



Carpentry students go the extra mile

This year's Carpentry students are going the extra mile to build a house as part of a Tai Poutini Polytechnic and Rotary Community Project.

The students took time out of their recent holidays to work on the house ahead of the auction at the end of October.

Carpentry Tutor Rick King says he was delighted with the commitment and hard work shown by the students who came in to work during their holidays.

"Building a house is team game and you have to work as a team to make it happen, making the most of good weather when you've got it and getting stuck in when you can. The students this year have blown me away with their commitment and eagerness to work hard on the house.

"I mentioned to them that the weather was looking good over the holidays and if anyone wanted to come in it would be a great help. We had a great turn out and I'm proud of the efforts the students have made," he says.

Each year, students build a three-bedroom home as part of their TPP carpentry studies, gaining real, on-the-job experience. This year's house will be auctioned as part of a Greymouth Rotary project with partnership with TPP. All profits from the build will be going to support the Kowhai Project - enhancing the children's ward and creating green spaces around the new Grey Base Hospital.

An Open Day will be held in late October to give the community an opportunity look through the house, ahead of the auction being organised for 30 October 2018.

The partnership with Rotary is an excellent example of TPP's new approach to social responsibility; it is now part of everyday business at TPP to ensure decisions and choices are made with the benefit of the entire West Coast in mind.

Rotary President Dave McMillan says Greymouth Rotary is very pleased to be associated with the Polytechnic in the building of the house, the profit from which is going to aid the community-assisted projects in and around the new hospital.

"We are very pleased to see the enthusiasm and progress the students are showing as well as the great support local businesses are providing in the form of supplies, services or financial donations, all of which are making it a win-win all round."

For more information about the TPP and Rotary Community Project visit www.tpp.ac.nz/projecthouse2018

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