



# Supporting Families in Mental Illness



## NEWSLETTER | JUNE 2021



### Kia ora

Welcome to the June newsletter. The weather is starting to get colder, I hope you are all keeping warm.

Lyn McNair our new Family/Whānau worker in Dannevirke has started, its great to have her on board.

The last few months have been busy with starting the new Project CALM programme, the Carers retreat and the GO Kidz programme. The Carers Retreat was well attended and the families that attended really enjoyed the time out from cooking and caring for others.

It's the time of the year where New Zealand celebrates Matariki (Māori New Year). Matariki is named after the bright stars of the Pleiades star cluster, which rise in the winter night sky each year. Matariki is the Māori name for the Pleiades star cluster. It rises during Pipiri (June/ July) and marks the beginning of the Māori new year. I look forward to celebrating Matariki over the next month or so.

If anyone needs support or just a listening ear please don't hesitate to call 06 355 8561.

Take care look after yourselves.  
**Christine**

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## Palmerston North Office

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### Kia ora from Palmerston North & Feilding

Winter is here and this month we celebrate Matariki which is named after the bright stars of the Pleiades star cluster, which rise in the winter night sky each year. Matariki celebrates the Māori New Year and is a time of growth and change. It's all happening in our skies at the moment with the recent super blood moon, which is a fun name for a full lunar eclipse, so magnificent to see.

I enjoyed the family retreat and found this to be a good time to just be, I particularly liked meeting new people from Palmy and Wellington and having chats with them, the nature walk I went on with another family member and of course the meals. Not having to think about groceries, meal preparation, cooking and dishes was a real treat for me. Thank you Christine for letting me attend.

Family work has been intense lately with many families noticing and living with many social issues which can be difficult to address all at once. The complexity of the social issues can be layered and is often spread out to other areas within the family environment. From carers, I am hearing about family harm quite a lot, particularly when someone is in crisis, psychotic or using methamphetamine.

Take care whānau and be safe.

Kim 😊

## Levin Office

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### Teena tatou Katoa,

Greetings and welcome to the celebration of Matariki, the star that is connected to wellbeing and healing.

The 9 stars of Matariki (not 7 stars) rise between 19 June to 11 July 2021. To find out more Dr Rangi Matamua gives a number of presentations on YouTube.

My daughter's school WRM in Otaki designed a shirt for pink shirt day in Te Reo Māori. I knew I had to have one of those to wear on the day.

Work has been busy supporting families in the Community and on Ward 21 in Palmerston North hospital. Our Connections with Hope group is always a privilege to be a part of.

Happy Matariki and make a wish on the wishing star Hiwa-i-te-rangi, one of the 9 stars in the Matariki star cluster.

Take care  
Luciana Maru-Hill  
Aka Lulu

# PROJECT CALM



## Skill based anxiety reduction programme for school aged children

- 8 week course. One hour per session. One session per week.
- Parents attend alongside child. Parents learn theory and reasoning behind the strategies children are learning.
- Practical strategies are taught by the child programme facilitator.
- Based on Acceptance Commitment Therapy, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Self Compassion models.
- Children learn skills in mindfulness, relaxation, self compassion and problem solving.
- Adults learn about identifying and managing sensory issues, thinking errors and social difficulties.

### School Based Option

- School choose students to attend – up to 8 per group.
- Children and parents received Project CALM Programme on school site after school.
- Teaching staff offered a workshop and PD into anxiety reduction

For registration of interest in hosting a Project CALM course contact  
Supporting Families [christine@manawatusf.org.nz](mailto:christine@manawatusf.org.nz) 06 358561



## Dannevirke Office

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My name is Lyn McNair and I grew up in the Dannevirke area on a sheep and beef farm where my father was a shepherd. I attended a very small local primary school which had a role of around 23-26 pupils.

When I left school I did all kinds of work including in a bank, shearing shed, pharmacy and then a scallop boat out of Whitianga. I married a fisherman and we had 3 children. We ended up moving to Te Anau and my husband cray fished out of Milford Sound. The children and I came to Dannevirke to live when my marriage ended. I have remained here ever since although I did go and work on Pitcairn Island as a social worker for 3 years and then had a little shop at Akitio Beach.

I am back living in the cottage I have had for around 30 years and whilst the children have left home I seem to have replaced them with cats, dogs and hens.

I am quite new in this role supporting families in the Tararua and I can say that I am really enjoying the work and the proximity work is to my home. I am really happy to be a part of the Supporting Families Manawatu and am loving meeting and getting to know people.

## Support Groups

These groups are open to anyone who is caring for someone with mental health issues and addiction.

