

HŌTOKE 2023

# TUPU Ā NUKU

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

## SEASON RECAP

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki.  
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi.  
Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te tau.  
Celebrate the rising of Matariki.

It is time for our quarterly pānui from Tupu ā Nuku. So much has happened this Winter with more opportunities for our tauria.

## TUPU Ā NUKU FIRST GRADUATION

On the 16th June 2023 we celebrated supporting 16 tauria for two years. This means they have been with Tupu ā nuku for a whole two years from initially signing up with us. An awesome afternoon was spent celebrating this milestone and awarding our tauria with certificates of completion, a cap and hoodie.

Tupu ā nuku had 16 students signed up in the first month of operation. The team has been working alongside these students, through many completing the Tree Machine Forestry and Conservation course back in 2021. All bar three of these students are now in full-time, permanent employment, which is an incredible achievement for them.

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# Graduates from the 2023 Forestry Conservation Course - Forest Industry Foundation Skills (Level 2).



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### FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION COURSE

On the 6th March 2023 the fifth forestry course started with 10 tane enrolled onto the 17-week programme. On the 29th June 2023 we celebrated their graduation from this course. All who started the course back in March have worked incredibly hard both out in the field, gaining valuable practical experience, and in the classroom under the watchful eye of Shane Hape, our lead tutor. Time to celebrate this and wish our tauria all the best in their next adventures of mahi. All have secured employment either in the forestry and conservation sector or planting for Matakiki one of our partner organisations.

### TE TAI AO O TARANAKI

The Tupu ā nuku team, working alongside Hineakura Tokotaua, Employment 2 Education Co-Ordinator, started our first Te Taiao O Taranaki 4-week programme with students from FEATS New Plymouth. The weather has not been on our side this season and unfortunately, we have had to postpone two of our day trips due to extreme weather but we did manage to have another inspirational day at Lake Rotokare with Sophie Herlihy, Lake Rotokare Educator.

The sun shone for us, and the students had a wonderful hikoi looking for birds, weta's, ducks and more. Learning to identify different bird song and understanding the importance of a predator free reserve.

In the afternoon the students learnt how to set and unset traps safely and then put this mahi into practice with checking and re setting the traps on the perimeter fence and discovering a number of pests that had been caught.

Next term we hope to be able to continue this programme and expand it further to other kura and education providers.



## BONE AND WOOD WĀNANGA

Dave Trinder and his brother Ken came and ran a wānanga for the current Forestry and Conservation course where they learnt the history behind carvings and how to identify Taranaki carving and then they had a go at doing their own carving. The tane then choose which piece of bone they wanted to make into a taonga. The boys learnt who to file and polish their taonga and then were able to take these home. An excellent day was had by all even though there was a power cut!

Massive thank you to Dave and Ken Trinder and also to Te Kōhanga Moa Marae for hosting us for the day.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### JAKAHN LUKE - LEARNERME

Tupu ā nuku work in collaboration with LearnerMe, and we are delighted to share that Jakahn Luke, who signed up with Tupu ā nuku in November 2022, has now completed his Whitecliffe course, Hangarau Akoranga, a 6-month introduction into IT. Jakahn is continuing with his learning and about to commence his level 5 Diploma in Information Technology at LearnerMe.



During Jakahn's time working with Tupu ā nuku he has also achieved getting his restricted licence and been awarded top student.

Having these collaborative partnerships opens more opportunities for our tauria if they are not sure what mahi they want to be involved in.

Tupu ā nuku will continue to support Jakahn and are excited to see where his next adventures with mahi go. Huge congratulations Jakahn.



# WHATS NEXT....

Te Taiao o Taranaki programme's are being planned for schools to get involved in. This programme has been developed in collaboration with E2E, to enable tauria to experience mahi in the three sectors Tupu ā nuku support, environment, conservation, and forestry.

Next semester we hope to be working alongside FEATS and Spotswood College with their tauria and expose them to the incredible mahi that is available in the conservation, forestry and environmental sectors. So, watch this space.

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 Department of Conservation or alongside kaimahi with Taranaki Mounga Project please contact us and we will work alongside you to make these opportunities work. Email us at [tupuanuku@ngatimaru.co.nz](mailto:tupuanuku@ngatimaru.co.nz)

The next Conservation and Forestry course will start on 24th July 2023 and Tupu ā nuku will support these tauria throughout their training and into employment for a period of two years – if you would like further information, please contact [tupuanuku@ngatimaru.co.nz](mailto:tupuanuku@ngatimaru.co.nz).

