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ON THE COVER:
Hamilton-based Senior Clinical Psychologist Rob Ngamanu helps offenders reintegrate into the community. Read more on pages 4 and 5.

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As this is the final edition of Corrections Works for 2017, it is fitting for us to look back on the year that was.

In January the newly-built Matawhāiti residence for people held on a Public Protection Order received its first two residents.

In March, we signed the first ever Accord between a government department and the Kiingitanga.

By April the first of our mental health clinicians had begun work at four sites, with a focus on improving mental health support for offenders.

In May, in the Northern Region, Corrections and Police began alcohol and drug testing community-based offenders and defendants on bail with an abstinence condition.

The Wellington Employer Breakfast held in June was one of a series of events held to showcase our industry and training initiatives and encourage employers to hire an ex-offender.

In August the successful Rimutaka Gate to Plate event returned for its fifth year. August was also the month when I was appointed as the new Government Health and Safety Lead, to support chief executives across 35 agencies with their responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

In October we launched a new model of care pilot at three sites to better support prisoners vulnerable to self harm or suicide.

This month on 8 December, we marked the 20th anniversary of Te Tirohanga (formerly known as the Māori Focus Unit) at Hawkes Bay Regional Prison.

The year wasn’t without its challenges, but we were able to increase prison capacity to meet the growth in prisoner numbers, as well as recruit and train the additional staff required to manage that increase. We strengthened our health and safety, Office of the Inspectorate, commercial services and governance practices. Our systems are safer, our sites are more secure, yet we’ve remained flexible enough to respond to changes in offending patterns. We can be proud of what we’ve achieved in 2017.

Have a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and joyous New Year.

Ray Smith
Chief Executive
Corrections employs around 180 psychologists ranging from interns to seniors.

+ Senior Clinical Psychologist
Rob Ngamanu meets with an offender
to discuss his psychological needs.

Lightbulb moments and positive changes:

life as a Corrections psychologist

Corrections employs around 180 psychologists ranging from interns to seniors.
“Māori are significantly over-represented in the Corrections population, and even more so in the high-risk group. There’s no easy solution to this problem. I need to ensure that my practice is responsive to my clients needs. This means involving whānau, taking a multi-disciplinary approach, getting appropriate supervision and seeking feedback.”

- Senior Clinical Psychologist Rob Ngamanu

About half of our psychologists work in our seven Special Treatment Units (see sidebar), and the other half assess and treat offenders in mainstream prison units and the community, and provide risk assessments to courts and the New Zealand Parole Board.

Corrections Works met with Senior Clinical Psychologist Rob Ngamanu (Ngāti Kahungunu/Ngāti Awa) to discuss the work he does with prisoners and community-based offenders in the Waikato.

What’s a typical day for you?

I work mainly with high risk offenders who have committed sexual or violent offences; my focus is on reducing re-offending. I prepare assessment reports for the Parole Board and the courts. I sometimes appear as an expert witness in court, often about Extended Supervision Orders for particularly high-risk child or adult sex offenders. I also supervise other psychologists and allied staff.

Before they’re released, many offenders are referred to the Hamilton Psychologist’s Office from Spring Hill Corrections Facility. We help them address their psychological needs such as attitudes and beliefs, self-regulation skills, propensity for violence or sexual offending as they reintegrate back into the community.

Are you working on any special projects?

Preventing suicide is a major priority for Corrections. I’m working on a project about how we assess suicide risk in prisons as the causes of suicide are complex and prisoners are a known high-risk group. We’re looking at the efficacy of the Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS), which is an internationally recognised tool. Essentially, it’s a series of questions that help us assess suicide risk.

Custodial staff use a shorter version of the C-SSRS with all prisoners on reception to identify those with suicidal thoughts. Prisoners who appear to be at risk are then referred to medical staff who administer the full C-SSRS.

What are some of the daily challenges you face?

Motivating clients to attend appointments, working with those in denial and with low motivation for change. We work with people with complex histories and their defences arise when they feel vulnerable.

I find it helps to give them as much control over the process as possible. I engage them by being flexible about times to meet and letting them bring some of their own concerns to the session. This makes them more likely to listen. I accept that some will make small, incremental changes, or not want to change at all.

