

HORAHORA



MARAE

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To whom it may concern

RE: WOODLANDS TRUST

I had the pleasure in 2015 of meeting Dr Vicki Fowler and her husband from Woodlands Trust in Whangarei as a member of the Otangarei Maori Women's Welfare League. The Otangarei Marae and the community of Otangarei and Tikipunga and some from Auckland found the Hui invaluable.

The Problem Gambling programme has made a difference to whanau and their Gambling habits who attended the hui held in Otangarei. I approached Dr. Vicki and asked if she would host a Problem Gambling Hui in the Waikato at my Marae Horahora which was held May 14th 2016.

I come from a large extended whanau who have a history of gambling, smoking and drinking. I was so impressed with the difference it made to a large number of our whanau where some of our whanau took on the challenge of reducing their gambling, smoking and drinking habit as well.

Another Problem Gambling Hui was held at Turangawaewae Marae and my whanau from Horahora attended as they saw it as a refresher course for them and encouraged other members of the whanau who did not attend the Hui at Horahora Marae to attend the Hui at Turangawaewae Marae.

The programme delivered by Dr Vicki from the Woodlands trust is excellent and easy for our whanau to understand. It is great to see the result as I live in Whangarei and return to our Marae Monthly as a trustee. We have an alcohol free Marae and ban smoking around our premises. We look forward to Woodlands Trust hosting another Hui on our Marae with more extended whanau and previous whanau who will progress to the next step of the Problem Gambling programme of the Woodlands Trust.

I am not a gambler, smoker or alcohol drinker by choice. However I have had whanau who have indulged in drinking and smoking who have been helped by your service .

I value the programme introduced to our Maori whanau from Woodlands Trust and consider it a pleasure to provide a reference for Dr. Vicki and her staff of Woodlands Trust.

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