



May 2009 - Welcome to our first Newsletter!

OPENING OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – 26th MARCH 2009

We were delighted to welcome back Hazel Nash ONZM, founder of Whenua Iti Outdoors to celebrate the opening of the new administration building together with many Friends of Whenua Iti. The building was blessed by Archdeacon Harvey Ruru and our Patron Nathan Fa'avae reminded us of the early years. Hazel's words of wisdom and generosity to the local community continue today through the courses we offer to youth and adults in the region.



Philip Leith, Archdeacon Harvey Ruru, Nathan Fa'avae & Hazel Nash at the building opening



Friends gather at the Opening of the new Administration Building on 26th March 2009

FRIENDS OF WHENUA ITI PROGRAMME

We are establishing a Friends of Whenua Iti Programme. If you are interested in becoming a member or simply wish to find out more please click on the link to the relevant information on our website:

<http://www.whenua-iti.org.nz/pages/help.html#5>

COURSES

Whenua Iti continues to be busy with plenty of interest in all our courses. Adventure Tourism is off to a flying start as is our new Challenge Course. For the Youth Challenge, and the week-long Journey courses that we run in the holidays, we have three applicants for every place. The Active Focus for primary and secondary schools is hugely popular and we have filled all the subsidized places until July. For more information, see our course overview on the website:

<http://www.whenua-iti.org.nz/index.html>



Canoeing at Lake Rotoiti – Youth Challenge Course – April 2009

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We are looking for help from someone who enjoys **general grounds maintenance**. Our beautiful grounds require ongoing maintenance, lawn mowing, pruning, weeding and planting. We actively involve our students to take great pride in our land; however we are always looking for people to help with additional jobs.

At present we are planning to develop an extensive vegetable garden to be utilized and maintained by our students. We feel this is an essential addition to the health promotion that is inherent in all our courses. We are looking for someone with a **passion for organic gardening**, who would be available on a regular basis to oversee this project.

If you feel there is something you could help us with, please get in touch we would love to hear from you.

ANNUAL REPORT

The 2008 Triple Bottom Line Report is available to view on our website, the link is www.whenuaiti.org.nz/link/triple_bottom_line_report_09.pdf

Kind regards
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