



# News, Views & Gambling Issues

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## What's been happening with our project...

### Special Points of Interest:

- GRIP begins on Monday 19 April to Friday 23 April 2004
- The Ministry of Health's draft consultation document, "preventing and minimizing gambling harm" has been released for comment
- Gambling and Problem Gambling in New Zealand conference coming up at the Carlton Hotel, Auckland, on 13th and 14th May 2004.  
For further information, go to: [www.aut.ac.nz/news\\_and\\_information/conferences.shtml](http://www.aut.ac.nz/news_and_information/conferences.shtml)

Kia ora koutou, and welcome to the second issue of our panui 'News, views and gambling issues!'

There have been many events happen with our gambling project since our last panui.

Our Gambling Resources Information Project (GRIP) is due to start the week beginning the 19th of April. More about this later on in the panui.

We have been busy engaging with other communities within the Waikato area. We are currently working alongside the Te Kuiti community,

with the intention that a focus group will be held in this community to discuss gambling issues.

As part of working with this community, we have also recruited a research assistant from the area to facilitate the focus group.

Also, at the up and coming gambling conference to be held in Auckland in May, we will be looking to present the range of activities that our gambling project has been concentrating on during this second phase. This will be centred around the resource development activities of the

project, including GRIP.

We look forward to bringing you this information from our project at the conference.

The next panui will be due out at the end of May, so watch this space!

Ka kite ano,

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## The GRIP project - an update

As briefly mentioned, our Gambling Resources Information Project is due to commence the week beginning Monday, 19 April 2004.

GRIP is a week-long education programme that will present a range of gambling issues and information from a variety of viewpoints.

The course entails 10 sessions over the week, looking

at different topics around gambling, hence, 10 session plans have now been finalised, and the resource pack for participants is nearly complete.

We are immensely grateful to those speakers from various organizations who have agreed to participate and run workshops during the different sessions over the week, and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all.

Participants will be expected to create a community resource of their own towards the end of the course, with the intention that the best resource will be selected during the graduation ceremony to be professionally published.

We are very excited by what creative resources our participants will come up with! We'll keep you posted in the next panui.

## Other gambling news in brief

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### Ministry of Health Document

You may all be aware by now that the Ministry of Health have recently released their draft document for consultation, entitled: "Preventing and minimizing gambling harm".

The document is the Ministry's strategic plan for 2004-2010, and includes needs assessment, a proposed three year funding plan and proposed problem gambling levy rates.

The document may raise some issues of concern, one of which is the omission of the Treaty of Waitangi throughout the document.

We would encourage you all to read over the document and

comment on its content. Along with formal submissions due by Friday 30 April 2004, the Ministry will be conducting a series of consultation hui around the country during this month, although there is no such hui scheduled to be held in Hamilton.

### Gambling Venue Policies

You may be aware that the most of the local council Gambling Venue Policies have now been finalised.

Hamilton City Council had their submission hearings in late February, and Te Runanga O Kirikiriroa submitted and also spoke to our submission in support of many of the suggested policies to control

the location and growth of gambling machines in the Hamilton city area.

For an update of the new policies, including those for TAB venues, check out the Hamilton City Council website at:  
[www.hcc.govt.co.nz](http://www.hcc.govt.co.nz)

Kia ora koutou.

## Send us your news, views & issues

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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 to share with us.

So send us your news, views and issues!

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

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