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ROTORUA TRUST AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship
Waiariki Institute of Technology Whare Takiura

Eleven local apprentices and 10 tertiary students received scholarships from the Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust at a special awards ceremony this evening (24 January 2008).

In presenting the annual awards, the Trust's education spokesperson, Judy Keaney said it was a special occasion for the Trust. "It is an opportunity to acknowledge a wide range of people who, when they have completed their training, will make a positive contribution to the Rotorua community. We are short of apprentices in all areas, particularly people with skills in forestry, business and hospitality," she said. "The Trust has been delighted with the number and calibre of applicants from the trades this year, with many being represented for the first time." Trades represented this year include mechanics, automotive engineering, electricians, carpentry, parts and hairdressing.

"We are also delighted to acknowledge our second female apprentice to receive a scholarship, Rachael John, from Stranz Hair Design." The Trust awarded a scholarship to its first female apprentice, Lisa Robinson, who served her apprenticeship at the same business, in 2006.

Each JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship Scholarship has an annual value of $1,000.

The 10 scholarships awarded to students studying at Waiariki Institute of Technology now have an annual value of $2,000.

Mrs Keaney said this was an increase of $1,000 per scholarship over past years. "In the past we have awarded 20 scholarships worth $1,000 each but this has changed to 10 awards worth $2,000 this year," she said. "The timing of the presentation of the scholarships has also been altered so that students know whether or not they have been successful before they start their new year of study. We hope by making these changes the scholarships will attract even more applications from people studying full-time at Waiariki (Institute of Technology)."

Mrs Keaney said selection of the recipients for both the JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprentice and Waiariki Whare Takiura scholarships was never easy and this year was no exception.

The full list of awards is:

2008 JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprentice Scholarship

Mark Costello	Heavy Diesel Mechanic
James Fox-O'Connell	Parts Assistant
Nicholas Gordon	Carpentry
Rachael John	Hairdressing
Michael Price	Carpentry
Jared Remington	Automotive Engineering
Reece Rewi	Automotive Heavy Engineering
Jason Rosanoski	Mechanic
Jeremy Stulen	Automotive Mechanic
Timothy Wiringi	Electrician
Wesley Young	Electrician

2008 Waiariki Institute of Technology Whare Takiura Scholarship

Chanel Breen	Diploma in Art & Design
Ashleigh Costello	Diploma in Hospitality Management
Neil Fincham	Bachelor of Computer Systems
Joseph Hauiti	National Diploma in Forestry
Jenny Hogg	Bachelor of Nursing
Margaret (Denny) Hona	Diploma in Business and BMS
Gemma Hughes	Bachelor of Nursing
Alena Matheson	Bachelor of Nursing
Lanette Nahu	Diploma in Art and Design
Helen Rowland	National Diploma in Forestry

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