

Board Member Richard Northey's Report to 16 April 2019 Waitemata Local Board Meeting

Events Portfolio Activities

21 March Official Launch of the Helen Clark Foundation.

Events Applied for or Occurring During This Period

16 March Filming a TV Commercial for BNZ in O'Connell Street.

20, 21 and 24 March Filming of TV programme Power Rangers in Mahuhu Crescent, Mahuhu Ki e Rangi Reserve, and Tapora Crescent.

22 March La Longue Table Orange du Chef dinner and drinks for 100 people in Upper Vulcan Lane. This event has now been postponed indefinitely.

22 March Filming for Feature Film "Take Home Pay" in Victoria Park. Apparently, Grafton Cricket are okay with it.

23 March Rose wine tasting and lifestyle all day event in Albert Park.

23 March Garmin Active Kids Boot Camp activities in the passive area of Western Park.

23-24 March Pasifika Festival, Western Springs Lakeside Park, Western Springs Stadium Fields, Bullock Track and Stadium Road. This was cancelled in the light of the mosque attacks.

24 March Rainbow Youth musical celebration of their 30th Birthday in Western Springs Park.

24 March Filming for TV Programme Power Rangers on Faraday Street and Wall Street off St. Georges Bay Road.

24, 26 and 27 March Filming of the NZ Comedy Feature Film "Take Home Pay" in Lower Hobson Street, High Street, Freyberg Place, Fort Lane, Jean Batten Place, Silo Park, North Wharf, Wynyard Quarter, Westhaven Boardwalk; Federal Street, Wyndham Street, Te Wero, Karana Plaza, Takutai Square, Wakefield Street, Queen Street, Canada Street, Galway Street, Gore Street and Te Ara e Whiti - The Lightpath.

26 March Rebel Sports Mailer Photoshoot, "To be disturbed in New Zealand" in the Auckland Domain

26 March Filming of NZ Feature Film "Baby Done" in Fort Street, Emily Place, Crummer Road and Ariki Street.

28 March Filming TV Programme The Block Challenge by drones over Western Park and Western Springs Lakeside Park.

28 March Same Same But Different Film Festival at the Civic Theatre and on the adjoining footpath in Queen Street.

28-31 March Under 17 Football Tournament in the Seddon Fields. This has been cancelled.

29 March Filming of a TV Commercial for Trelegy bicycles for the US Market in Western Springs Lakeside Park. This filming was cancelled.

30 March Motor Scooter Picnic to train riders and promote motor scooter safety organised by Auckland Transport, held in Point Erin Reserve.

31 March Filming of a Tuk Tuk scene for the feature film "Baby Done" on North Wharf.

1 and 2 April Filming for TV Programme Power Rangers in Mahuhu Crescent.

2 April Filming for New Zealand feature film "Baby Done" in the Lower Domain Drive, Auckland Domain.

4 April Photoshoot and filming for Easter themed Rebel Sport TV Commercial in Western Springs Lakeside Park.

5 April Premiere of the New Zealand documentary, Soldiers Without Guns, for the red carpet and crowds on the footpath outside the Civic Theatre.

5 April Photoshoot promotion for Subaru in the Auckland Domain - Lovers Lane and carpark, band rotunda, The Crescent, Football Road and Museum Circuit.

6 April Swim the Bridge based at Curran Street and Park.

6 April Ponsonby Market Day in Ponsonby Road and the eastern end of Jervois Road.

7 April Cure Kids PureGo sponsored fundraising walk on Tamaki Drive, Quay Street, Beach Road, Customs Street, Fanshawe Street and Victoria Park.

7 April Unite's Mercy Hospice Fundraising Walk in the Domain with associated road closures.

7 April Chapman Tripp staff office picnic in Point Erin Park.

7 April Plunket Buggy Fundraising Fun Run on Western Springs Lakeside Park. Annalee has advised the Western Springs Buggy Run was postponed until the 5th of May 2019 out of respect for our Muslim and wider communities in Christchurch as Plunket did not want to hold fund-raisers during this time.

7 April Filming of Power Rangers TV Programme in St. Paul Street, Chancery Street, O'Connell Street, Bacons Lane and Courthouse Lane

7-14 April Filming of feature film "Ablaze" in Mahuhu Crescent and Te Taou Crescent and in Western Springs Lakeside Park.

