

## Tai Poutini Polytechnic Media Release

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### **Carpentry house up for charity auction**

Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP) will auction this year's student-built carpentry house to the public, with the proceeds less direct costs of materials being donated to charity.

Every year, TPP students work on a new home as part of their carpentry training. The home, which is built under real quality and consent conditions, is usually offered for sale to members of the public through a ballot system.

TPP Facilities Manager Doug Griffin says this year the Polytechnic has partnered with West Coast Coastguard and will put the house up for public auction, with the net proceeds going to the charity which is raising funds for a new vessel.

"We are doing things a little differently this year and offering the public a great opportunity to bid for a brand new, quality home. We are also excited to be partnering with West Coast Coastguard and hope we can make a solid contribution to the charity."

Doug says local contractors have got on board the project this year, offering products and services at discount rates to support the venture.

The three-bedroom, two bathroom house is under construction now and the public will have the opportunity to view it as part of TPP's Saturday 12 September Celebration Day. The doors will be open between 11am and 3pm for people to come along and have a look at the new home, as well as enjoy the entertainment and displays of Celebration Day.

The auction for the house will be held in January 2016 and is open to the public.

**Photo opportunity: Media are invited to the carpentry house site, 6 Lombard Street Greymouth, at 3pm today (Tuesday 8 September) to view the house and photograph students and staff.**

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