

Footprints Waipoua & Crossings Hokianga Newsletter #25

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Small Town Conference Presentation

Thank you to Mike and Megan for the invitation to present at the Small Town Conference held in Hokitika. What an amazing place and rewarding opportunity. Thank you to Sonya and whanau for looking after me while I was there. As a result of this trip Omapere has put a proposal together to host the 2012 Conference. Good job Mike and Megan.

Northland Roadshow

Ian and Fran from the Waipoua Lodge, Bev from Te Roroa, Bet from the Kauri Museum and Footprints Waipoua represented the West Coast at the Northland Roadshow in Auckland. What an awesome effort TEAM.

Yakushima student visit & DoC Tree planting day at AraiteUru

Students from Yakushima High School visited Hokianga. They were here to spend 3 weeks at Dargaville High School. While in the Hokianga they participated in a Department of Conservation tree planting day at Araite Uru. I understand all went well. Congratulations to these students who were an absolute pleasure.



Group Events FAMIL

Thanks to Keith and the TEAM who organised a visit to the Hokianga by a group of Australian Secondary School teachers. Also a massive thanks to the WIRA whanau for the supporting the opportunity.

ATTTO Groups

A big thank you to Willie for your support of a new opportunity for the West Coast. I look forward to developing these opportunities.

Kate FAMIL

Kate the new Magic driver stayed in the Hokianga for a couple of nights. Kate enjoyed a day of bone carving with Jim and Charlotte and a Footprints tour. Kate's been away but originally hails from Matakohe. Welcome back Kate and looking forward to a busy season.

Jeff from Earthshoots

Jeff from earthshoots enjoyed a Twilight Encounter tour. For more information about projects that Earthshoots are involved in visit www.earthshoots.com

CITE

Thank you to the TEAM at NZ Maori Tourism for the invitation to visit Guangzhou and attend the China International Tourism Expo. What an amazing event and opportunity.

RWC visit by Japanese Rugby Team

We had the pleasure of hosting the Japanese Rugby Team just prior to their match against Tonga. Thank you to Jason Hill previously of Tourism NZ and now ATEED for the opportunity.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/sport/news/article.cfm?c_id=4&objectid=10753216

<http://www.northernadvocate.co.nz/news/vast-exposure-in-japan-likely/1109539/>

JTB President visit to Waipoua/Hokianga

This was an absolutely amazing coup. Mr Hiromi Tagawa the President and CEO of JTB and Mr Toru Furusawa General Manager, International Affairs & Tourism Promotion visited New Zealand recently to watch the Japan vs All Blacks match. After this game they spent a day and night in the Waipoua/Hokianga area. They visited the Kauri Museum, planted a kauri tree and visited Tane Mahuta at night and they stayed the night at the Waipoua Lodge. The next day they played golf at Kauri Cliffs. We had the pleasure of Norm Hewitt joining us to host the two. Norm we couldn't have done it without you. So a massive thank you to Norm, Jason Hill, Tony Boot from BTM, Pania and the team at NZ Maori Tourism and Wayne Blissett.

Daylight Savings

Now that Daylight Savings is here our night tours depart an hour later. Our signature Twilight Encounter leaves at 6pm and our Meet Tane at Night tour leaves at 8.30pm.

Ai departs Footprints

Ai Okada who has been with us for about the last 3 years recently left and is now working in Auckland. I understand that she is heading down to Palmerston North to undertake some Veterinary study at Massey University. Good luck Ai and thank you for services.

Fingers crossed for the All Blacks and can't wait for Summer to arrive.

From the Footprints Waipoua and Crossings Hokianga TEAMS