



Matapaki

November 2018

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the November issue of Matapaki.

This year ABI was visited by six surveyors, five in Auckland and one in Wellington, over a three day period. The team was headed by Dr Debra Braunling-McMorrow from Massachusetts (Learning Services). Debra had surveyed ABI before, being mostly based in Wellington on that occasion. Her team, all experts in their fields and very experienced CARF surveyors, were; Dr Greg Smith from Oregon (Progressive Rehabilitation), Cindy Barrus from Michigan (Spectrum Health), Dr Victoria Harding from Virginia (NeuroRestorative), Dr Cynthia Boyer from Pennsylvania (Remed) and Karen Crichton from Toronto (LifeMark Health).

The team were welcomed to ABI with a mihi whakatau. Thanks Ben, Helena and Julia for your leads in the waiata. The CARF team responded with a waiata of their own – a song with meaning to them about unity. This was well received!

As always the three days went so fast. Before we knew it we were back in the meeting rooms to receive the feedback of their findings. Before commenting to that there are a few mentions that are needed. Achieving CARF certification is a team effort!

As shared at the mihi whakawehenga;

Ehara taku toa

My achievements

I te toa takitahi

Are not of mine alone

Ēngari he toa takitini

But of the many

Kotahi te kaupapa

One mission

Ko te whakaoranga wairoro whara

Brain Injury Rehabilitation

Kotahi te Waka

We are all in this together

Special mentions however to Stephanie and Boni for their organising, planning and keeping us on track. Thanks to all the standard champions and those that worked with them. Thanks to Nolette and her team in Wellington for managing to prepare for this in the middle of a site move! Thanks to all the staff who have contributing knowingly or not – your document, rehab plans, protocols, reports, outcome measure, meeting minutes were all reviewed during this survey.

There were naturally some recommendations highlighted. These will be included in their report allowing us to start working on them in the new year. There were also many positives reported on. To mention a few;

Dr Robin with regard to her the level of her involvement and knowledge.

Ngawai who despite not being there left a big impression (in fact the lead surveyor Deb had just received a written publication from Ngawai for the journal she is editor).

The BINS team and the service they provide.

The psychologist team for their management/approach to challenging behaviour.

The vision and leadership shown by Max. The growth and development of the service of the past 20 years.

Although these were some of the areas they mentioned as strengths, the real strength in ABI comes from the shared kaupapa, the passion of the staff and the drive for continuous improvement. We will not learn of the final outcome for about 4 weeks but the feedback we received was excellent and you should all be very proud.

Thank you – time to start preparing for CARF 2021!

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Waharoa (gateway) opening



Lead Carver Grant Wilson/Taniwha-tales



Kaitiaki
The guardian

Holding the world. We have the world at our feet and the possibilities are endless.



Matakite
Insight, third eye

Attainment of the different levels of spirituality, knowledge and insight.