9 April Central West Cluster of Schools Tag Rugby Tournament at Cox's Bay Reserve.

9-11 April Filming of corporate documentary promotion for ARA Security on Lighter Quay Walkway, Halsey Street; Albert Park and Bowen Ave; and Fred Ambler Lookout.

10 April UNITEC Autumn Graduation Procession from Albert Park, Princes Street to Aotea Square. This was cancelled in the light of the Christchurch massacre.

10 April Filming of Short Film "We Love Trees" with Hinemoa Elder in Lovers Lane, Domain Drive and The Crescent in the Auckland Domain.

10-30 April ANZAC Memorial Field of 171 white crosses set out below the Cenotaph in the Domain.

12 April Huawei Launch of their P30 phone product Federal Street Music Festival with closure of the shared space block of Federal Street.

13 April Vertical Pursuit Pole Vaulting Exhibition Event in Federal Street.

14 April Auckland Half Marathon on Tamaki Drive.

15 April Photoshoot for promotion of Biz Corporates Catalogue in Kitchener Street and Te Ha o Hine Place.

15 April Photoshoot for Icebreaker Clothes at Silo Park

16-22 April Water World Inflatable Waterpark on Judges Bay.

18-26 April Anzac 19: Bledisloe Lane poppies decorations made from waste materials to commemorate Anzac 2019 in Bledisloe Lane.

19 April Stations of the Cross Catholic Church Walk from Albert Park through Princes Street, Old Government House grounds, Symonds Street, Alfred Street, Wellesley Street, Kitchener Street Lorne Street, Rutland Street, Aotea Square, Queen Street, Darby Street, Elliot Street, Victoria Street, Federal Street, and Wyndham Street to St. Patrick's Cathedral.

25 April Grey Lynn RSC march and service with approval of \$4650 funding from the Waitemata Local Board. The march has been cancelled in light of the high security situation.

25 April ANZAC Day Commemoration Events, Dawn and Civic services, with road closures in Auckland Domain.

25 April Newmarket Anzac Day Parade from Teed St, through Osborne Street and Broadway to Olympic Park. This has been cancelled as a result of the High Security situation.

29 April and 1 and 3 May Auckland University graduation processions from Princes Waitematā, through Bowen, Victoria and Queen Streets to Aotea Square. This is being reviewed in the light of the High Security situation.

30 April Gucci's in store and on Queen Street footpath launch cocktail party event for their customers, 48 Queen Street.

4 May J Day in Albert Park, music and workshops.

4 May Laura, Sam and Toni's Boot camp organised by The Hits Station Breakfast Show, held in the passive area of Victoria Park.

4 May Private Bright Nights music and performance event at Te Wero.

5 May Dutch War Memorial Service, Dove-Myer Robinson Park.

5 May Plunket Society Buggy Fun Run Fundraiser in Western Springs Reserve near the quarry and the Zoo.

8-12 May Public Bright Nights music and performance events on Eastern Viaduct marina, Market Square, Waitematā Plaza, and Te Wero. I am concerned that there is no transport plan and no additional public transport to be provided when about 50,000 people are expected there. I have been assured there will not be high noise levels.

10 May F-45 Track Boot Camp in Albert Park.

12 May Annual Run Auckland Series in Western Springs Lakeside Park.

12 May Why Women Run 5 and 10 km Run on Grandstand Road South in the Domain.

19 May, 9 June, 7 July, 11 August and 15 Sept Sri Chinmoy "Self-Transcendence" Auckland Series runs in the Domain.

29 May to 19 June Auckland Festival of Photography light box Installations on Te Wero Island and in Freyberg Place / Ellen Melville Centre.

22 June to 14 July Busting Moves - the emerging Māori Design Movement for Tāmaki Makaurau- Lightbox Installations of Māori designers and their works in Freyberg Place.

30 June to 1 August Winter Festival Static Art installation in Lumsden Green.

5, 12, 19 and 26 July Light Installations and performances at Heard Park as part of ATEED's Winter Festival Event-Elements of Parnell occurring throughout July.

12 July Te Korakora, SkyCity's Matariki Festival with Māori performers, music and food stalls in Federal Street from Victoria Street to Wellesley Street.

25-28 July ATEED Winter Festival with elements including interactive light pieces, performing groups and food stalls in Albert Park. I raised concerns about noise levels arising from nearby residents' negative experiences of the Laneways Festival.

