



Canterbury and Chatham Islands Regional Newsletter 30 March 2020

Kia ora,

Canterbury Polyfest

The Redzone played host to the largest Christchurch Polyfest in the 20 year history of the event. Polyfest is the second event of the sPACIFICALLY PACIFIC (SPACPAC) suite of initiatives, and is the cultural showpiece for our local secondary schools.

The day was formally opened by Honourable Minister Poto Williams and was attended by over 8000 spectators who were treated to a cultural extravaganza of Pacific song, dance and of course, cuisine.



The level of performances on the Polyfest stage show the positive impact of the work around strengthening identity, language and culture.

There were 20 performances that represented 24 secondary schools, three of which were from our Nelson / Marlborough region. Nelson College, Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Colleges sent a strong contingent of performers and support people that made for an extra special occasion.

Rangi Ruru Girls' School also made a return to the Polyfest stage after a four year hiatus and they did not disappoint.



Thank you to all schools and their support teams who helped make the event such a success. It was great to see you all out in force to show your support for the event. Check out the Polyfest Canterbury Facebook page for more photos.

Who would have known that this would be our last big event for the city for sometime.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any ideas or issues. You can always call me on 03 378 7345, 0274 200 251 or email me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy this fortnight's bulletin.

Mā te wā

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