What gives you job satisfaction?

When an offender has a lightbulb moment! They recognise a particular problem and finally get it. At that point you’re most likely to see changes; they show up for appointments, are far more engaged and interested in completing their therapy work. It’s a good indicator that they’re not just doing things because they have to, and are practising the skills we talk about with their family and friends or back in their unit.

Special Treatment Units offer high-intensity offence-focused psychological interventions to very high-risk sexual and violent offenders serving prison sentences of longer than two years. STUs reduce the likelihood of reconviction on average by 12%, making them on a par with the best programmes in the world.

Part of Senior Clinical Psychologist Rob Ngamanu’s role is to supervise and mentor other psychologists like Phillip Louw (pictured).
RAW (Reclaim Another Woman) is a charitable venture set up by fashion designer Annah Stretton to work with high-risk women released from prison.

Annah and her sister Rebecca have created a venture operating in Hamilton, supported and partly funded by the department, which offers supported accommodation, education and employment opportunities, and general wrap-around support. RAW aims to introduce women to pro-social lifestyles, reduce re-offending, and create positive futures for the women and their children.

RAW reintegrates women

Director Offender Employment and Reintegration Stephen Cunningham says the RAW programme fills an important gap in the provision of residential support for women leaving prison. “We’ve had 29 women commence the programme since it began in March 2015 with an average time of 12 months’ involvement,” says Stephen.

The women who participate in RAW have said they value the support they received to help change their lives. “They particularly value being able to remove themselves from anti-social environments and being placed in pleasant and secure accommodation and encouraged into study and employment,” says RAW Chief Executive Annah Stretton.

Participants live in houses sourced from the open rental market in flatting-style situations. RAW’s main strength lies in the support provided to take up study or employment and a structured lifestyle.

To see more on how RAW has helped women live a life they love and value, go to www.raw.org.nz

Recent changes to the rules for young people visiting prisons aim to make visits safer.

Since 17 September 2017, anyone under 18 seeking to visit a prisoner has had to apply as a child visitor. This means they have guardian consent to visit and come with an approved adult visitor. Previously, Corrections Regulations set the age for child visitors at under 16.

The change has brought Corrections into line with the age applied to children by the Ministry for Vulnerable Children Oranga Tamariki.

Chief Custodial Officer Neil Beales says Corrections has taken a practical approach to implementing the new rules. Prison directors can decide individually whether 16 and 17 year olds who were approved adult visitors still had to have someone with them during visits until they turn 18.

“We wrote to all those individuals affected by the rule change and the implementation has gone smoothly so far. That shows that the rule is working the way it’s intended, to support positive connections between prisoners and their loved ones,” says Neil.

“The new rules are all about making sure we understand the relationship between visitors and prisoners and can make informed decisions about safeguarding young visitors.”

Since Corrections began gathering approvals for child visitors last year more than 11,328* have applied. Of those 9,815 have been approved to visit. A further 476 have been declined. ■

*as at 30 November
Addressing the imbalance for women

Since 2015, Corrections has been developing and beginning to implement a Women’s Strategy to improve outcomes for women on sentence in New Zealand. This article answers the question: Why do women need their own strategy? It highlights that gender shapes women’s experiences, opportunities and expectations about their roles in society – and it’s no different for the women in our prisons. We know, for example, that women in prison are more likely to have a diagnosed mental health problem than their male counterparts, and are more likely to have a co-morbid mental health and substance disorder across their lifetime.

Research also shows that women often have different communication styles and interpersonal skills than men, being more likely to communicate openly with staff. Offending by women is on the rise worldwide, and Corrections recognises that female prisoners’ different life circumstances need to be accounted for to successfully manage them and enhance their opportunities to create offence free lives.

Suicide screening validation

Suicide is the leading cause of preventable death in correctional facilities worldwide. Although there was only one suicide in a New Zealand prison in the 2016/17 year, even one is too many and preventing suicide remains a priority for Corrections.

