

Tai Poutini Polytechnic Media Release

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TPP and Buller REAP work together to meet community needs

Locals keen to learn the basics of car maintenance and repairs have filled up the final places on the new Automotive Appreciation short course being held in Westport next week.

The special programme is being offered through a partnership between Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP) and Buller REAP. It offers students the chance to learn practical, useful skills in basic car maintenance and minor repairs.

The day-long course will teach people how to carry out a basic vehicle safety test, change a tyre and inspect it for compliance with Land Transport Rules, correctly fit snow chains, inspect and test battery life and jump start a car.

TPP Leader – Engagement Mequa Hourston says the short course is designed for anyone who wants to learn some of the basic skills of keeping a car maintained and how to keep it safe on the road.

“There has been strong interest in the short course from a wide range of people. We’re looking forward to working with the students and helping them get more familiar with how their car works.”

“The Automotive Appreciation short course is a great example of offering training programmes that meet the needs of the local community.”

“TPP has partnered with Buller REAP on the Automotive Appreciation short course to help bring a really useful and popular programme to Westport people. It’s been received really well and places filled up quickly.”

Buller REAP’s Adult and Community Education Co-ordinator Rachel Hill says part of Buller REAP’s promotion of the course has been contacting those people who have completed their Licence Programmes for Learner, Restricted and Full Licences through their MSD contracts for adults and youth, with many jumping at the chance to increase their personal skills and knowledge in this way.

“We have had many more requests for programmes and opportunities and look forward to continuing our partnership with TPP to increase skills in our community as a way of linking our programmes to the resources and courses they are able to offer.”

There no places left on this month’s programme, but both Buller REAP and TPP will consider holding more short courses in the future if demand continues.

The Automotive Appreciation short course is being held on Wednesday 2 October, 9am-3pm at the TPP Westport Trades Campus, 2a Coates Street, Westport at a small cost of \$10 per person, including lunch.

Media are invited to attend the course at a pre-arranged time and photograph activities. For more information contact:

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