

Ngāti Pūkeko demonstrate stewardship of their culture

A karanga to the community of Whakatāne went out to support a hapū driven initiative to revive their culture and lessen the knowledge gap between local kaumātua and rangatahi.

When the opportunity of hosting a group of American students came to the shores of the Whakatāne based



hapū, they jumped at the chance to utilise the initiative as a vehicle to reconnect their rangatahi back to their roots.

Rangatahi from the Whakatāne Waiariki campus were invited to participate in the 4 day wananga style initiative based at Rangataua marae in the heart of Poroporo.

Traditional food gathering and preparation, Māori weaponry and reo classes were highlights for most of the students.

Whilst the focus was to reconnect rangatahi to their culture, exposing them to another culture from a different country had made a profound impact on both parties of youth and kaumātua alike.

Ngāti Pūkeko are looking at providing more up and coming wananga for their rangatahi to continue retracing the steps of culture journey.



EmployME students Graduate

Students from Te Wananga o Aotearoa ki Kawerau campus graduated in the limitless youth space at the WACT Youth Services office this month.

The 12 week intensive employment programme saw the graduates take part in resume and cover letter writing, personal hygiene presentation and a series of mock interviews.

Guest speaker and local Kawerau resident Merle Huta stated that, *“young people don’t want to know you or listen to what you have to say unless you come from where they live”*.

Highlights from the graduates included, *“building new relationships”* with the WACT Youth Service team, *“end of year trip”* and *“knowing how to sell themselves positively”*.





Kawepūrongo Pai - Good News Story



My Whanau are very Important to Me! Kia Ora my name is Beverly and I am 17 years old. I am currently a student at Waiariki Institute of Technology – based in Rotorua enrolled with the CVS Course.

I have to wake up early in the morning to catch a bus from Waiariki in Whakatane to travel to Waiariki in Rotorua four times a week. .

Since being on the Youth Payment Benefit I have completed the Budgeting Education Programme and earned both my Education Incentive and my Budgeting Incentive. I am saving toward getting my NZ Drivers Licence – Learners.

I am working toward joining the NZ Royal Navy in 2017. I am getting my fitness levels up in preparation for the fitness testing that I will need to do.

In my spare time I like to help my uncle Rocky out with my disabled cousin. My whanau are very important to me!

Crossroads comes to WACT

Sue Berryman is leading the way for a small group of youth who are on their way to achieving their NCEA credits.

Sue is a teacher and is finding her feet with her new challenge through EastBay REAP as a numeracy and literacy facilitator for local students enrolled in the alternative education provider Crossroads.

Darryl Pye and his team of youth mentors focus on the strengths of the youth as a motivational tool to help keep the young people on track.

Watch this space to hear about all of the amazing things that our students are doing!

Know someone who
needs our help?

FREE phone us NOW!

0800 GO WERA

& speak 2 our Youth Team

E Whai ake nei – Coming up next!

28 th September	Dub Factor Singing Comp
14 th October	GloRush
13 th November	Matatà Bluelight Annual Raft Race
25 th December	Christmas Day

Need a space to hire for your next event? Don't forget we have our limitless youth space available for community providers and individuals.

BOOKING spaces are limitless so call us to secure your spot on 0800 GO WERA!