Since 2015 we have been using the Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) in our prisons. The C-SSRS is a series of questions that overtly ask prisoners about suicide thoughts and behaviours. All prisoners are asked the questions at reception, and the scale has been found to be very accurate in identifying risk.

Earlier this year, Corrections trialled the C-SSRS in the community to ensure it was effective with community-based offenders. The trial was successful and the C-SSRS is being rolled out to Community Corrections sites across the country.

Transforming care for at risk prisoners

Corrections is transforming the way we manage prisoners who are at risk of self-harm and suicide. We’re developing a new model of care where the level of support given is matched to an offender’s particular needs. A range of options, such as intensive care within a specialist Intervention and Support Unit (ISU) or an Integrated Intervention and Support Plan (IISP) for prisoners maintained in the wider prison environment, will be considered as part of the model. The model of care will also involve setting up multi-disciplinary teams and placing greater emphasis on follow-up care.

Overseas correctional jurisdictions, such as Australia and Canada, have already developed graduated responses to managing at-risk prisoners. These are a mix of prescribed actions and frameworks to support staff to use their professional judgement to keep prisoners safe.

Full articles and more research are available in Practice: the New Zealand Corrections Journal in the Resources section on our website www.corrections.govt.nz
In his opening words to this year’s Annual Report (1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017), Chief Executive Ray Smith sets out the importance of the communities we come from, and how the work we do at Corrections makes these communities better and safer places to be.

As with any Annual Report, this year is a chance to look back at the successes and challenges over the last 12 months. In 2016/17 the most notable challenge – and success – has been the way we have responded to the unprecedented growth in prisoner numbers. Managing a prison population of over 10,200 (as at 30 June 2017) has been a test of ability and agility as we rapidly expanded to accommodate more offenders. This included increasing our overall capability, recruiting new staff and developing our people to be able to manage and better support the offenders in our care.

Of particular note is what we have accomplished while managing the increase in prisoner numbers:
> employed over 1,000 new frontline staff to ensure we can safely and securely manage the offender population
> reduced re-offending, especially among those leaving prison after a longer sentence
> there were no escapes from prison
> serious prisoner on prisoner assaults have gone down
> set out our plans to improve outcomes for Māori offenders, made a $21 million investment in better mental health outcomes, and increased support for women offenders, youth and those in gangs
> 91% of people in prison are engaged in industry, treatment, learning or other constructive activities.

The Annual Report 2016/17 is now available online at www.corrections.govt.nz.
2016/17 was a busy and productive year, as these numbers show ...

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Brian teaches beekeeping skills twice a week to six women at Auckland Region Women’s Corrections Facility and once a week to four men at Auckland Prison. The Howard League provide sponsorship of $300 per student. Brian’s passion for the task resulted in all his students passing their Level 3 Apiculture Certificate from Lincoln University, with their achievements being honoured at graduation ceremonies in November.

“I’m teaching people a skill, and learning can be an enjoyable experience,” says Brian. “It’s about giving them an employment opportunity, but at the very least they have learnt about bees.”

Students learn practical skills such as finding queens, dividing hives, inspecting for brood diseases, and gaining a good understanding of New Zealand’s beekeeping industry. Brian has 40 years’ beekeeping experience. He sold his business four years ago, but still has 100 hives.

“Tony Gibbs [Howard League President] persuaded me to give volunteering a go,” says Brian. “I’d never thought about doing something like this. Help from Corrections has been tremendous, and it has been one of the most rewarding things I’ve done.”

Brian says the women especially have a real excitement when they’re working with the bees, and for some, it gives them a sense of freedom.

Tony says, “Brian is a wonderful humanitarian; he gives freely of his time and effort to help vulnerable people. His practical courses in beekeeping are changing lives.”

### Calm waters at SPRING HILL

A new Corrections volunteer is on her first assignment teaching anger management skills at Spring Hill Corrections Facility.

Pat Reble previously worked as a prison officer at Casuarina Prison in Perth WA, delivering violent offender treatment programmes.

Now retired in NZ, Pat wanted to use the skills she had learnt and signed up as a volunteer.

“We’re very lucky to have Pat,” says Regional Volunteer Co-ordinator Kelly Tangaroa. “She’s been a secondary school teacher, run a life coaching business, and is qualified to deliver suicide prevention courses.”

