



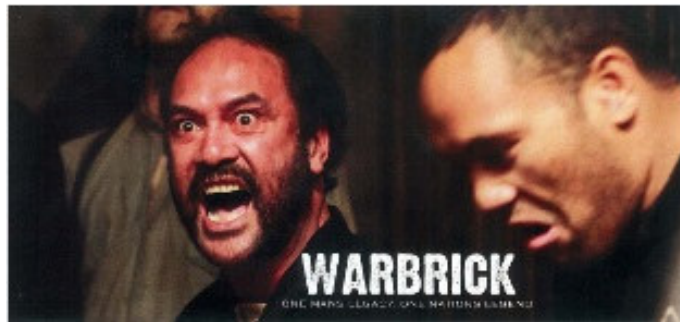
Rothbury 2009 Regional Scholarship

As with last year, the judges were extremely impressed with the high calibre of applications that we received. There can only be one winner however, and this year the scholarship was awarded to local teacher and film maker, **Pere Durie**.

Pere presented us with 'Warbrick', a short film he and brother, Meihana, have made about the first and largely unknown Maori rugby tour, playing 107 matches in the UK from 1888 to 1889. The team was called the NZ Natives and was very notable from an historic point of view as it introduced 3 of New Zealand's iconic traditions; the wearing of the black jersey, the use of the silver fern on the jersey and the use of the pre-match haka. Joe Warbrick, after whom the film was named and who we shall claim as a local, as he's from Matata, was the captain.

'Warbrick' was a powerful and emotive film and one that stunned the judges both for its quality and also because of its historical and educational value and we note that it is to be played to the All Blacks before the Australian Test in Wellington.

Pere's dream is to show the movie at international film festivals in 2010 and to then produce longer feature films and we hope Rothbury's assistance via our scholarship will help him achieve this.



Pere receiving his Scholarship cheque from Rothbury Directors, Brian Berry and Jon O'Connor and scholarship judge, Dawn Williams.

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Rothbury 2008 Regional Scholarship

2008 saw Rothbury enter the AMP Scholarship Programme for the first time.



The 2008 Regional Scholarship was awarded to Sarah Gordon. Sarah is studying to be an Advanced Paramedic at AUT University in Auckland and currently in her second year. Our judging panel were impressed with Sarah's attitude and her passion for getting the most out of life.

The course at AUT includes a Bachelor of Health Science with career opportunities such as an Advanced Paramedic, working in an environment where out-of-hospital emergency care may be required such as frontline ambulance, oil rigs, industrial sites, ski fields, defence forces and repatriation services, safety services and emergency management roles and international relief work.

Ultimately her goal is work with one of the many rescue helicopters around New Zealand and we hope our scholarship will help her achieve this.



Sarah presented those attending the Scholarship Award evening with the application that ultimately saw her win out over 7 other finalists.

Sarah with her Certificate and Scholarship cheque with Rothbury Directors, Brian Berry and Jon O'Connor, scholarship judge, Brian Waldegrave and Event Organiser, Talia Kilmore.



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