

A year at Tauawhi...Xmas greetings 2022

Another year at Tauawhi of change, challenge, and connection. Not to mention some COVID, which seemed to arrive just as we were getting going for the year!

Comings and Goings

We started with welcoming **Hoani Watene** to the Tauawhi Trust team in January, doubling our addictions counselling resourcing. After coming out of the Omicron outbreak, we farewelled **Ziaul Jewel** from our Youth Team and Non-Violence Programme Facilitator **Sarah McDonald**.



Team Tauawhi - start of 2022



With **Stuart Moriarty-Patten** moving to the Non-Violence programme team, Jane Nikora was holding the fort as a one-woman band for a while until we were blessed to welcome **Hautapu Paraha** and Te **Whetumarama Peipi**, providing our rangatahi with awesome role models and bringing with them their own skills and experience.

As we were coming out from the Omicron cloud, we welcomed **Kim Torrez** to the Tauawhi Trust and Moses Hirini as part of our SafeMan SafeFamily connection. Along the way we had **Hine Knightbridge** join us from Family Works, to build our admin capabilities and take some load off **Dee**.

Later in the year we bid farewell to two of our longstanding members of the Tauawhi Brotherhood **Chris Semmens** and **Daniel Procter**. Chris had already moved to the Practice Manager role at Family Works earlier in the year but left PSEC to take up a role as Manager at **Barnardos**. We always knew that Daniel's time was limited, with his national and regional governance roles eventually becoming too much to allow him to continue committing to the mahi at Tauawhi. As we like to say, the hotel California clause applies to these guys, who can "check out", but never leave the Tauawhi whanau!



Our most recent addition to the team is **Siaosi Tofi**, who comes into the role left vacant by Daniel and brings a wide range of skill and experience, including his legal background. A gentle giant, he is the perfect person for those first Tauawhi conversations.



A welcome for Sioasi

Community and Events

In early June a delegation from the Tauawhi Trust headed to Nelson for the Male Survivors National Conference at Whakatu. Unfortunately, our Peer Support kaimahi **Winton Ropiha** contracted Covid on the eve of our departure, so members of the Trust were able to attend and fly the flag for **Te Hōkai : Male Survivors Tairāwhiti** on his behalf. Te Hōkai continues to provide support for male survivors locally, with several men seeking this support via our other services. Sadly, such is the level of stigma and shame that many male (and female) survivors carry, it continues to be an area that we hope to develop further in 2023, to break down these barriers to support.



Trustees Tawiri Tamanui, Ian Procter, Tim Marshall, Papa Rau (Ralph Walker) and Chair Jeremy Muir, joined by former Tauawhi Counsellor and Male Survivors BOP Manager Bruce Montgomery (rear) at Whakatu Marae in Nelson.

We were also privileged to host Minister for Family & Sexual Violence **Marama Davidson** on behalf of the **Violence Free Tairāwhiti Network**.



Jerry Seuseu & Tairawhiti's own mana wahine Trish Hina



Chamber Music Team



Mental Health Foundation – Chur Bro! Project team



Minister Davidson visit

Homemade Take-aways with Supergrans



The second of these projects has been led out by **Cain Kerehoma** from **Taiki E!**, who brings a welcome innovation and design lens to the work, helping connect with a diverse range of men to unpack what being a man in Tairāwhiti is. The project was a little hamstrung by the Omicron outbreak, but we were able to hold a number of events as we try and broaden the conversation about safe spaces for men locally.

In the last month or so, we came home with a run of events including hosting **Richie Hardcore** for our **White Ribbon Breakfast**, sharing the message of healthy masculinity and healthy relationships



Richie at the breakfast – with some of the Tauawhi team – and at Campion College

Our annual **Tauawhi No Violence Longboard Classic**, co-ordinated by **Daniel Procter**, who was able to encourage competitors from as far away as Christchurch, including current national champion Jack Tyro. We were once again supported by the **Moananui Longriders** and **Gisborne Boardriders**.