Pat has up to eight men attend her anger management workshop for two hours every Tuesday morning.

“I really wanted to continue teaching in the prison environment,” Pat says. “Working with the men is very rewarding. They’re learning to identify triggers at an early stage, and hopefully transferable skills for life and their families.”

Kelly says, “The men want to make better choices. They’re enthusiastic about learning new skills and actively participate in the workshops.”

### A buzz about bees

“Caring for bees is almost like having a pet, you’re ultimately responsible for them,” says Howard League volunteer Brian Alexander.
It’s been an eye opening first month for me as Corrections Minister, but the one thing that has really come through is the quality and commitment of staff.

I asked for the Corrections portfolio and it’s one I’m invested in. I’ve long been a believer New Zealand should not have such high rates of imprisonment and I know there is a real opportunity to make positive change.

As you know there are wider social factors leading to offending, but these people too often end up at Corrections’ door. Corrections staff don’t have easy jobs dealing with prisoners who have often been conditioned by bad experiences and made poor decisions.

On my visits so far to Auckland Prison, Auckland South Corrections Facility, Auckland Regional Women’s Corrections Facility and Waikeria Prison, I have been impressed with the professionalism of staff in what can sometimes be very difficult situations, and how much they care about their work and the positive impacts they can have on people’s lives.

As Minister of Corrections I want to reduce the prison muster by 30% in the next 15 years. To be successful we will need to tackle the causes of offending – from mental health, to drug and alcohol abuse, education, housing and poverty.

This isn’t something any one government department, organisation or politician can do on their own. It will require a collaborative approach. Corrections staff, the many volunteers in prisons, and the organisations we work with, all have a role to play.

I am proud to be the Minister of Corrections and look forward to working with staff, non-government and Māori organisations, and communities in the months and years ahead to make a difference for all New Zealanders.

Hon. Kelvin Davis
MINISTER OF CORRECTIONS

NEW METHAMPHETAMINE PROGRAMMES

Corrections has secured $2.1 million from the Proceeds of Crime fund to pilot four new interventions aimed at understanding and treating meth use amongst prisoners. Since 18 September new meth programmes are being offered at a number of prison sites across the country.

Commonly called ‘P’, ‘meth’, or ‘ice’ methamphetamine is a powerful stimulant, with effects more potent than other illegal substances such as ecstasy and cocaine.

Four Odyssey House staff started working full-time at Mt Eden Corrections Facility delivering the new meth interventions for over 2,000 remandees (prisoners awaiting trial or sentencing), as they are known to have a high prevalence of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) use but limited access to interventions. “This programme provides a proactive and early intervention for those not actively seeking help for substance use,” says Director Programmes and Interventions Juanita Ryan.

Other meth programmes, also delivered by Odyssey House staff, are held at Spring Hill Corrections Facility (SHCF), Auckland and Christchurch men’s prisons, and use a harm reduction model to promote healthy lifestyle and drug free choices. Over the next 21 months more than 400 offenders will participate.

SHCF is also piloting an integrated programme with a strong well-being focus, addressing the prevalence of mental health presentations in participants who have meth and AOD problems.

“We’re strengthening our current alcohol and drug programmes and responding to changing drug use patterns and associated harms. These interventions are all designed to improve our response to meth use, reduce treatment barriers, enhance well-being, and increase treatment options,” says Juanita.
COMMUNITY-BASED OFFENDERS BOWL THEM OVER!

Under the watchful eye of Community Work Supervisor Pramesh Ram, offenders serving community work sentences have been assisting the New Lynn Bowling Club in Auckland with grounds maintenance, helping the club to save money for vital renovation work.

“Some offenders have skills in construction and horticulture, which have come in handy,” says Pramesh.

Bowling Club Vice-President Mark Cavanagh says the help from the groups of up to 10 offenders has been excellent.

“They’ve been landscaping, weeding, removing skip-loads of rubbish and laying a concrete walkway. The biggest impact they made was with the clubhouse floors,” says Mark.

