

Hurunui Youth Council Camp - Kaikoura 2024

Why?

In 2023 we elected 11 Hurunui Youth Council members. Many of the electees were returning members staying on to serve another year, with 3 new members joining. We went to Kaikōura in January 2024 for a 3-day camp. The aim of the camp was -Whanaungatanga, to gain an understanding HYC and operations and of course to have fun, all while learning and challenge themselves/each other.

Deeper Dive

A significant portion of the group was already familiar with each other, but the arrival of new members provided a great opportunity for everyone to learn more about one another. HYC camp has a strong focus on how the Hurunui Youth Council operated and governance. Alongside this, we enjoyed activities like escape rooms, mini golf, and sea kayaking. Sea kayaking proved to be a favorite; for many, it was a chance to step outside their comfort zones. We achieved 100% participation, thanks to the encouragement and support from our fantastic team.

Thank you!

Thanks to the Hurunui Youth Council, The Rātā foundation and Ministry of Youth Development for funding this camp. A huge thanks to Kaikoura Kayaks who facilitated the kayaking for us with their amazing, experiences instructors.



Quotes from attendees:

"I enjoyed the camp. It gave everyone a chance to meet and share different viewpoints and combine our ideas together to work towards some proper end goals as a Youth Council."

"I loved it, the work was well spread out and the vibes weren't too formal meaning it was easy to feel free to speak and have heaps of general conversations around problems."

"The activities were really nice and also allowed us to make social connections whilst also experiencing what Kaikōura was about."