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Wishing you a prosperous and productive 2005!

Well, 2005 is swiftly upon us and we hope you all were able to enjoy a restful and productive break with friends and whanau, energized for the year ahead.

In this issue, we highlight The Gambling Project, which saw a busy end to 2004 with the running of the third GRIP project in Te Kuiti. Presenters from such organizations as Oasis, Sky Riverside Casino, Gambling Watch, PGF and even Gambling Helpline from

Auckland came down to share information about gambling amidst the warmth and hospitality of the Te Kuiti locals.

Facilitation training for the GRIP course was run by Andrea at the Runanga and attended by Troy, Anne Lemieux from Te Ngaru o Maniapoto and Wen Li from PGF. There is more about this (with photos) later in the issue. Finally, we look forward to seeing each of you amid the year ahead.



Above, 'The Gambling Lobby'
A cartoon from the Honolulu Weekly, 6-6-01, by Ben Cayatano

Eye on the Media & Other Project Developments

On another note, the project has moved into the media investigation phase. We're writing a report to look at media and resource options available to the project and we'll look at everything from radio, television, print media, signage, stationary and information technology. Included will be a study of which resource suits which group and will aim to complement the current resource development being conducted by PGF around resource development.

This year will also see further work in the area of eco

-nomic impact in which we have had initial discussions with Dave MacPherson. This part of the project is understandably large and wide reaching, and further discussion is needed to occur with our networks about how to approach this. We will keep you posted.

The GRIP project is also due to continue, as we have more communities we would like to work with. We will keep in touch with this. Finally, we would like to farewell Troy Egan who will be leaving to pursue further studies. On behalf of the Research and Development

Unit, we would like to thank Troy for his hard work and commitment to the project. He will be greatly missed.

We would also like to welcome back Naina Watene who has been on maternity leave, who will be returning fulltime as of February. We know it has been a pleasure for both to have worked with you in the past and to look forward to working with you again.

Ka kite ano,

Andrea Elliott-Hohepa
& Troy Egan



The GRIP Project goes to Te Kuiti!

The third round of GRIP was held at Te Ngaru o Maniapoto, Te Kuiti. The course commenced on Monday the 29th of November and concluded on Friday the 3rd of December. Throughout the week 28 locals attended the various sessions and presentations.

Overall there was awesome support for the kaupapa of gambling education and harm minimization. Sessions of particular interest to participants included Mark Crickett for Sky RiverSide Casino, Dave MacPherson for Gambling Watch and presentations from Gambling Helpline, Oasis and PGF Asian Counseling Services.



There was also a wealth of new knowledge gained and shared, of note was the whopping \$3.42 million yearly spend on pokies in the Waitomo district shared by Dave MacPherson, and the importance of monitoring and education in the region.

Selected for publication were two resources, created

by Hilary Karaitiana of WDHB Population Health and Marlene Matehuria of Te Ngaru. These resources are currently being prepared for publication, and we are looking to launching the resource back to the community on Tuesday, February the 8th. Overall, well done Te Kuiti!



Above, co-winner of the resource selected for publication, Hilary Karaitiana (center) with facilitators Anne Lemieux & Troy Egan **Absent**. Marlene Matehuria.

Left, **Te Kuiti GRIP graduates (from left)**. Russel Te Rauna (Te Whiuwhiu o te Hau) Hilary Karaitiana (WDHB Population Health) & Ken Wells (Te Ngaru o Maniapoto) **Absent**. Joseph Pene. We also make an acknowledgement to the 22 award recipients for participation.

Up-and-coming events for the Reduction of Gambling-Related Harm Project



Above: Some of the Te Kuiti GRIP participants (from left). Russell Te Rauna, Jennifer Murray, Ken Wells, Hillary Karaitiana, Anne Lemieux (co-facilitator), Rore Stafford, Troy Egan (co-facilitator)

Resource Steering Committee 2004/2005

The resource development project with PGF is well underway. The work plan has been drafted and we are in the process of putting together a survey to see what our communities think about gambling and gambling messages, and what messages will be most effective in helping people make informed choices. The project committee is composed of members of gambling related organizations. For any further information about the project, please contact ourselves or Pesio Ah-Honi at PGF (Pesio.ah@pgfnz.co.nz)

Lynne Cartwright

We would like to acknowledge and thank Lynne for her participation in the Te Kuiti GRIP course, and who will be leaving Oasis on February the 11th. We wish you well on your journey.

Of Interest

The Te Kuiti GRIP project resource is to be presented to Te Kuiti community on Tuesday February the 8th, 2005 at Te Ngaru o Maniapoto, 12pm. Also, a responsible gambling teaching resource has been recently delivered into Queensland schools (see under the Education section): www.responsiblegambling.qld.gov.au

Send us your news, views & issues

As always, we are keen to hear of any developments, activities, events, and other tidbits of interesting information about gambling.

If you have anything that you would like included in our panui, just contact us, and we can include your information in our next issue.

We look forward to bringing you updated information on our activities over the next coming months, and look forward to any feedback or information that you may want share with us. So send us your news, views and issues!

Contact us - we'd love to hear from you!

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