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Full-time Coroners Appointed

From 1 July 2007, members of the Medical Association who wish to contact a Coroner will be dealing with 13 new full-time regional Coroners (soon to be 14) recently appointed under the Coroners Act 2006. The new Coroners join the Chief Coroner Judge Neil MacLean who was appointed in December last year and will be supported by the new Coronial Services Unit. The National Manager of the Coronial Services Unit is Karen Vaughan.

One of the aims of the Coronial Services of New Zealand is to establish and maintain national consistency across the coronial process and work effectively with other agencies particularly Medical Practitioners, to facilitate co-operative working relationships.

Coroners will be working in provincial areas as well as the main centres and will travel throughout their appointed region. To find out which coroner you need to contact for your region please see the table below.

As part of the process of providing a more responsive service, from 1 July there will be a national after-hours on-call Coroner to provide cover outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays. This number will be provided to medical professionals at a later date.

We look forward to working alongside you.

Coroner Name(s)	Phone #	Region	Area Covered	Address
Brandt SHORTLAND	(09) 430 4307 027-215-4475	Whangarei	Dargaville, Kaikohe, Kaitaia, Kerikeri, Warkworth, Whangarei	Level 2, Manaia House Rathbone St
Dr Murray JAMIESON Katharine GREIG	(09) 916 9419 027-227-1818 027-215-4476	Auckland	Auckland, Henderson, Manukau, Papakura, Pukekohe, Takapuna	Level 7, Auckland District Court 3 Kingston Street
Gordon MATENGA Peter RYAN	(07) 834 1756 027-215-4478 027-215-4479	Hamilton	Cambridge, Hamilton, Huntly, Matamata, Te Aroha, Paeroa, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Thames, Waihi	Axon House 219 Collingwood Street
Dr Wallace BAIN	(07) 343 1021 027-215-4480	Rotorua	Putaruru, Rotorua, Taupō, Tauranga, Tokoroa, Whakatane	Ground Floor Hauora House Haupapa Street
Christopher DEVONPORT	(06) 870 3116 027-215-4482	Hastings	Dannevirke, Eketahuna, Gisborne, Hastings, Napier, Ruatoria, Waipukurau, Wairoa	Level 2, Heretaunga House Cnr Lyndon Road East & Warren Street
Tim SCOTT Carla na NAGARA	(06) 350 0083 027-215-4484 027-215-4483	Palmerston North	Hawera, Levin, Marton, New Plymouth, Ohakune, Palmerston North, Taihape, Taumaranui, Wanganui, Waverley	Level 3, Opus Building 121-125 The Square
Ian SMITH	(04) 910 4487 027-215-4485	Wellington	Kapiti, Lower Hutt, Masterton, Porirua, Upper Hutt, Wellington, Chatham Islands	Level 5, Wellington District Court 43-49 Balance Street
Richard McELREA Sue JOHNSON	(03) 353 0444 027-215-4487 027-215-4486	Christchurch	Ashburton, Christchurch, Rangiora, Timaru, Twizel, Waimate, Blenheim, Greymouth, Hokitika, Kaikoura, Motueka, Nelson, Westport, Ross Dependency	328 Durham Street
David CRERAR	(03) 470 1147 027-215-4488	Dunedin	Balclutha, Cromwell, Dunedin, Invercargill, Oamaru, Queenstown, Te Anau, Wanaka	Level 1, Dunedin District Court Lower Stuart Street

Further details will be provided in due course along with the details of the regional coronial services co-ordinators. As the unit develops we will update you as required.

Until 1 July please note you should continue to contact your current Coroner in the usual manner.