



TE WHARE HONONGA

After two years filled with lockdowns and uncertainty/anxiety due to covid, it has been a blessing to be able to re-connect with our rangatahi to enjoy experiences and create wonderful memories. Te Whare hononga (the house that connects) symbolises TYLA's role with our rangatahi to provide support and opportunities for them to flourish. Some highlights so far this year have included water world, the Weta Workshop Tour, the Auckland Zoo, Auckland Museum, Tenpin bowling, driving range as well as our on site sports and wellbeing programmes - to name a few! 😊

KIA ORANA LUKE

We warmly welcomed our newest addition to the team, Luke 😊 Luke has hit the ground running and been well received by staff and Rangatahi alike. Luke joins TYLA with experience in sport and recreation which has been put to good use with him regularly running after school sports & well-being programmes. Make sure to say hi if you spot him around.



Turn Your Life Around

Whāia ko te Matauranga
Hāi Whāitiki mo te iwi
Kāi Tāu āi
Pursue the wisdom of knowledge
So that the future generations may
achieve, thrive and prosper

*Sgt Tania Eden with some of the young people involved with TYLA. Also
Mai Time hosts Stacey Daniels & Bennett Pomana, TV3 personality Clint
Brown, coach Frank Endacott, Warriors Syd Eru & Hiro Okasen.*

*In New Zealand, a cohort study (a study of a particular
group of people over a length of time) of children born in
1987 showed that by age twenty-four 3% of those in the
cohort appearing in court were responsible for 47% of
all court appearances by the cohort.*

Most children and young people who offend commit relatively minor offences and are dealt with by attending police officers, Youth Aid follow up, and through the provisions of the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989. However a proportion of young offenders continue to offend and may become career criminals.

Statistics are recording a steady rise in numbers and ratio of children and young persons involved each year for criminal offences. Youth crime involving violence has increased with the greatest proportion of violence aimed at other young people. Dishonesty offending and property damage continue to increase amongst young people.

As a result of the increasing rate of youth crime and a focus by the Police to protect children and young people "at risk" of becoming offenders or victims of crime and road crashes, Sgt Tania Eden established the *Turn Your Life Around* (TYLA) programme in January this year.

The TYLA programme targets 10-16 year olds who are at risk of becoming offenders or have been dealt with by the Police, local community groups or schools and are in need of direction and guidance. The aim of the programme is to provide opportunities for "at risk" youth to turn their lives around.

Overseas research has shown that successful programmes for youth offenders need to reflect a positive evaluation of an individual's worth, encourage personal initiative and concentrate on training for credible goals.

An important part of the TYLA programme involves a three day workshop where young people attend self-development seminars, team building sessions, goal setting lectures and are introduced to their role models. Following the workshop the young people are continually monitored by Youth Aid officers to evaluate their behaviour and ensure they are kept on the right path. After a six month period, a one day workshop is held to assess the young people.

Sportspeople & celebrities involved in the programme include Auckland Warriors league players such as Hiro Okasen & Syd Eru, Auckland based All Blacks, members of the Silver Ferns, Mai Time hosts Stacey Daniels & Bennett Pomana, TV3 sports reporter Clint Brown, Shortland St actors & many others.

It is important for young people to feel good about themselves and have pride in what they do. As a Police Youth Aid Officer and a member of the community I am concerned that there are many young people with no goals or direction in life. These young people often come to the notice of police for offending or end up in a life of crime.

Through the implementation of this programme we will provide a pathway of hope for young people.

*by Sgt Tania Eden
Police Youth Aid Section, Ponsonby, Auckland*

Blast from the past: Article in a 1996 Auckland Rugby League Magazine

EMPOWERING ENGAGEMENTS



The heart of our engagement with our rangatahi is centred around providing opportunities and experiences to strengthen their self belief and confidence, as well as teaching them the importance of health and wellbeing for them as individuals. By helping to develop their understanding around this we can better equip them with skills they can use for their future.

These photos reflect just a few of the ways we help to connect and support our rangatahi. Teaching rangatahi to cook for themselves and appreciating the fruits of the labour by sharing the meal with their peers.. Supporting them to obtain a drivers licence, facilitating the Ko Wai Au programme which helps to strengthen the rangatahi connection to being Maori by celebrating their whakapapa. As well as hosting a Wonderful Wahine self care/pamper day. We were also fortunate to have had a visit from a previous TYLA Student who is now thriving and enrolled in cadets!





TEAM BUILDING

Our Central West and South teams combined and were able to make time for some much needed team bonding. We had a wonderful mid winter morning of clay shooting at Bracu just missing Tim & Nooroa.



THANK YOU!

We are always thankful for our wonderful rangatahi and their whanau for allowing the TYLA team to work with them. So it is very humbling when we receive thanks from them!

CHESS CLUB & INAUGURAL GAMBIT MASTERS COMPETITION ♀

A Term two collaboration with our TYLA South team and the Otago Youth Drop in Hub saw the creation of a very successful Afterschool Chess Club So popular in fact that it lead to the creation of the Inaugural Gambit Masters Chess competition.

Held in the school holidays it was a wonderful event, hosting almost 30 budding Chess players and supported by the Ormiston Youth Aid team, TYLA Staff and the players families. Thank you to the amazing children and their whanau who made the day so special!



THANK YOU!

Massive thank you to all these amazing suppliers and sponsors who made our tournament possible, from being able to purchase chess boards to the medals, trophies, food, drink and even prizes. Without your generous support none of this would have been possible!



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