

Trip of a Lifetime

A few weeks back, budding local cricket star Andv Rogers took part in a trip of a lifetime, when he joined a tour of Sri Lanka as part of a group of youngsters identified as talented sportsmen. The trip was an opportunity to experience the rigours of international cricket in a controlled and supportive way.

Andy had come to the notice of a Waikato Under-17s coach and was selected to take part in the competitive training tour to Sri Lanka in April. While the group was away they were coached in various aspects of the game, and experienced the realities of playing in vastly different conditions, against players who have perfected different skill sets.

Andy said, "This trip taught me heaps and gave me the opportunity to develop my skills in foreign conditions." Those conditions included scorching heat and quick, dry outfields. Quite unlike the conditions the Kiwis are used to playing in here. Andy identified adapting to the heat as crucial for success while away. He said, "I knew I had to knuckle down when fatigue set in."

During the tour they got access to first class Sri Lankan coaches who were able to break down the technical parts of bowling, batting and fielding for the boys. The coaches also provided valuable insights into how to have success in



Under-17s international cricket training squad, Sri Lanka. Andy Rogers circled.

harsh equatorial conditions.

In his own words, Andy comes across as a focussed and mature young man who has his sights set on developing in his favoured game. "After completing the two weeks, I am confident in saying that I have grown as a cricketer and have a clear understanding of where I need to improve," he said. Andy summed up his trip as

"an amazing experience." One he would highly recommend to any young cricketer.

He concludes, "I would also like to thank everyone who made this possible by their donations. This trip wouldn't have been possible without the kindness and support from everyone!"

We wish Andy all the very best as he continues to pursue his dream!



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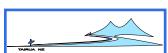
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'he Hikuai School Hunting Competition takes place in three weeks, 13 -15 June. Entries close at midnight on Wednesday 11 June and hunting starts at 12.01am on Fridav 13 June. The event culminates in a family fun day on Sunday 15 June, including raffles, competition merchandise, games, entertainment, prize-giving and a free feast for all! For further info you can contact event organisers, Kristy on 027 841 4004 or Stacey on 027 782 2394.

auanui's Pink Ribbon Weekend takes place this coming weekend! Three "eating" events are planned for the Saturday - the Pink Breakfast at Grand Mercure Puka Park, the High Tea at the Pauanui Club and the Pink Island Night at Cabana Kitchen and Bar. Look out for raffle ticket sellers this week. and buy up - there are some fabulous prizes up for grabs. Check in with Jewel and the Team at Pauanui Information for more details about the events and to donate.

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