



## Kā Pou Whenua

# DAY 2: KĀ POU WHENUA TE TAI POUTINI ROADSHOW CONTINUES TO BUILD STRONG CONNECTIONS ACROSS THE WEST COAST

The Kā Pou Whenua Te Tai Poutini Roadshow began its day at Te Rau Kawakawa Hospital, engaging with 25 specialist mental health nurses and doctors supporting the Buller region. The team then visited Te Hā o Kawatiri social services in Westport, where they toured the mara kai and learned about the vital work being done for the local community. Staff expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming crisis support telehealth service for Te Tai o Poutini, highlighting its importance.

Travelling down the scenic coast to Māwhera (Greymouth), the team navigated landslides from earlier rain before arriving at Te Nikau Hospital. There, they met the dedicated wāhine of the Long-Term Conditions unit and visited the mental health Crisis Resolution Service (CRS), a key partner in Kā Pou Whenua's success over the past eight months. Strengthening this collaboration remains a priority for the future.

The day concluded with a stop at the Clock Tower Café, where the team met Senior Sergeant Mark Kirkwood, a committee member representing Māwhera Police. Equipped with materials to promote the new service, Sergeant Kirkwood will champion its rollout across local Police sites. Tomorrow, the Roadshow continues its mission to engage communities, share information, and build partnerships to support the after-hours crisis support initiative.

