



Kā Pou Whenua

DAY 3 AND 4: KĀ POU WHENUA TE TAI POUTINI ROADSHOW CONTINUES TO BUILD STRONG CONNECTIONS ACROSS THE WEST COAST

The Kā Pou Whenua Te Tai Poutini Roadshow continued its inspiring journey through New Zealand's West Coast, traveling from Hokitika to Franz Josef over Days Three and Four under sunny skies.

Day Three began in Ross, where locals eagerly cleared bulletin boards for Kā Pou Whenua posters. Discussions revealed the challenges of rural isolation and loneliness, emphasizing the need for the new crisis support service. Stops in Hari Hari and Whataroa ensured posters were placed on community boards to boost awareness.

In Franz Josef, the team enjoyed a memorable evening at Snake Bite eatery, surrounded by glacier views. Peer Kaiāwhina Adam Breeze of Poutini Waiora added a personal touch, sharing stories of his bush and glacier explorations.

The final day included a visit to the South Westlands Franz Josef Health Clinic, which provides vital services to southern West Coast communities. This stop reaffirmed the Roadshow's commitment to engaging with communities and promoting Kā Pou Whenua's kaupapa.

The Roadshow's success was thanks to Kā Pou Whenua West Coast Korowai Komiti members Christine Rigby (West Coast Health), Senior Sergeant Mark Kirkwood (Māwhera Police), Bryan Geer (Te Nikau Hospital), and Poutini Waiora team members Zee Tana, Ian Kearns, Adam Breeze, and Rebecca Thompson.

This journey strengthened partnerships and deepened connections, advancing Kā Pou Whenua's vision. The team looks forward to continuing this important mahi and building lasting relationships across the West Coast.