5 Oct F45 Boot Camp in Albert Park.

6 Oct Pink Ribbon Ride, annual motorcycle charity ride to raise funds for breast cancer from the Mt Wellington Netball centre to Western Springs Stadium.

17 Nov Parnell Festival of Roses in Dove Myer Robinson Reserve.

23 Nov Grey Lynn Festival, Grey Lynn Park – I raised concerns about inadequate waste management.

Arts and Culture Portfolio

14 March Opening Night of Stephen Sinclair's Play "The Bach".

15 March Enjoyed the Backbone Circus courtesy of the Auckland Arts Festival.

16 March Went to the Artists in Eden event with Peter Haynes, artists creating art works on the Essex Reserve; with Robyn to the Arts Festival musical from Africa, A Man of Good Hope; and, courtesy of the Auckland Arts Festival to Toku Reo Waiata, a festival of songs in Te Reo.

17 March Watched the opening performance of the New Zealand play "Astroman" courtesy of the Auckland Theatre Company.

21 March Auckland Art Gallery Members' Tour of the Melanie Roger, Mokopopaki, Starkwhite and Tim Melville Galleries and their current exhibitions: Henrietta Harris' "Hidden People"; Billy Apple: "2 Gallery Abstract"; Cook Island Artist, Ani O'Neill with her massive Tivaevae and other artistic styles; and Johl Dwyer's "Dreams of a Chrave"; and Arts Festival Music and Planetarium Show "A Synthesised Universe" at the Stardome.

22 March Auckland Arts Festival Dance Drama from Shanghai "The Dreamer" courtesy of the Arts Festival.

23 March Arts Festival Performance of Messiaen's massive orchestral work "Turangalila" by the APO at the Town Hall.

24 March Arts Festival Play "Ulster American" at the Waterfront Theatre; there was no sign of the Rainbow Youth 30th Anniversary Celebration in Western Park I was invited to.

4 April APO Concert "Landscapes".

5 April Event to Reopen the Gus Fisher Art Gallery and exhibitions; Premiere of the Documentary Film "Soldiers Without Guns" at the Civic Theatre with Phil Goff.

6 April View exhibitions at Studio One.

7 April Attended the art installation and performance event "Between Tides" at Westmere Beach and spoke with organiser Juliet Laird.

8 April Showing at the Film Society of the notable Bulgarian Film “Western”.

Community Portfolio Activities

13 March Governance and financial issues training by RSM Accountants entitled: “Issues for 2019 Seminar”; AGM of Auckland Central Policy Branch of Labour Party and discussion on drug reform issues.

14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 March and 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 April fitness workouts at Pitt St YMCA.

17 March and 7 April Grey Lynn Farmers Market.

19 March Auckland Central Labour Electorate Committee Annual Meeting.

20 March City Vision Meeting.

21 March Karangahape Road Business Association Meeting.

23 March With Pippa Coom spoke at the Neighbours’ Day Lunch organised by the Central City Residents Group at the Ellen Melville Centre (speech and photos attached).



25 March Ponsonby Community Centre Committee Meeting.

27 March Auckland Central City Labour Branch Meeting; Meeting to hear and select City Vision candidates for the Auckland District Health Board.

28 March Central City Network Meeting at the Ellen Melville Centre. Only nine there. Ateesh talked of events coming up at Ellen Melville, Kathy Ross about the speed limits consultation and Emergency Management; I about the Good Citizens Awards; all of us about long-term impacts on New Zealanders of the mosque attacks.

1 April Central City Residents’ Group Meeting; teleconference to organise Labour’s Auckland Regional Policy Conference.

3 April Housing Call to Action Meeting.

5 April Jim Foote, leading JASMAX architect’s, funeral.

6 April Ponsonby Road Market Day; Central City Labour Branch Meeting.

8 April Blessing of Hauora Rehina at Griffiths Gardens.

10 April Professor Mai Chen Lecture at the University; Asian Family Services Board Meeting.

11 April Central City Residents Group Red Hat Dinner at The Kimchi Project in Lorne Street.

12 April BFM Concert and Climate Change Ready Urban Adventures presentation at Ellen Melville centre.

Waitematā Local Board General Activities

13 March With Pippa and Adriana took part in engagement on the Council and Waitematā Local Board Budget and Work Programme at the Leys Institute library; Met Deborah Manning and other West View and Old Mill Road residents on the site regarding the Western Springs pines issues.

