs

[F.A.N.Z Framework for Autism in New Zealand](#)

[Way to Play](#)

<http://www.autismnz.org.nz/>

37. Health Promotion Forum of New Zealand



Rongo Korero/News

NZ Population Health Congress

Tobacco company whistle-blower Jeffrey Wigand to speak at Congress - early bird registrations for the NZ Population Health Congress are now open until **5 September**, with the [announcement](#) that tobacco whistle-blower Jeffrey Wigand will be a keynote speaker.

[End violence against women](#) | [Take the White Ribbon Pledge](#)

NZ political parties state their position on institutional racism

New Zealand's political parties have stated their position on addressing institutional racism ahead of this year's election [more](#)

Newsletter

The autumn edition of our newsletter Hauora is out now. Contents include:

- [Defining health promotion](#)
- [Health promotion: the cutting edge of health and wellbeing](#)
- [Chatham Islands provide excellent health promotion model](#)
- [Kautaha: a strengths-based approach to building health and wellbeing](#)
- [HPF interns and fellows: a win-win relationship](#)
- [Unity and diversity in HPF board](#)

Calendar Events

Dates	Type of Training	Location	Registration
2014			
September 19	Introducing the Ottawa Charter	Taupo	Registration open
September 23	Health Promotion for Asian Communities	Hamilton	Registration open
October 17	Māori Concepts of Health	Greymouth	Registration opening soon
October 31	Māori Concepts of Health	Kerikeri	Registration opening soon

<http://www.hauora.co.nz/>

38. Medsafe

News and Events

19 August 2014	Media Release	<u>Sentence handed down after steroid ring uncovered</u>
15 August 2014	Committees	<u>Agenda for the 52nd MCC Meeting - 21 October 2014</u>
4 August 2014	Monitoring Communication	<u>UPDATE - Statins and a possible risk of acute kidney injury (without rhabdomyolysis)</u>
4 August 2014	Monitoring Outcome	<u>Statins (atorvastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin) and acute kidney injury without rhabdomyolysis</u>
4 August 2014	Safety	<u>Dear Healthcare Professional Letter - Concerta tablets</u>
4 August 2014	Committees	<u>Medicines Classification Committee - Recent NZ Gazette Notices Relating to Classification</u>
4 August 2014	Committees	<u>Medicines Classification Committee - Date and Deadlines</u>

<http://www.medsafe.govt.nz>

39. Gambling Helpline New Zealand

Specialist Services

Maori Gambling Helpline

We are professional Maori counsellors trained to help people who are affected by gambling. Our Kaupapa is to listen and support you and your whanau, in dealing with the effects of problem gambling.

If you feel you may have or have had a gambling problem or you may be affected by someone who gambles, we welcome you to call the service. Whilst the service has been created to support Maori, their partners, friends or whanau – we welcome all non- Maori wishing to access our service.

We can offer you a range of practical suggestions, and where possible we can put you in touch with support networks in your area.

Our Hours of Operation - Haora mō ēnei kaupapa

Our free national phone number is: **0800 654 656**

Mondays 12.00 noon – 4.00pm

Wednesdays 5.00pm – 9.00pm

Saturdays 8.00am – 12.00 noon

What's New August 2014

Pasifika Gambling Helpline

Vai Lelei, Talofa Lava, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Kia Orana, Malo E Lelei, Taloha Ni, Bula Vinaka, Greetings

We are experienced counsellors who are trained to work with you around gambling problems. We are part of the Pacific community and have a shared understanding of the Pacific culture.

You may be the person gambling, or you may be a family member or friend concerned about someone else's gambling. We're here for all of you.

Our Hours of Operation

Our free national phone number is: **0800 654 657**

Tuesdays 5.00pm - 9.00pm

Thursdays 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Fridays 12.00noon - 4.00pm

Youth Gambling Helpline

People of all ages can be affected by gambling. At Youth Gambling Helpline we have younger counsellors who can listen to you, and help you talk through any challenges you may be having with your own, or someone else's, gambling.

If you have any questions, or if you want to have a chat, please give us a call on our free-phone number **0800 654 659**.

Our phones are open on **Monday evenings from 5pm to 8pm.**

If you'd like to call us outside of these hours, leave us a voicemail message and we will call you back. Unless you explicitly give us permission, we won't identify ourselves to the person who answers the phone until we're sure we're speaking with you.

If it's urgent you can contact the **Gambling Helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0800 654 655.**

<http://www.gamblinghelpline.co.nz/>

40. Pharmac

Upcoming Seminar

Anxiety and depression 17 October 2014

News

Agreement with Jackson Allison Medical & Surgical Limited for the supply of wound care products

25 August 2014 PHARMAC is pleased to announce the approval of an agreement with Jackson Allison Medical & Surgical Limited ("Jackson Allison") for the supply of wound care products

Two new treatments funded for blood disorders and cancers

20 August 2014 Up to 400 patients a year are likely to live longer as a result of PHARMAC funding two new medicines.

Amendment to the terms of listing of disposable laparoscopic supplies on the Pharmaceutical Schedule

20 August 2014 PHARMAC notification to amend agreement with Applied Medical New Zealand Limited for disposable laparoscopic devices.

PHARMAC tender for generic medicines contributes \$38 million savings

18 August 2014 New Zealanders' use of generic medicines is likely to grow further following the just-completed 2013/14 PHARMAC tender.

Savings for DHBs in medical equipment agreement

15 August 2014 DHBs will save another \$650,000 a year from lower priced wound care and surgery equipment through a new national PHARMAC agreement with a major medical device supplier.

Feedback on draft RFP for medicines for rare disorders

15 August 2014 PHARMAC is pleased to announce the outcome of the consultation on the draft request for proposals for supply of medicines for rare disorders.

RFP - Supply of medicines for rare disorders

15 August 2014 PHARMAC is interested in considering proposals from suppliers of medicines for rare disorders for the funding and listing of their products in the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

Closes: 25 September 2014 at 5 pm

Agreement with Covidien New Zealand Limited for the supply of sutures, wound care products and disposable laparoscopic medical devices

14 August 2014 PHARMAC is pleased to announce the approval of an agreement with Covidien New Zealand Limited ("Covidien") for the supply of a selection of sutures, wound care products and disposable laparoscopic medical devices.

Decision to award sole supply to Eprex (erythropoietin alfa)

5 August 2014 PHARMAC is pleased to announce the award of Sole Subsidised Supply Status in the community, and Hospital Supply Status in DHB hospitals, to Janssen-Cilag's brand of erythropoietin, Eprex (erythropoietin alfa).

<http://www.pharmac.health.nz/>

41. Waka Hourua

No updates for this month

<http://www.wakahourua.co.nz/>

42. National Dementia Cooperative

You may find the answer to your question here about NDC
[PowerPoint presentation](#)



Upcoming Events

[The ABC of BOC with Dr Alice Rota Bartelink](#) **Christchurch on 24 October 2014**

The ABC of BOC Working with Older Adults with Complex Health Care Needs Who Display Behaviours of Concern. Need some...

21st Hospice New Zealand Palliative Care Conference on 29–31 October 2014

Held at Te Papa in Wellington, the theme for the conference is Reaching Out, Community Engagement. Check Hospice NZ website...

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Documents

[NDC Steering Group meeting July 2014](#)

[Ethical Challenges in Advance Care Planning](#)

<http://ndc.hiirc.org.nz/section/19790/national-dementia-cooperative/>

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