“When the wooden floors were removed, the builders discovered a second thick concrete floor at the bottom that had been there for over 50 years. After the concrete was crushed, the offenders helped remove it saving the club a lot of money.”

Club members were so appreciative of the work done, they wrote a special thank you letter to Corrections. Offenders were praised for their strict work ethic, arriving 10 minutes early for jobs and always getting the work done.

‘JUST COOK’ PROMOTES HEALTHY FOOD

A sports nutrition programme delivered by the New Zealand Nutrition Foundation at Auckland Prison is teaching prisoners how to lead healthier lives when they return to their families and communities.

“This pilot programme gives the men hands-on experience to feed the whānau in a healthy way,” says Principal Adviser Rehabilitation and Learning Kellie Paul.

Participants learn about health, nutrition and well-being, budgeting and meal planning. External speakers came in to talk to the men about issues concerning men’s health in particular.

“The eight-week ‘Tika Tunu’ or ‘Just Cook’ programme focuses on preparing affordable, healthy meals from real ingredients, as well as building functional and financial literacy skills,” says Nutritionist Anna Mrkusic.

“Sports nutrition is highlighted as the majority of course participants are interested in fitness, play in the prison’s rugby league team, or want to pursue a career as personal trainer upon their release.”

One participant said before starting the course he had no knowledge of cooking.

“The highlight has been learning about vegetables and flavours, and being able to take the skills that I’ve learnt home to cook for my children and let them cook with me,” he says.

Another participant, who plays rugby league, hoped to use his knowledge to pursue personal training on release.

“I like how colourful and tasty the vegetables are. I never liked veges and now I’m enjoying them.”

Prisoners at Auckland Prison participate in the ‘Tika Tunu’ pilot.

Offenders get busy at New Lynn Bowling Club as part of their community work sentence.
PROTECTING OUR TAMARIKI

Equipping those on community work sentences with the skills to look out for children in their whānau and wider community has seen Child Matters’ National Manager Amanda Meynell presented with a Community Partnership Award from Corrections.

Child Matters’ Protecting our Tamariki sessions are provided as part of the work and living skills programme. Participants receive information about child abuse and neglect, including the role of Oranga Tamariki, and address common misconceptions about social workers.

“Feedback showed significant attitudinal changes and an increase in knowledge regarding child protection issues,” says Amanda.

Waikato District Manager Rowan Balloch says, “We were told how valuable the session had been and how they would share what they’d learnt with whānau and friends. Some said they now had tools on how to keep their children safe, ways of identifying concerns, and clear guidelines for recording and reporting concerns.”

Programmes like Protecting our Tamariki aim to have a positive effect on offenders’ lives and play an integral part in helping to achieve our goal of reducing re-offending. They teach valuable life skills that they may not have had the opportunity to learn and provide a positive foundation for a new start.

TONGARIRO SUPPORT WHIO CRÈCHE

Tongariro prisoners have been helping the Department of Conservation (DOC) with resources for their breeding programme for whio ducks.

“DOC needed catch bags and pet carriers before the start of the whio season and we were delighted to help make these. We already work with DOC, building predator traps and growing native plants, but this was something new,” says Assistant Prison Director Scott Walker.

DOC’s whio ‘crèche’ is part of the Tongariro National Trout Centre. Workers at the crèche use the catch bags when handling the birds during health checks; the dark space created by the catch bag reduces the stress of being handled. The carriers are also used to transport young birds to their release site after their stay at the crèche.

It’s estimated there’s only 3,000 whio left in the wild due to predation and loss of habitat. The DOC captive breeding programme, operating alongside rivers with large scale pest control, is helping to conserve and increase the wild population.
LONG-TERM COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP RECOGNISED

Corrections has recognised 25 successful years of working with Palmerston North City Council with a Community Partnership Award. The award recognises our ongoing collaboration with the Council on projects that benefit the local community. Projects have involved community-based offenders and supervised prison work parties.

Wairarapa-Manawatu District Manager Hati Kaiwai says the award is well-deserved. “The Council has provided meaningful projects that enable the people we manage to contribute to the community as well as gain skills, experience and knowledge they can share with their families. "Offenders on community work sentences have been involved in some notable projects including the Esplanade Miniature Railway project, graffiti removal, constructing BMX tracks, the community garden and maintaining local walking tracks.”