For more information contact a family/whānau co-ordinator in your area.



**Palmerston North:**  
Christine, 06 355 8561



**Levin:**  
Luciana, 06 368 6116



**Dannevirke:**  
Lyn, 06 374 8797

## Hello everyone



My name is Mio, and I am a UCOL student. My study is about mental health and addiction. I have been coming to ManawatuSF on Mondays and Thursdays for the last couple of months.

It's been lovely to see and know people in ManawatuSF, and I'm enjoying everyone's company. It's also grateful I participate in extra activities such as holiday kids sessions and the Women's Expo as an assistant.

Please let me know if you have any requests from me. I'm looking forward to having a good relationship with you all."

Thank you and have a good rest of your day.  
Best regards, Mio

## St John Health Shuttle

### Feilding, Palmerston North and surrounds

Booking essential at least 24 hours prior to appointment

Office hours weekdays 8:30am - 3.00pm

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**In an emergency call 111**



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## Our health and disability system

### Implementation roadmap

We are starting out on a programme of change to improve how our health and disability system works and to improve outcomes and equity for all New Zealanders. This won't happen overnight – it will require substantial work to make the reforms a reality.

The detailed changes necessary will be developed and implemented with those who make quality care possible – from frontline staff to leaders in our District Health Boards (DHBs) and supporting agencies.

As we progress towards our future health system, we will:

- communicate when change is coming, and when further decisions are made
- involve the health and disability sector and the public more widely to ensure the new system reflects our shared aspirations and draws on relevant expertise
- ensure the transition does not compromise the quality of care offered today or the workers who provide it.

### Our implementation roadmap

The first 18 months of the implementation roadmap is the preparation and transition phase.

This is about laying the foundations for the future system and will include engagement with the health sector and with consumers, whānau, and communities on further design and the implementation of the reforms.

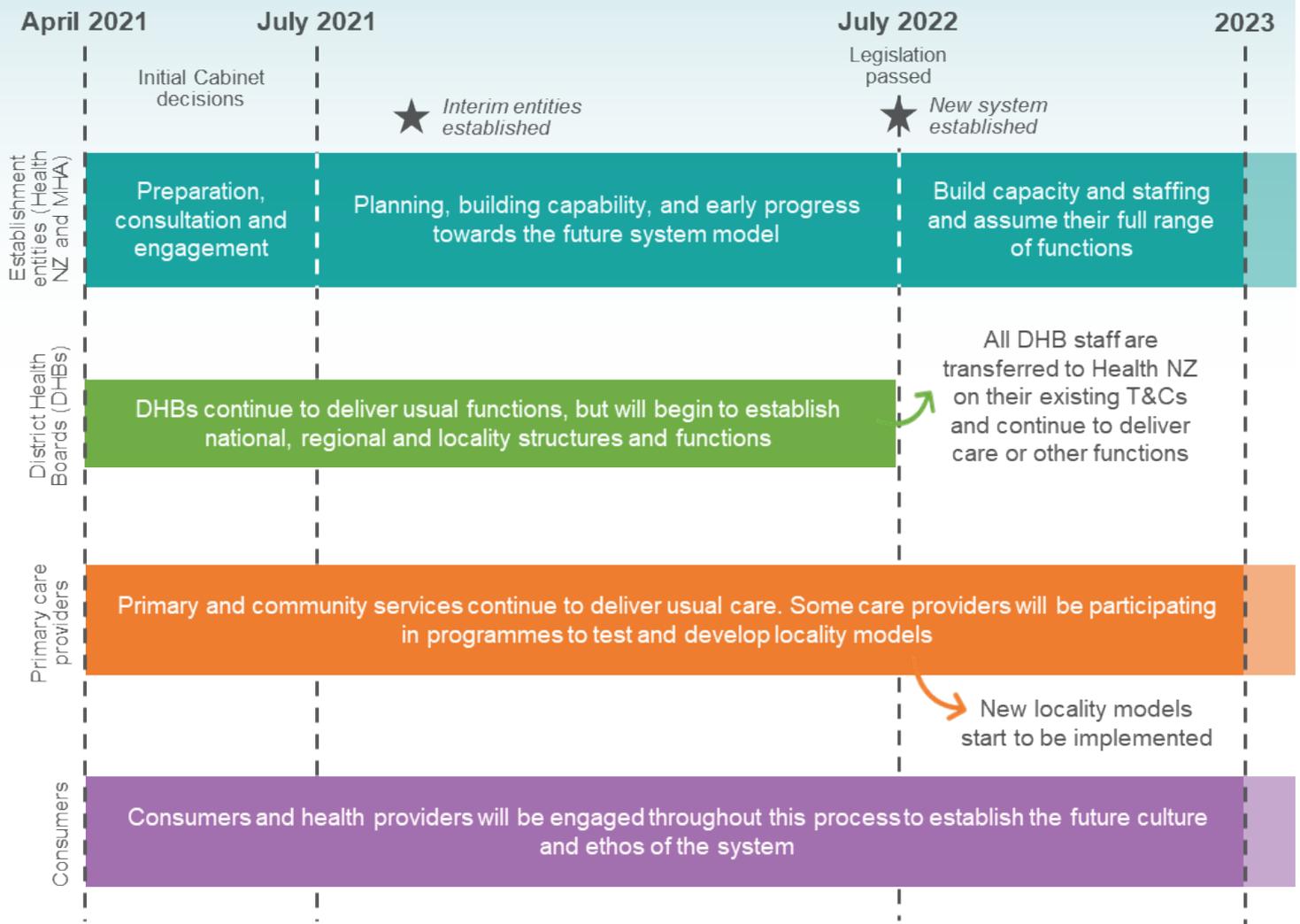
We expect that necessary legislation will be passed during this period around mid-2022.

