

# **Burn Prevention – A Partnership Model between New Zealand and Tahiti**

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The National Burn Centre of New Zealand has been contracted to surgically treat all major acute burn injuries sustained in Tahiti. It also provides follow-up and reconstructive procedures.

During the 2012 Burn Outpatient Clinic held in Tahiti it was noted that there was no burn prevention information available in Tahiti. Some preliminary burn prevention activities were undertaken at the time and on return to New Zealand the Burn Team engaged the support of Rotary to begin developing a more robust burn prevention strategy.

Our burn prevention project was underpinned by the “Spectrum of Prevention” philosophy. This model is based upon the premise that a collaborative approach is essential when developing and implementing prevention programmes. This model forms the basis for strategic social change and advocates that “effective prevention requires educating communities, advocating for safety conscious legislation and policies, orientating organisations towards safer practices, and strengthening the awareness skills of those who could be involved in prevention work”

This poster highlights the importance of a multiagency collaborative approach when designing and implementing burn prevention strategies. We plan to use to poster to illustrate how the use of a structured collaborative approach can result in a successful outcome.

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