

Tai Poutini Polytechnic Media Release

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Interest mounts in charity house auction

Public interest is growing in the upcoming charity auction of a Tai Poutini Polytechnic-built three-bedroom home.

Every year, carpentry students build a residential home as part of their Polytechnic training. The home, which is built under real quality and consent conditions, is usually offered for sale to members of the public through a ballot system. This year, the Polytechnic has decided to hold a public auction, with the proceeds going to a local charity.

TPP Facilities Manager Doug Griffin says the Polytechnic has partnered with Coastguard West Coast and the proceeds of the auction will contribute to the charity's plans to purchase a new vessel.

"We are doing things a little differently this year and offering the public a great opportunity to bid for a brand new, quality home. We are also excited to be partnering with Coastguard West Coast and hope we can make a solid contribution to the charity.

"We want to offer big thank-you to local contractors, who have been incredibly generous this year. They have gone over and above their usual efforts to support our students, offering discounted rates and materials in the name of charity."

Coastguard Southern Region Manager Cheryl Moffat says it has been great to be involved in the auction event.

"We are grateful for the contributions of everyone involved in the carpentry house. We are very close to reaching our fundraising target for a new Coastguard vessel and the auction is a tremendous help.

"Coastguard is a charity that relies on the good will of its community. This is a tangible example of a community supporting our volunteers and we are really grateful."

The auction for the three-bedroom, two bathroom house will be held on 9 April. Interest from the public has already been received and anyone wishing to view the house can contact Doug Griffin on 0800 800 411 or view the house online at www.trademe.co.nz property listing number ESP945.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic wishes to thank the following local businesses for their support: Mitre 10, ITM, Stanton Electrical, Emeries Plumbing, Paul Crawford, Signlink, Megan McMillian, Coast Wide Joinery, Crawford Refrigeration and Trade Me.

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