

Learning the art of recording

Renowned musician and producer Whetu (Chubb) Renata was in Ruatoria last week training Radio Ngati Porou's Kahu Waitoa in the art of recording music. This training will focus on the use of RNP's new 'Pro Tools' digital recording system. "Learning to utilize this technology to its' full potential will maximize the production of quality music" says RNP Manager Heni Tawhiwhirangi.

Chubb originally from Tokomaru Bay is part of the Hale & Pewhairangi whanau. Based in Hamilton he owns his own recording company 'Mauria Mai Productions' and has produced a number of recordings with Whirimako Black, Ngatai Huata, and Adam Whauwhau just to name a few. He recently produced a DVD on how to play the harmonica with blues player Max MacDonald.

Kahu's training focused on the use of the 'Pro Tools' system, its' functions, tools and dynamic abilities. Recording on such a professional piece of equipment will complement any budding musician and will be a great resource for the area. Chubb says; "this gear produces the same sound quality as anything else in the country".

While 'Pro Tools' is a relatively new piece of equipment it has already been used in the local schools recording the musical talents of students from Potaka to Uawa. The workshops run by RNP were talent-spotting programs, and from the workshops a number of rangatahi were identified for possible further recordings.

The training that Kahu has received has refined his skills in editing and mixing and he says: "It's a pleasure to learn



Local Singer Kobi Keefe records two original songs using RNP's pro tools system.

from someone with so much experience, it's really going to help a lot with the recordings we produce here". As training support, local singer/songwriter and winner of the 'The One' competition Kobi Keefe recorded two original songs. They will be mixed and edited here at Radio Ngati Porou Kobi says; "it's really awesome to make the backing music and record the songs right here in Ngati Porou".

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Left to Right: Whetu (Chubb) Renata and Kahu Waitoa