

Meet the Harmonised Community Advisory Group (CAG)



Sheryl Hann

*Social Action Team-Community Investment
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Sheryl is a Lead Advisor with the Ministry of Social Development national office. She works in family violence prevention. She has worked in the family/domestic violence area for 22 years, starting at a Women's Refuge, working in policy and research at Women's Refuge national office, and then as part of the team that established New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse. She worked for seven years on the 'It's not OK' campaign.



Dr Theresa Fleming
Youth Health, School of Medicine University of Auckland

Terry (Theresa) is a senior lecturer in the Department of Paediatrics: Child and Youth Health and the Department of Psychological Medicine, University of Auckland. She has worked in the development and delivery of innovative youth health and youth mental health services. Terry is currently involved in various youth mental health projects.



Dr Mary Ann Powell
Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Children & Young People Southern Cross University

Mary Ann is a Research Fellow at the Centre for Children and Young People, Southern Cross University, NSW. Mary Ann's professional background is in child psychotherapy. Prior to developing an interest in participatory research with children, she worked therapeutically with children and families who were involved with mental health services, and who had experienced family violence, abuse, neglect and trauma. Mary Ann has also been involved in postgraduate teaching and supervision in this area.



Dr Leland Ruwhiu (CAG Chair)
Senior Consultant, Social Worker LENIC Consultancy & Associates

"Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungūnu, Ngāi Tahu ki Mohaka". Leland began his tertiary studies at Waikato University in 1979 and completed a Massey University BSW Degree in 1989 while working for the Hawkes Bay Area Health Board as a Paediatric social Worker. In 1991 Leland became a staff member in the Social Policy and Social Work programme at Massey University and completed his Doctorate in 1999, becoming the first Māori to do so in this field.



Jo Murray
Ngati Haua (Whangape) - Te Rarawa Te Orewai (Pipiwai) - Ngati Hine

Jo is currently an Independent Education Contractor involved with regional and national Kaupapa Māori Environmental & Science focused support, training & resource development with Te Aho Tū Roa & Toimata Foundation. She continues to work in seamless education 'from the cradle to the grave' relationships and partnerships with kohanga, kura, wharekura, rangatahi, kaiako, kaumatua / kuia, iwi, hāpu, marae and many other learning communities.



Tame Te Rangi
Harmonised Kaumatua Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua

Tame is a Licenced Māori Interpreter and is self-employed. His interests include marae, hapū, iwi development, second chance education, training and development, rugby, rugby league, wood chopping, land utilisation and development and whānau growth.



Darrin Haimona
Chief Executive Officer Te Hauora o Ngāti Haua Trust

Darrin (Ngati Haua) of Waikato is the former chair of Te Waka Toi, the Māori Arts Board of Creative New Zealand. He is Chief Executive of Te Hauora O Ngati Haua Trust. He has set up and run a local Iwi arts management plan, and has worked on community housing and non-violence networks. He has strong links with Māori communities in Waikato.



Lorraine Kerr (CAG Deputy Chair)
President, New Zealand School Trustees Association

Lorraine of Turangi, received the Insignia of Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to education in 2011. In 2006 Lorraine was the first Māori woman to be elected as the President of the New Zealand School Trustees Association and has been re-elected four times. Lorraine has a strong commitment to education and trusteeship, and a strong work ethic. She is passionate about the role of boards in lifting student achievement.



Georgia Knowles
Injury Prevention Specialist (Violence) ACC

Georgia works in the Violence Prevention Portfolio for ACC. Her main areas of focus are working on initiatives to prevent sexual and dating violence for young people. Before working at ACC, Georgia worked in the specialist sexual violence sector as a crisis and support worker for survivors and their whānau and as a school and community educator. Georgia has a Masters in Gender Studies.



Lucinda Okuyama (CAG Secretary)
Harmonised Project Manager (AUT)

Lucinda is a researcher, project manager, lecturer and community collaborator. Lucinda has managed various research and evaluation projects and her research involvement centers on areas of health promotion and violence prevention, particularly for young people. Lucinda currently manages the Harmonised Project.