Community partnership awards are a way for Corrections to acknowledge individuals or organisations with an outstanding commitment to providing meaningful, challenging projects.

BUILDING FUTURES BY BUILDING A HOUSE

In a first for Rimutaka Prison, a group of prisoners has built a three bedroom house as part of their construction programme. Eight men graduated from the Level 3 New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Allied Trades and Carpentry) on 8 November. The 34-week programme is delivered in the prison by WelTec.

“Building a house has been a terrific opportunity for the men to develop their core skills from the Level 2 programme,” says Rimutaka Prison Director Viv Whelan.

At about 113sqm, the weatherboard house is double glazed and insulated. Electrical and plumbing work were completed by WelTec.

“The training the men have received fits with what the construction industry needs – people with practical skills, hands-on experience of using tools and machinery, experience of health and safety procedures, and team work,” says Viv.

“The men have built more than a house; they’ve built a future for themselves. We’ve had a partnership with WelTec to deliver trade training programmes on site for nearly 10 years. Participating in quality education and gaining trade skills can reduce the likelihood of re-offending.”

The house will go over the wire early in the New Year, and another will be built as part of the Level 3 training course in March 2018.
EDUCATION CHANGES PRISONER’S LIFE

Sam*, a long-serving prisoner at Christchurch Men’s Prison, has discovered a passion for learning that has changed his life and given him a plan for a crime-free future.

Research shows around 65% of prisoners lack the literacy and numeracy skills for modern life so education classes are a key means of reducing re-offending by helping offenders develop skills for employment.

“A large proportion of prisoners have fallen out of the education system or have struggled to learn,” says Assistant Prison Director Industry Rehabilitation and Learning Pablo Godoy. “This often creates a self belief that they’re stupid or can’t achieve educationally.

“Through education programmes, we’re building confidence and skills for life on the outside and opening up opportunities for people’s futures both within and outside prison.”

Sam is one of the 94 men in Canterbury prisons doing a New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Studies (NZCFS). This study can result in a NZCFS Level 1 Certificate or Level 2 qualification.

“It felt good to begin my study,” Sam says. “I’ve wasted thousands of hours in prison. As I’ve gotten older I find I can no longer be content watching my life leak away while being of no benefit to myself, my daughter or my grandchildren.”

Tutor support made a big difference for Sam’s learning. “I found my tutor willing to offer both assistance and encouragement in a life where I’ve experienced very little of either, that helped me successfully navigate the course.”

*Not his real name.

TOMATO PLANT DONATIONS HELP OUT

Rolleston prisoners are growing over 5,000 tomato plants for City Housing tenants. The tomato plants are an annual project at the prison and are grown from seed to plant ready for home gardens. Plants take eight to ten weeks from germination until they are ready to be collected.

“This project gives the men an opportunity to give something back and provides people in the community the means to grow healthy food for themselves and their family,” says Rolleston Prison Director Mike Howson.

“Many of the prisoners know what it’s like to struggle financially and they enjoy helping the community, especially around Christmas. Seeing the plants leave the prison for a person’s garden means a great deal to the men.”

More than 40,000 tomato plants have been cultivated for City Housing tenants since the Tomatoes for Tenants Project began in 2008, and delivery is highly anticipated.
Making Christmas brighter for those in need

The goodwill and compassion of our team at Corrections comes to the fore at Christmas every year and 2017 is no exception. From across the country, people have been contributing their time and talent to make Christmas a little bit brighter for those in need.

At Rolleston Prison, the men grow food all year for the Christchurch City Mission, and make a special effort with vegetables and strawberries for the Christmas meal.

It was tutus and arabesques at the annual Inside Out Concert at Arohata Women’s Prison this year (7-8 December). The Royal New Zealand Ballet generously donated their time to help the women in prison learn the moves for their first ever ballet performance.

At Manawatu Prison, Santa and his elves helped make the Visit Centre’s Prisoners Kids Christmas Party on 9 December a great success.

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