14 March The Waitematā Local Board Formal Hearing event on the Annual Budget consultation.

19 March Waitematā Local Board Monthly meeting.

20 March Waitematā Local Board Community Portfolio Meeting.

26 March Waitematā Local Board Workshop.

2 April Waitematā Local Board Workshop.

9 April Waitematā Local Board Workshop.

10 April Auckland Conversation on “Future Proofing Auckland”.

12 April Meeting with Arts Advisers concerning their forthcoming report to our may meeting on their visual arts facilities stocktake and the future of 3 Ponsonby Road.

Auckland Council and National Activities

13 March Led in presenting and making the response for the Auckland Council submission to the Local Government Commission on the representation review of the Auckland Council Ward Boundaries.

14 March Made a presentation to a workshop of the Governing Body regarding the proposed Code of Conduct. For a variety of reasons, it is probable too many Councillors are opposed to it to proceed.

18 March Council’s Local Boards Cluster Workshop dealing with more effective reporting of complaints and requests for service; the Navigation Safety Bylaw regarding life jacket wearing and the like and the Animal Control Bylaw regarding owned cats and other creatures.

19 March Attended and spoke to Auckland Transport staff at their consultation on reduced speeds in the Speed Limits Bylaw, held at the Atrium on Takutai Street, Britomart; Labour Policy Council teleconference.

20 March Internal Affairs Department consultation on the Charities Act and Charity Services; Problem Gambling Foundation of NZ Executive Meeting; Address by Professor Ramesh Thakur about reforming the UN and the Security Council.

22 March With Penny Hulse and Laurie Ross spoke to welcome blind Norwegian cyclist Tore Naerland and his group on a cycling journey around the world to promote nuclear disarmament, tolerance and peaceful dispute resolution (my speech and Tore's itinerary attached).

26 March Governing Body Planning Committee Workshop City Centre Masterplan Refresh on the Access for Everyone Proposed Programme including pedestrian priority for High Street and for Queen Street starting from the area from Shortland Street north. Open Day for the Albert Street part of the CRL held at the Connectus Office under the AMP with lots of complaints about loss of car access from residents of apartments on Albert Street.

27 March Auckland City Centre Advisory Board Meeting.

28 March Participated in a meeting of the Karangahape Road Community Liaison Group for the Central Rail Link.

30 March New Zealand Labour Policy Council Meeting at Parliament.

3 April Wrote a Media Statement about the Local Government Commission's decision to endorse and implement the Council's Joint Governance Working Party Decisions about changed Auckland Council Ward Boundaries. Chaired the teleconference of Labour's Infrastructure and Environment Policy Committee.

8 April Chaired the Teleconference of the International Affairs and Disarmament Committee of the Peace Foundation. There was considerable discussion of the mosque attacks, gun control and what local government can do to ban arms bazaars and hate speech from speakers in its facilities; discussion at local boards forum on DOC proposal for them having more say over local parks.

9 April Teleconference of Labour's Policy Council.

10 April Pasifika Advisory Board of the PGF Group; Teleconference of Labour's Housing Policy Subcommittee.

11 April Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Formation of the Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand (my speech is attached); Chaired a meeting of the PGF Group Board.

Richard Northey Speech at Neighbours Day Event 23 March at Ellen Melville Centre.

Tena Kotou Katoa

I want to give my thanks to Leesa and Ateesh at the Ellen Melville Centre and to Kathy Ross, Alan Parkinson and the wonderful City Centre Residents Group for organising this great event.

Today more than ever we need to reach out to, and come to know and appreciate, our neighbours, in all their diversity. The amazing love, empathy and generosity of both Muslim and non-Muslim New Zealanders has been vital for us all.

There are still some who believe a country and a society is happiest and safest if it is largely homogeneous, particularly in its ethnicity, religion and culture. That used to be our heritage as New Zealanders. In 1986 David Lange did me the honour, as a new Member of Parliament, to chair a review of our immigration policy. It was then very much a White New Zealand policy, with only those exceptionally well qualified or with very close family connections, permitted to come here from outside what were called "Traditional Source" countries. These were all in Northern Europe, so people from Iceland and Finland were strongly favoured over those from India and China, even though people from those countries had helped build our society and horticultural and retail economy.

