



# TE PAE ORANGA

RUAHINE | TARARUA

## First 1000 Days Strategy

To everyone who was able to join us at Wednesday's hui, thank you. We saw plenty of connecting and kōrero which was great. Our thanks also to Te Davies, Itayi Mapanda and Kim Teofilo, from Te Whatu Ora Central Region Commissioning System Integration team for Starting Well (Maternity and Kahu Taurima). Te and her team have received the strategy to guide future 'First 1000 Days' commissioning work in our rohe.

For us as a collective of services, reiterating again that 'the strategy intends to inform the planning and delivery of first 1000 days services for whānau and pēpi, defining priorities and guiding decisions as services develop their own annual plans and decide which actions to take going forward'. Actions and planning that originate from a shared strategic understanding will create effective, connected services that give pēpi born into the MidCentral rohe the best start to life.

- Jaime Cuppen and Ngareta Paewai



## Upcoming Events

### MALT HUI

01 May  
2pm - 3pm  
35 Victoria Ave & Teams

He taonga te mokopuna, kia whāngaia, kia tipu, kia rea.

Tāhū Ora wishes to thank Ngareta Paewai for all her mahi on the First 1000 Days kaupapa which is now drawing to a close.

Kei whea mai tēnei mahi hei tautoko i te hauora o ngā tamariki mokopuna, ngā rangatira mō āpōpō. E mihi kau atu ana ki a koe e Ngāreta.

- Tāhū Ora



Ko ngā hoa kaimahi tāwhito -  
Waimarama, Rachel, Theresa, Ngareta





# Relay for Life 2024

## Manawatū

This event started in 2001 and is a wonderful way to celebrate cancer survivors and acknowledge those that have passed from cancer. \$300k+ was fundraised this year and will go towards the fight against cancer.

Amongst the families, schools and organisations that took part this year were Tanenuiarangi, Te Wakahuia Manawatu Trust, Te Mana o te Tangata Trust, Ngāti Kauwhata, Te Kete Hauora o Rangitāne and Muaūpoko Tribal Authority.

Hato Paora College were in full voice on stage as well entering a team that finished in the top 10. Congratulations to the Cancer Society, the volunteers, the sponsors, the performers, the teams and especially to the survivors, families and whānau of those lost to cancer.

Ka mau te wehi!





## Māra Rongoā opened at Ashhurst Medical Centre

Recap (Society for the Resilience and Engagement of the Community of Ashhurst and Pohangina) with support and advice from Damian McGregor have established a māra rongoā at the medical centre. Dr Ben Goddard said he welcomed the notion that traditional medicines would complement the services on offer at the practice. He particularly loved the idea that they can now look out the windows on to the māra and see the plants grow. Young gardeners from Ashhurst Primary were on hand to help Recap members, staff and tangata whenua plant the rākau.



# MEDIA RELEASE

## **Pou Tangata of The National Iwi Chairs Forum and the Iwi Māori Partnership Board Chairs Call for a Reassessment of Disability Funding Cuts to Safeguard Tāngata Whaikaha and Whānau Hauā.**

Pou Tangata of the NICF and Chairs of Iwi Māori Partnership Boards (IMPBs) collectively express profound concern regarding recent and immediate disability funding restrictions announced by Whaikaha, the Ministry of Disabled People. The changes to essential funding undermines efforts to address the disparate health needs of whānau Māori living with disabilities” says Dame Naida Glavish, Chair of the Hauora Iwi Leader’s Group and Co-Chair of Pou Tangata of the NICF.

She further adds, “Changing the rules for this funding will mean that many tāngata whaikaha and whānau hauā will be prevented from attending and participating in our customary practices such as tangihanga that often occur outside the towns and cities where tangata whaikaha live”.

IMPBs, as representatives of local Māori perspectives and voices on health and disability outcomes emphasize the critical importance of equitable access to services for tāngata whaikaha and whānau hauā.

"The recent funding restrictions to disability services directly impact the health and dignity of tāngata whaikaha and whānau hauā" states Oriana Paewai, Chairperson of Te Pae Oranga o Ruahine o Tararua Iwi Māori Partnership Board. "Such actions not only exacerbate existing barriers but also impede efforts to address the specific health and disability needs of Māori communities. Tāngata whaikaha and whānau hauā have been clear that they must be included in decisions about their care supports and have their voices heard. Any move to reduce their ability for choice and control in the name of budget cuts without consultation is extremely disrespectful."

The Chairs of Iwi Māori Partnership Boards stress the urgent need for the government, decision makers and Whaikaha senior leadership to reconsider these cuts through a collaborative and inclusive process. By amplifying the voices and concerns of Māori communities, the NICF and IMPBs call upon policymakers to engage directly with affected communities and seek solutions that uphold the dignity and rights of tāngata whaikaha and whānau hauā.

"Our role as Iwi Māori Partnership Boards is to advocate for policies and services that promote the well-being of all Māori," says Tereki Stewart, Chairperson of Te Taumata Hauora o Te Kahu o Taonui IMPB and Lead Advisor, Hauora, National Iwi Leaders Group "We urge decision-makers to prioritize the needs of Māori with disabilities and work towards a more equitable and inclusive system that enables them to live their best lives."

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