

MANAWATIA A MATARIKI!

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi
Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te tau

Celebrate the rising of Matariki
Celebrate the rising of the lord of the sky
Celebrate the rising of the New Year

WHAT WE DO FOR COMMUNITIES

This year, we have been privileged to collaborate with amazing organisations and implement initiatives that are community based. We are committed to empowering and supporting community-led initiatives by working closely with various community groups to ensure that our services are delivered in an appropriate and impactful manner for our whānau and hapori (community).

To-Date Results as of July 2023

These results include ages 50 - 74

Kits sent:

93,059

Kits Returned (Definitive
Results):

48,169

Positive results:

2,105

Colonoscopies:

1,491

Cancers detective:

105

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

Te Whatu Ora Waikato Nurse of the Year 2023 goes to our lovely Nicola Griffiths who is our Bowel Screening Nurse Lead



Nicola played an instrumental role in developing an online tool that enables the entire Bowel Screening team to access information on all screening patients and their corresponding stage in the screening journey. Nicola's mahi has significantly improved patients and staffs experience with the NBSP through her innovative work. We are proud to work alongside Nicola who is determined and provides such a vibrant energy to mahi everyday.

Ngā mihi nui kia koe Nicola mō tō mahi.

We also want to spotlight Lu-ana Ngatai who celebrated her 10 year anniversary at Te Whatu Ora.

Lu-ana is currently the Operations Manager for Screening and Sexual Health Services at Te Whatu Ora Waikato.

She fosters a collaborative and supportive environment, inspiring growth and development. We are fortunate to work alongside her.

Ngā mihi maioha kia koe Lu-ana.



We are so pleased to reveal our new Bowel Screening van. We are looking forward to rolling out in the community and to events in our new ride.

Keep an eye out for us in the community.

WAIKATO NATIONAL BOWEL SCREENING AGE EXTENSION

The age extension now allows Māori and Pasifika aged **50 - 59** residing in the Waikato District access to the National Bowel Screening Programme (NBSP). This is to assist in creating a more equitable roll out of the NBSP for Māori and Pasifika.

Waikato has been selected as the first District to introduce the age extension for Māori and Pasifika participating in the NBSP. As a result of this extension, 12,000 more people in the Waikato District will be able to access screening every year.

FIT kits for Māori and Pasifika aged 50 – 59 will be sent out around the participant's birthday. Those with a birth date that falls on an even number will be invited in the first 12 months, with odd birth dates invited in the second 12 months. The NBSP pathway will not change – there is no change to the positive FIT referral process and payment process for submitting a positive FIT.

The NBSP age remains at 60 – 74 years for people living in Waikato who do not identify as Māori or Pacific.



GP CAMPAIGN

In May there was a focus on promoting bowel cancer screening in primary and community care settings. The purpose for this campaign is to increase Māori and Pacific participation in the NBSP through opportunistic conversations in general practice. Healthcare professionals are key for encouraging uptake of bowel screening.

The national bowel screening campaign has now been running for a while now, and a recent monitor found it has high awareness among priority audiences. We now have the opportunity to involve primary care more closely in the campaign.





HOT TIP

Q: Do I need to send a BPAC referral to Waikato National Bowel Screening Programme if I am referring my patient privately?

A: YES – a National Bowel Screening Positive FIT

Patient Information:

Patient has a positive FIT from National Bowel Screening	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/>
This patient is enrolled in this practice?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/>
This patient is enrolled in this practice but has been unable to be contacted in the 10 day period?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Discussion has been held with the patient about the positive FIT Result	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/>

Private:

Patient has been referred to a private specialist	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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Decline:

Patient declines a colonoscopy	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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If you have received a positive FIT result for a patient and they would like to be seen in private we still need a referral. This is still the same process via BPAC however you select “Patient has been referred to a private specialist” then we can update the information in the NBSP register that the participant is not progressing down the NBSP pathway but will be followed up in Private.

HOW TO CONNECT WITH US

We would love to hear from you about how we can work together.

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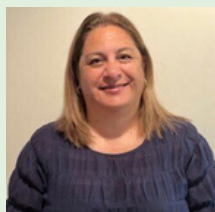
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For additional information about the National Bowel Screening Programme or the age extension visit <https://www.timetoscreen.nz/bowel-screening/>
info@bowelscreening.health.nz

MEET THE TEAM

We are pleased to introduce 3 new team members into the Bowel Screening Team.

- Kay Fleming who will be helping with project coordination
- Shahnee Johnston & Maia Gardiner. They have joined our community team.



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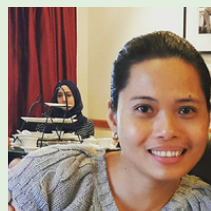
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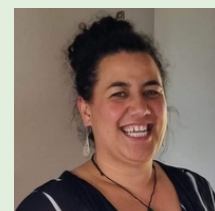
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