Helen Clark, Kerry burke and I, and the other MPs on the Committee, quickly decided that this was grossly discriminatory and was selling New Zealand short by missing out on the skills, talents and the cultural richness from people all around the world. We removed national or ethnic origin entirely as a criterion for immigration. Since the 1987 Immigration Act, New Zealand, and particularly Auckland, have totally changed. We are now the world's fifth most diverse city. And our lives are so much the better and the richer for it. Our political and community leadership, of both left and right have helped ensure that this huge change has been accomplished with little of the stress and anguish found in some other countries. And it has enabled us to come together and be strengthened by the Christchurch events.

Yesterday I had the privilege of welcoming to Auckland blind Norwegian cyclist Tore Naerland, who has spent the last 45 years leading others in biking around the world for world peace and tolerance. Norway, similarly unexpectedly, suffered a white supremacist massacre eight years

ago so he had a lot of empathy for us. His persistence and passionate commitment to advancing world peace and mutual understanding is an inspiration to all of us.

Those of us who live in inner city apartments face new challenges in promoting neighbourliness. When I was first elected to the City Council there were just 237 people living in the inner city. Now there are 300 times as many. We have no back or front fence to chat to our neighbours over but instead often have locked gates that are impregnable to those not living there. Many of us are new to this country and city and often bewildered by it. Neighbourliness needs to be built by events like this, where we can find and meet new friends. Thank you again to Ellen Melville and to the City Centre Residents Group for making this Neighbours Day event happen.



Speech to Welcome Tore Naerland and other Members of Bike for Peace Around the World, Aotea Square, 22 March 2019

Tena Kotou Katoa

I am Richard Northey, an Elected Member of the Waitematā Local Board, the local government unit for this area, and Chair of the International Affairs and disarmament Committee of the Aotearoa / New Zealand Foundation for Peace Studies. On behalf Councillor Penny Hulse here, who is Chair of the Environment and Community Committee of the Auckland Council, representing the Council, of the Waitematā Local Board, and of the people of Auckland I welcome you, Tore, and your colleagues, to Auckland.

We admire and support you, Tore, for in spite of your blindness, setting up and participating in Biking for Peace and 47 years of pedalling through the world's centres of violence, oppression and environmental degradation. We support your current project where you and your colleagues' are circumnavigating the world promoting nuclear disarmament, the prevention of hatred and war, climate protection, promotion of cycling and renewable energies, protection of the oceans including from plastic waste, full inclusion of the disabled in society and cutting military spending to fund the UN's sustainable development goals. This dedication and persistence sets a huge example for achieving a better, safer, more peaceful, just and sustainable world.

New Zealand has a proud history of promoting nuclear disarmament. It was bottom up action by New Zealanders in declaring their schools, organisations, workplaces and local authorities nuclear free that led to the New Zealand government enacting the New Zealand Nuclear Free Zone Act that I was proud to be in Parliament to speak and vote for. The threat of nuclear war remains as real as ever and we must advocate strongly to the nuclear weapon states to carry out their obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty to reduce and eliminate their own nuclear weapons under a verifiable Nuclear Weapons Convention.

You, Tore, know from Norway's experience from eight years ago how a white supremacist can try to create fear and division through mass slaughter. Norway's people came together and were stronger in their commitment to tolerance and justice. New Zealanders are clearly and thankfully doing the same but it is a very tough time for all of us and we are grateful for actions of the Muslim community here in helping us through this.

Our Waitematā Local Board is fully in support of the Auckland Council having made Auckland a City for Peace. We have gone further by specifically banning activities that promote or sell weapons of war in our halls and community centres. We have established and give strong support to a community-led Low Carbon Network. We give great support to cycling, creating Greenways and cycle lanes. We know we must be as persistent and determined over the long haul as you have so admirably demonstrated in order to stop climate change and help create a tolerant, inclusive, just and peaceful world.

You are all flying on to the United States tonight to spread your vital message in the United States.

We wish you well.

Tore Naerland and his group on a cycling journey around the world to promote nuclear disarmament, tolerance and peaceful dispute resolution.

TURER 2019-2020

11-19 mai Puschkintur-Russland

1-6 juni Trheim- Oslo

15-23 juni Moskva-St Petersburg

5-14 juli Bosnia

15-25 juli Armenia, Jerevan. Georgia, Tblisi.

