## National Bowel Screening Programme

# Pānui



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty

September 2022

#### Hauora o Toi BOP District NBSP numbers as of 1 September 2022

FIT kits sent FIT kits returned Positive results Colonoscopies Cancer detected

8,877 3,854 178 41

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1,195,764 683,808 26,900 21,324 1,560

# Whakatāne procedure room

To ensure people across the district can participate in the NBSP, an additional procedure room within the Whakatāne Hospital Surgical Admission Unit (SAU) is being established. This means people with a positive faecal immunochemical test (FIT) who require a colonoscopy are not expected to travel longer than others in the district. The Facilities Operations staff and building and electrical contractors are working hard to have the room open later in the year. In the meantime NBSP colonoscopies are being done in SAU.

This shows the link bridge that will connect the new Perioperative staff room to the SAU building to enable direct access for Perioperative staff to and from the new procedure room and their staff room.



## Waiariki Whānau Mentoring promotional day

Recently the Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty NBSP team were invited to attend a promotional day with Waiariki Whānau Mentoring (WWM). WOW what a great day!

Having heard of the amazing work Waata Heathcote (Board Chair and WWM founder) and his team have been doing, we were very keen to join and promote bowel screening.

It was very wet underfoot, gumboots were required! We felt welcome by the WWM team and the numerous others that came to promote many health initiatives. The space was full of aroha and manaaki, and there was a real community spirit. There were tamariki activities as well as free kai, games, music and face painting. As the morning progressed, more and more of the local community came out to see what was going on.

Waata and Ani Tai (WWM Registered Nurse) invited us to attend other events as they roll out a series





From L to R; Chrissy Paul, Megan Buckley and Dillon Te Kani, BOP NBSP promotional team

throughout Waiariki.

WWM's vision is to see a stronger and more positive Māori presence and participation in all aspects of Aotearoa. They believe this starts with supporting one whānau at a time, transitioning every person they engage with from dependency to independence through their Te Wai Aio Model of Care. Independence means something different for everyone, and the WWM service tailors itself to what matters to the whānau they work with. We could see the immense respect and trust WWM have built in the community through their vision.

