



2018 has been a very rewarding year and it has passed by so rapidly. Transform Aotearoa has been a hive of activity and every term has been packed with courses and events to keep us all busy. We have even introduced a few new courses this year just to mix it up a little.

This year we have run 37 programmes

Our women's stage 1 leadership and personal development program

Whakahonohono Mai

continues to focus on strength, identity, worth, value and goals setting while stage 2

Te Moana Kura

builds on tools learnt in stage 1 and is a personal move from insecurity to a place of promise and freedom.

40 women have participated in these programs this year.

Likewise our men's stage 1 program **Te Kaupapa Whakamana** has also focused on leadership and personal development, while covering topics like being a good father, partner, role model, integrity, whanau dynamics & managing hard feelings. Jay Ruka was a guest speaker at our men's graduation in October he spoke about being good leaders in your families and protecting your wahine. He gave every family present that evening with a signed copy of his book *Huia Come Home*.

The introduction of the new men's stage 2 program **Te Ana Raiona** that was launched in term 2 was a huge success, and being retaught this term, also builds on stage 1 and deals with tests, trials and facing your fears. It was designed to challenge!

We had 44 men participate in these programs this year.

The regular courses we offer like **Learner Drivers and Defensive Driving** with All Drive NZ and James Turney are very popular with individuals who want to obtain a learners, restricted or full licence.

44 students completed this process this year.

ShineGirl and Strength for Boys were run this year at Taupo Nui a Tia College, Putaruru College and Reporoa College where students were given the opportunity to discover more about their identity, strength, purpose and direction in their lives.

59 Students completed these courses this year.



Our Rangatahi Youth Summits have been such a blast. Naomi and her team have done an amazing job investing in our children and community with lots of fun and laughter added in to. Children have had the opportunity to learn some hip hop dance moves, some music and great art.

We ran 6 summits this year



WOW – Women of Wisdom is a support group for ladies to flow into after completing either of the women’s courses. They have been very creative this year and many learnt to sew in term 2 and 3 then donating carry bags and veggie bags to the local community gardens where the ladies have lent a helping hand digging, planting and relocating plants.

Shine Women was run in Taupo with participants meeting together to look at how they can discover their worth, strength and purpose. We had a great group of volunteers to look after the children which was a huge blessing to their mums.

7 women attended this course



The **CAP Release** program run in partnership with The Gospel Chapel offers tools to break life controlling dependencies like alcohol, smoking, gambling, drugs or the internet. This year Putaruru CAP Release won the CAP group of the year award which has been something to celebrate.

Our parenting class **Building Awesome Whanau** was very helpful to a select group of parents to help them with parenting tips and tricks to raise their children in a positive manner. This year we introduced Tweens and Teens this was an awesome addition to our parenting courses and even though the numbers were low due to the winter season parents were more than equipped with ideas to raise teenagers.

Both of these courses will be run again in 2019.

12 parents joined these classes.

For adults wanting to up skill knowledge in computer, email & internet operation. We partnered with Literacy Aotearoa Tokoroa to introduce the first **Basic computer course**. Students gained quite a bit of confidence by the end of the 10 week program.

9 people braved this course ranging from 16 – 70+ years of age.

Soul food was another new program introduced this year and is an informal gathering of women, a devotional week by week personal journey discovering and understanding how to find the meaning of life.

9 women attended this group.

Heroes and Giants was introduced to meet a community need for children between the ages of 5-12. Every child wants to be a hero, every child has giants that they must face. We show them the giants in their way and how a hero overcomes them in a practical and fun way with real life lessons.

We have had 22 children registered in this group this year.



As you can see we have been busy.

We are dedicated to building healthy whānau and providing practical tools and support to help those in our provincial communities achieve this. We believe that in changing the home-base, the benefits are far-reaching throughout the community. In seeking to foster healthy and whole communities across all generations, we will help communities to flourish.



Coming Up in 2019

We are excited about some great new initiatives starting in 2019 Transform Aotearoa will be partnering with Industry Training Solutions for a 2 day Barista course, also a Class 2 Truck Licensing course and a 9 week Work Ready Programme partnering with Literacy Aotearoa all of these courses will be creating the inroads into getting people into employment. We would love your support in these great new initiatives.

A message from Jenni

As we approach the end of 2018 , we can be thankful for the journey we have been on , the opportunity to grow, change and develop as individuals and part of a community Transform Aotearoa.

I read a quote recently

You have one crazy, beautiful, messy , sacred life and whether or not you believe it , it is enough
YOU ARE ENOUGH

Remember this as you enter this Christmas Season and 2019

The Transform Aotearoa Team would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to those who supported us over the year. We wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year.

We are looking forward to what 2019 has to offer.

The Transform Aotearoa Team