01.08-09.08 Islamabad Lahore Amritsar Delhi

28 august- 8 sept

San Diego- El Centro- Phoenix, USA.

11-18 sept Wales-England Wye Valley etc.

19-23 sept Newcastle-Manchester via York Leeds Sheffield.

26 okt 4 nov Addis-Asmara

26 fly to Addis

27-28 meetings and bike in Addis

29 Fly to Mekelle

30 bike Adigraf and Senafe

31 Dekemhare Asmara

1 meeting with leaders

2 sightseeing

3 fly home

17-20 October IPB conference in London.

6.-19. November Mexico City og San Miguel De Allende i Guanajuato, med fem dagers sykling.

14-28 November Vietnam på sykkel/ Cuba

Maraton:

Almaty Maraton 17-22 April 2019

Belfast Maraton 2-7 mai 2019

Kiev Maraton 9-13 mai 2019 Sofia Marathon 10-15 October 2019

2020

18-25 mai Hereford- Cardiff- Gloucester city

2020 W DC-NYC 21-26 April

New world tour 2021!

25 Jan 2021 Norway Singapore

26 Singapore- biking in S. and Malaysia.

1 -6 of February Bali

6 Auckland (via Melbourne)

6-11 New Zealand, north.

11- 16 Tahiti

16-21 Easter Island

21-26 Santiago, Chile

26-3 of March Mendoza, Argentina

3- 7 Buenos Aires, Brasil

W DC, USA

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**Richard Northey's Speech to Celebrate the Anniversary of the Compulsive Gambling Society/
Problem Gambling Foundation 11 April 2019**

Tena kotou, tena kotou, tena kotou katoa

I want to express my admiration and gratitude to those who had the vision and the grit to found our predecessor organisation, the Compulsive Gambling Society, including DR Fraser MacDonald, Ralph Gerdelan and Dr Sean Sullivan. Ralph Gerdelan, this is his photo, led the organisation for a great many years with imagination passion and determination and set the foundation not only for our organisation but for effective services for problem gamblers and advocacy for them throughout New Zealand. We were fortunate not only for the work of Ralph, but also for the huge contributions of his successors as PGF's Chief Executive: Susan Macken, John Stansfield, Graeme Ramsey and now Paula Snowden. Many dedicated, passionate, empathetic, effective and creative staff also have built this organisation and its awesome achievements. Our Problem Gambling Foundation Board Members have provided their time, knowledge and sage advice including their chairs Fraser MacDonald, Max Abbot, Peter Adams, Rod Perkins and myself for 13 years. Political leaders as diverse as Graham Lee and Jim Anderton have played a major role in supporting the development of adequately resourced problem gambling services including those provided by the Problem Gambling Foundation.

Throughout most of its history the Problem Gambling Foundation and its predecessor the Compulsive Gambling Society have embodied four major understandings and commitments: a public health approach; client-centred professional quality; cultural appropriateness and diversity; and fearless advocacy for social change.

The public health approach has helped change our understanding of problem gambling as being a product of vulnerable people, families and communities being exposed to dangerous gambling products. The response needs to be more resilient and empowered communities and effective regulation of gambling provision.

Responding appropriately and effectively to individuals, families and communities harmed by gambling needs high standards of skill, professionalism, dedication, innovation, empathy and responsiveness and over the years our staff have repeatedly embodied that quality.

Gambling disproportionately harms those on lower incomes, Maori, Pasifika and those of East and South Asian origin. The Problem Gambling Foundation over the years has taken the lead in prioritising working effectively and culturally appropriately with these communities. We have endeavoured to work biculturally in a mana enhancing way throughout the organisation. Asian Family Services and Mapu Maia have carved out and developed pathways and achievements with their communities that are truly admirable and remarkable.

The neoliberal revolution of the late 1980s and 1990s saw a vast expansion of inadequately regulated legalised gambling opportunities and of gambling-related harm. Our organisation's educational, consciousness-raising and advocacy activities helped bring in some appropriate restraints in the 2002 Gambling Act. However technological development and sections of the gambling industry never sleep, unnecessary harm continues and new sources of harm are developed and our evidence-based advocacy on behalf of our clients and our communities remains as central and vital to our purpose as ever.