The second phase from late 2022 onwards will be the expansion and development phase over the next two to three years which will see the new system become more established and embed and refine new ways of working.

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# Timeline



## Want to know more?

Further information about the work and progress of the health reforms is available on the DPMC website under the work of the Transition Unit: [www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-business-units/transition-unit](http://www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-business-units/transition-unit).

## Starlight Bringing Joy, Giving Hope



Our Aim is to bring joy and hope to mental health patients. We want them to know their community cares about them. We drop off welcome packs to Ward 21 and Crisis Respite in Feilding. During the Year we drop in Easter and Christmas gifts.

If you could help us with the following supplies throughout the year we would be most grateful.

- \* Toothpaste \* Shampoo \* Body Wash
- \* Tooth brushes \* Face cloths \* Combs
- \* Purse pack tissues \* Note books and pens

Items can be dropped into Supporting Families anytime and we will collect and distribute.



## Consumer Activity Programme

📍 160 Cuba Street – Entrance on Pitt Street (Beside Chinatown)



Hi everyone,

For one on one support, please phone Susan on 06 355 8561 to make an appointment, as this will ensure that you get the time and privacy that you need.

### Art

**Tuesdays 12:30pm - 2:00pm**

Starts Tuesday 15 June. We would like to welcome Samantha who will be supporting the art group.

### Paper Craft

**Thursdays 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

No Craft 8th April.

### Chat 'n' Coffee with Mio

**Thursdays 10:30am - 12:00pm**

Hello my name is Mio. Sounds like "Me-oh". I am a UCOL Student, I will be in the centre 2 days a week, I look forward to getting to know you.

**Lunch – Monday 14 June**

**12:00pm**

## Donations and Acknowledgements

We are grateful to be in a position to provide support. However in order to continue to improve and develop our service we require the ongoing support of donors. The ongoing support of your small gift each month is the most effective way to assist our valuable work. All donations are tax deductible, and there are no longer any restrictions on the amount you can claim back. We are still happy to receive donations by cheque made out to **Manawatu Supporting Families in Mental Illness**. Alternatively if you prefer internet payment, this can be set up with the following details:

**Manawatu Supporting Families in Mental Illness**

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# June Calendar 2021

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1st</b> Chat 'n' Coffee with Susan 12.30pm – 2.00pm	<b>2nd</b> Peer Support	<b>3rd</b> Chat 'n' Coffee with Mio 10.30am - 12.00pm Craft 1pm – 3.00 pm	<b>4th</b> Peer Support
<b>7th</b> Closed Queens Birthday	<b>8th</b> Chat 'n' Coffee with Susan 12.30pm – 2.00pm	<b>9th</b> Peer Support	<b>10th</b> Te Reo Class 11am Craft 1pm – 3.00 pm	<b>11th</b> Peer Support
<b>14th</b> Peer Support Lunch 12pm	<b>15th</b> Art 12.30pm – 2.00pm	<b>16th</b> Peer Support	<b>17th</b> Chat 'n' Coffee with Mio 10.30am - 12.00pm Craft 1pm – 3.00 pm	<b>18th</b> Peer Support
<b>21st</b> Peer Support	<b>22nd</b> Art 12.30pm – 2.00pm	<b>23rd</b> Peer Support	<b>24th</b> Te Reo Class 11am Craft 1pm – 3.00 pm	<b>25th</b> Peer Support
<b>28th</b> Peer Support	<b>29th</b> Art 12.30pm – 2.00pm	<b>30th</b> Peer Support	 	



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