



Billy Graham and Latu Talu. Photo Courtesy Fairfax Media.

THE NEXT BIG STEP FROM NAENAE TO CANNONS CREEK

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We're having babies! They are all going to be boys and very well behaved like our other 90...

The Cannons Creek Boxing Academy opens its doors on July 22 and we just can't believe it. What started as a childhood dream to duplicate Dick Dunn's boxing gym in Naenae is about to replicate.

We have the model, the location, the coach and the support – all this to meet the huge need in Cannons Creek, Porirua where there are more children per capita than any other city in NZ. Cannons Creek also has a

Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT); there are only two areas in Wellington that require an NPT, the other being Naenae – we are definitely in the right places!

The Police approached us in 2012 because of the lowering crime rate in Naenae; after copious feasibility studies and with practical support from the Police and the financial backing of the Tindall Foundation and Vodafone NZ Foundation we are about to take this next step.

Latu Talu, who was one of the first boys to walk into the Naenae Boxing Academy when we opened in 2006, lives in Cannons Creek and is going to be Head Coach. Latu is a NZ Champion, a qualified boxing coach and is currently on a youth leadership course with Outward Bound. Latu will be joined by an administrator and assistant coaches who are also locals. This will be a community project, a home grown solution to a very real problem; disengaged youth who need to be disciplined, get healthy and focus on getting real about life.

So to our consistently supportive Hutt community, we want to say "thank you for being so generous over the past nine years and to congratulate you on becoming grandparents!"

And to all of you who have had your life direction changed positively through sport, don't take it for granted or underestimate it – make a noise, get good people around you and run with it.

All the Best,
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