

NGAHURU 2023

TUPU Ā NUKU

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

SEASON RECAP

Poipoia te kakano kia puawai | Nurture the seed and it will blossom

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

Firstly, we would like to wish Ānaru White, Programme Manager all the best with his new adventures as he left Tupu ā nuku at the end of April.

This departure has meant the team have had a change around and Dani Peri has been recruited to be Tumu Whakahaere.

MARCH FORESTRY COURSE

On the 6th of March 2023 the fifth forestry course started with 10 tane enrolled onto the 17 week programme. A whakatau was held at Kowhai Lodge, Stratford to welcome the new students and introduce them to the key stakeholders involved in their training. The ceremony finished with lovely kai from the Baking Company in Stratford.

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The taurira were also involved with the opening of the Stratford Park site and the planting of kowhai trees.

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The team from Tupu ā nuku attended a hui organised by Hineakura Tokotaua - Education to Employment (E2E), Pathways Co-Ordinator at Te Paepae o Aotea for year 11, 12 and 13 students. Over 100 students attended and were actively engaged in learning more about the Tupu ā nuku programme.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

LAKE ROTOKARE

We have had many successful visits, with over 20 taurira to Lake Rotokare and spent time with Sophie Herlihy, Environmental Educator at the Lake, learning about the importance of pest control for our native animals to thrive, environmental mahi around re-introducing native animals and trees, identifying native birds and tress. We are now excited for when they open their outdoor classrooms to educate even more of our taurira.

Lake Rotokare is located 12 km east of Eltham. The 230 hectare Scenic Reserve, in the Tangahoe catchment, is the country's largest wetland and lake habitat inside a predator proof fence.

Tupu ā nuku shouted the volunteers and staff morning tea, to show our appreciation of all the mahi they are doing to educate our taurira. They also donated Tupu ā nuku a number of pest control traps for us to have as demonstration traps for our expo's and education programme.



WHATS NEXT....

In June, we will be hosting our first graduation for 16 tauria who have been involved with Tupu ā nuku for two years and will be graduating from our programme. Thirteen of the sixteen now have full-time employment and are working hard in their chosen sector of environmental mahi.

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.

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 for you.

Email us at tupuanuku@ngatimaru.co.nz

The next forestry course will be starting end of July / early August 2023 – if you would like further information, please contact tupuanuku@ngatimaru.co.nz.



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