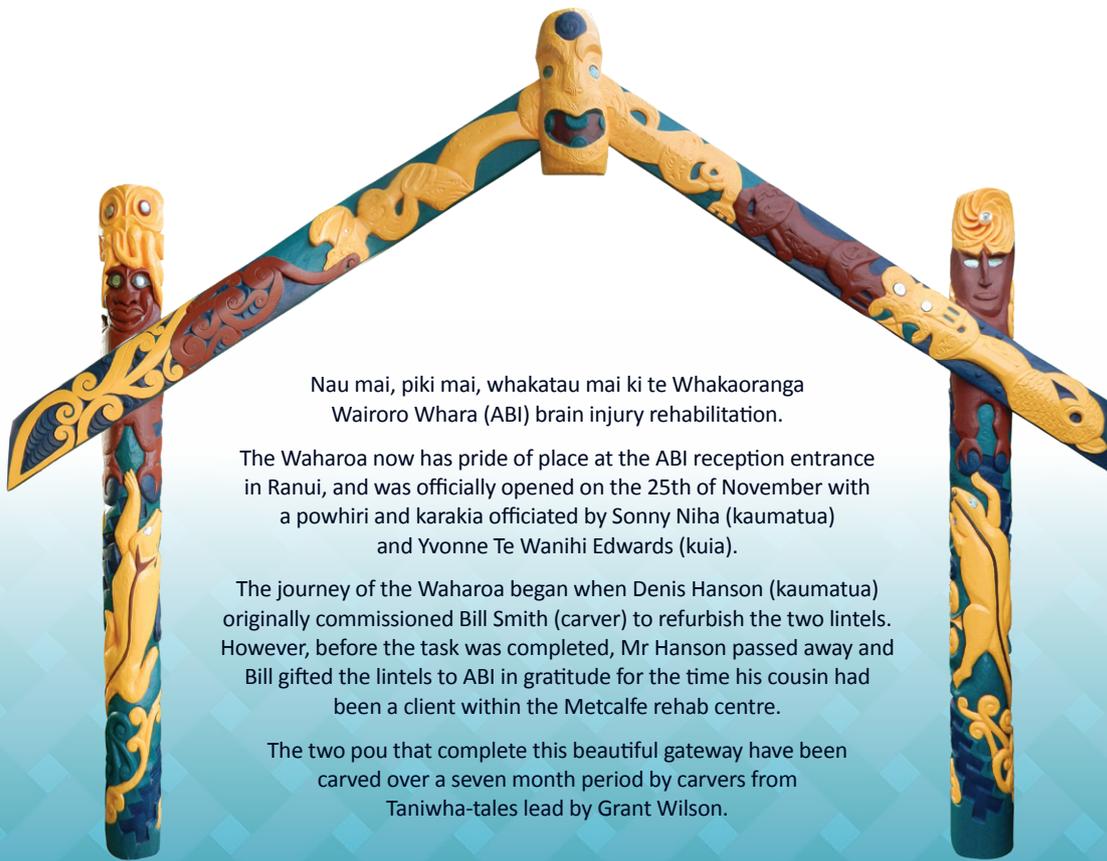
Tuatara
The ancient one

Represents pathway into the spirit world, wisdom, strength, knowledge and wellbeing.



Wheke
Octopus

Octopus and his 9 brains.



Nau mai, piki mai, whakatau mai ki te Whakaoranga Wairoro Whara (ABI) brain injury rehabilitation.

The Waharoa now has pride of place at the ABI reception entrance in Ranui, and was officially opened on the 25th of November with a powhiri and karakia officiated by Sonny Niha (kaumatua) and Yvonne Te Wanihi Edwards (kuia).

The journey of the Waharoa began when Denis Hanson (kaumatua) originally commissioned Bill Smith (carver) to refurbish the two lintels. However, before the task was completed, Mr Hanson passed away and Bill gifted the lintels to ABI in gratitude for the time his cousin had been a client within the Metcalfe rehab centre.

The two pou that complete this beautiful gateway have been carved over a seven month period by carvers from Taniwha-ales lead by Grant Wilson.



Max Cavit leads the ABI team forward during the powhiri.



Grant gives a kōrero introducing the different whakairo (carvings) on the waharoa.



Tony Young is greeted by Sonny Niha (kaumatua).



Ngaru
Waves

The expanse of the struggle ahead, the waves of emotion with highs and lows. Te Kuaka (the Godwit), a bird that overcomes obstacles in its long migration journeys to reach its destination.



Koru
New life, growth, strength

Koru the meeting and the unfolding of a relationship, building trust, empathy, understanding and quality of the recovery journey.



Timatanga
Beginning of a relationship

At the base of the Waharoa in blue represents the beginning of the journey, our first contact, the journey starts.



Te Waka Oranga
Canoe

He waka eke noa (we are all in this together). Paddling together, health workers and whānau, side by side on the rehabilitation journey towards recovery.

Festival of lights Diwali

Diwali is a week's event, and different types of Hindus around the world have different ways to celebrate them, the preparation gets underway from a month, when families start to clean up homes, get to be vegetarian for days, and save up money for buying new clothes for the family, it's all about preparing way ahead and making lots of sweets to share with family and friends

It's like a new year for the Indians around the world, there are five days of celebration, worshipping different gods .

Diwali also commemorates the return of Lord Rama (along with Ma Sita and Lakshman) from his 14-year-long exile and vanquishing the demon-king Ravana. In joyous celebration of the return of their king, the people of Ayodhya, the capital of Rama, illuminated the kingdom with earthen diyas (oil lamps) and set off firecrackers.

Diwali was celebrated at ABI with a small lunch and sweets. It was a great team bonding event and chance to learn about a new culture and different cuisine.

A HUGE thank you to Shomal and her team, Amba, Nirmala, Raj and Swadhni for such an awesome Diwali lunch!



Rangoli is an art form, in which patterns are created on the floor or the ground using materials such as colored rice, dry flour, colored sand or flower petals. It is usually made during Diwali. The purpose of rangoli is decoration, and it is thought to bring good luck.



Staff were treated to beautiful food and sweets.



Diya lit in water with rose petals.

Shomal and Amba dressed in their traditional clothes for the day to celebrate Diwali with their team at work.



Career Force



Lina Faamuumu, Jane Dimarucut, Milcah Saldana and Mark Leyland

ABI Rehabilitation supports staff to complete NZQA qualifications through Careerforce. Staff are involved in gaining qualifications from level 2 to level 4. These qualifications are completed through an earn-as-you learn training model and culminate in gaining a recognised national qualification.

ABI celebrates with trainees when they have achieved their qualification, knowing they have committed time to improving their own skill and knowledge, which ultimately contributes to greater health and wellbeing outcomes for our clients.

We recently held a graduation ceremony and want to congratulate six ABI staff members: Jane Dimarucut, Mark Leyland, Milcah Saldana, Lina Faamuumu, Jenny Subburaj and Jan Kemp-Upton, who have completed the new level 4 Certificate in Health and Wellbeing in Brain Injury Support. These individuals are the first at ABI Rehabilitation to complete the new Careerforce Certificate, which covers modules in Brain Injury Rehabilitation as well as general health care and professional practice modules.

There is a huge workload to complete this certificate with written and practical assessments over one to two years. These graduates had to work really hard in their own time to get through and achieve this, so it is an amazing result. Well done again to those who have finished their certificate!!