

RAUMATI 2023

# TUPU Ā NUKU

Tupu Te Weu, Toro Te Aka, Tau Te Tāmōre  
Environmental Workforce Development

## SEASON RECAP

*"Kia hora te marino, kia whakapa pounamu te moana, kia tere karohirohi i mua i tou huarahi"*

*May calm be spread around you, make the sea glisten like greenstone and the shimmer of summer dance across your path.*

It is time for our quarterly pānui for Tupu ā nuku. So much has happened this Summer with a lot of wonderful opportunities for our rangatahi.

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Our Kaimahi had the opportunity to spend time with Department of Conservation (DOC) and a new cohort of taura who are engaged in a six-month programme with DOC. Tupu ā nuku are supporting these taura and we spent the day working alongside them spraying noxious weeds and collecting rubbish that just gets dumped on our beautiful whenua. We are planning on taking other Tupu ā nuku taura out with Department of Conservation to help ensure Papatūānuku is thriving.

As part of our engagement with our taura, we took some out to Wilkies Pools for a hikoi and reflective time. It was so awesome to see these young people actively engage and share stories whilst out on our beautiful maunga. A valuable lesson was learnt about being prepared for any weather changes; this is also a valuable life lesson to be prepared for obstacles that will always come up in life. Taking time to pause, breathe and be out with papatūānuku is so good for everyone's wairua.

Tupu ā nuku were fortunate to receive four funded spaces with Taranaki horses helping humans. The team took rangatahi out to Warea for two, three-hour sessions. Our rangatahi learnt about body language, communication skills, breathing techniques and how to be calm, which they all then demonstrated working with their horses. It was so exciting to hear that one of our rangatahi had a job interview after attending these sessions and successfully secured mahi. We are looking forward to using HHH for our other rangatahi who would benefit from this awesome kaupapa.



# CELEBRATING SUCCESS



Since starting this kaupapa we have supported 16 taiohi with passing their learners licence, support coming in the form of 1 on 1 study, practice tests, road codes, and paying for fees.

We have also supported 6 taiohi passing their restricted licence, providing lessons through 2Drive and paying for test fees.



## TAIMANA TAEPA

Taimana engaged with Tupu ā nuku (TAN) early in 2022 after the kura he was attending did not meet his needs. The team worked with Taimana, and he successfully completed his Level 1 and 2 with Te Kura correspondence school.

During this time, he actively engaged with TAN and attended many wānanga from confidence building with horses, a day out with Kaimahi at Lake Rotokare, hikoi, work experience on a dry stock farm in Ureti, work experience at Blue Duck station in Tauramanui, a week's work experience on a sheep station with Jack Jordan. Taimana grew in confidence and maturity every time he engaged with TAN.

We are delighted that he has now secured his dream position as a Junior Shepherd on a large sheep station in Taihape. We continue to offer support to Taimana and his whānau.



# WHATS NEXT....

The next forestry course started on 6th March 2023 – if you would like further information, please contact [tupuanuku@ngatimaru.co.nz](mailto:tupuanuku@ngatimaru.co.nz). We will be looking at the second forestry course starting in August 2023.

Wānanga days are being planned for school holidays. These wānanga days are to enable tauria to experience mahi in the three sectors Tupu ā nuku support, environment, conservation, and forestry.

If you are interested in attending wānanga in our taiao, for example a day with the kaimahi at Lake Rotokare, time with the Tree Machine crew, a day with DOC or alongside kaimahi with Project Mounga please contact us and we will work alongside you to make these opportunities work for you. Email us at [tupuanuku@ngatimaru.co.nz](mailto:tupuanuku@ngatimaru.co.nz)



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