Our last weekend of events, we hosted **Shot Bro**, **Rob Mocaraka's** “funny, dark real” one-man play about depression and the way back to the light. The next day was our annual **Tairawhiti Men of the Year**, celebrating some good men, including our first Tauawhi Youth Award presented to **Rory Pardoe-Tucker** – all making a positive contribution to their whanau and community. It was also great to have **Te Hamua Nikora** back as our MC to support us over the two events with his humour and humanity.

We were blessed to have **Matt Brown**, creator of **My Father's Barber** and the **She is Not Your Rehab** movement as our guest speaker, who shared his own personal journey of trauma, healing and inspiration.



Rob & Clint with Tauawhi whanau



Out of the dark with Aroha – Shot Bro Whanau 2022



Some of our Tairawhiti Men of the Year



Guest Speaker Matt Brown with Tauawhi & Barnardos team

Our thanks to **Violence Free Tairawhiti, Barnardos and Presbyterian Support East Coast** for their support with these events.

Thanks again to the Gisborne Herald for their ongoing support and coverage of our mahi

Some links to the articles below:

Richie Hardcore - <https://www.gisborneherald.co.nz/local-news/20221128/martial-arts-path-to-healthy-masculinity/>

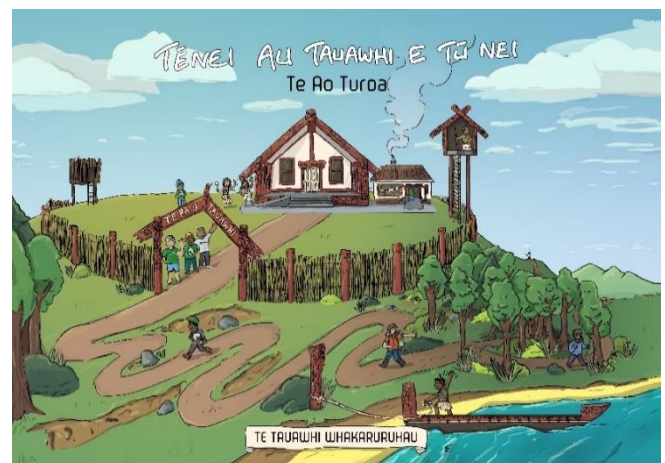
Matt Brown <https://www.gisborneherald.co.nz/local-news/20221213/a-cut-above-the-rest/>

Men of the Year <https://www.gisborneherald.co.nz/frontpage-featured/local-news/20221211/celebrating-great-men/>

Services and support

On the home front we continued to support over 300 men and whanau across Court Directed Non-Violence Programmes in Gisborne, Wairoa, Tolaga Bay & Ruatoria, Individual/Relationship and Addictions Counselling, Peer Support for Male Survivors, Mana Tāne Men's Support groups in Gisborne & Wairoa, Pāpāwhāriki parenting and Youth Support, which transitioned to be managed under Family Works this year but based delivery out of Tauawhi. We know that we are only a small part of a community puzzle that attempts to respond to family harm and other issues, but we hope that we contribute to SafeMen and SafeFamilies.

A few years ago Matua **Ian Procter** drew a picture of what he saw as Tauawhi on the whiteboard in the Kakano Room. It survived numerous, hui and programme deliveries over 5+ years. Thanks to **Presbyterian Support East Coast**, we were connected to a young man **Dylan** from **Interactionz**, who brought it to life in a poster form, that we can now hang in the centre to represent the safe space we attempt to provide at Tauawhi. In addition to the walk-in support space that Tauawhi offers, the other part of the **Tairawhiti Men Against Violence** was Respite House for men needing time out to keep them and their whanau safe. Thanks to **Bonnie Moana** from **Kainga Ora**, we have been offered such a space and hope to open in the new year.



Our thanks to **Presbyterian Support East Coast** for continuing to provide an opportunity for the Tauawhi Charitable Trust to grow in partnership to deliver the services out of the space at Tauawhi.

After a break to refresh, re-charge and renew, we will be spreading more Tauawhitanga in 2023. We wish you all a safe, violence-free and enjoyable xmas and new year period and look forward to reconnecting in the new year. Nga manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa – Tauawhi E Tu Nei!



To all our funders and supporters who continue to show faith in what we do - he mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa.

