

Australasian Juvenile Justice Administrators Meeting

18-20 April 2018 – Christchurch New Zealand

Mihi whakatau (welcome to country) at the Te Waihora cultural space at Te Puna Wai o Tuhinapo. Te Mairiki Williams spoke on behalf of tanagta whenua (local people). On the side of tangata whenua was Allan Boreham and Chris Polaschek (AJJA members for NZ), Russ Caldwell (Residence Manager of Te Puna Wai), Youth Justice Workers and young people of Te Puna Wai. Chris Rewha (A/Regional Manager – Youth Justice Te Waipounamu) spoke on behalf of the manuhiri (AJJA).



The kids performed a haka following Te Mairiki's whaikorero (speech).



AJJA members and tangata whenua (including the kids) came together to hongi (press noses). Hongi symbolises that the hā (breath of life) has been exchanged.



AJJA visited the agriculture program. The kids were doing assessments for fencing and shearing. The kids were also having turns honing their skills on the farm motorbike.



AJJA members engaged with the residence staff and the agriculture teaching/trade staff on the farm.



AJJA visited the gym to watch the basketball mentoring program. A professional basketball player from the Canterbury Rams visits the residence once a week to train the kids.

