

What started out for John and his company, as a search for engineering trainees became a five-year training in employment opportunity in the aviation industry.

Jordan was amongst a high caliber of applicants who undertook a rigorous application and selection process. Four of the five applicants shortlisted were from Te Waimana.



Jordan's koro Taane Rakuraku with John Wilson, (Central Helicopters), co-owner/trainer

Jordan has literally started from the ground, up. His key 'mahi' at present is loading. The five years of learning gives a full understanding of aviation from foundation level to flying, assuring a complimentary respect for those on the ground and vice versa.

Jordan's' pilot training is under Johns' business partner Phil Jansen. 150 hours flying time is required to attain a license and according to John, **"1000 hours makes you 'gunny'."** Aviation compliances are logically quite complex, so much so that Jordan's compliance manual is some 350 pages thick.

Johns' closing kōrero to the Tribal Hui, **"Jordan is repping Te Waimana Kaaku to the highest order and you can be very proud of him."**

Jordan called in to the Tari after work on Thursday to say 'hi', catch up and let us know he's loving every minute of his mahi. He'd just returned from a company-wide safety training day, paramount in this industry.

We congratulate you again Jordan, on this awesome achievement.