

White Ribbon riders here Thursday

WEST Wind White Ribbon Riders roar into Te Kuiti on Thursday morning on their week-long 5000km cavalcade across New Zealand as part of the campaign to end violence against women.

The riders are all members of the Patriots Motorcycle Club, Te Ahi Kikoha and The Redeemed.

MASS POWHIRI

Local riders will join them at Piopio at 8.55am, travelling down Rora St at 9.15 to the Te Kuiti Domain where an event has been organised by the Maniapoto Family Violence Intervention Network (MFVIN).

The riders will be greeted by hundreds of school children performing a mass powhiri and some of the men will share their stories and anti-violence messages.

The White Ribbon riders will be asking North King Country men to sign the campaign's pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence towards women.

After a games demonstration by the children, the riders will be treated to a hangi with a sausage sizzle for whanau and supporters.

The riders depart for Otorohanga at 12.10pm for a karakia at Memorial Park blessing the giant white ribbons placed on Kakamutu Hill by MFVIN.

The riders then head to Te Awamutu.



MANNING UP: Te Kuiti The Warehouse manager Shane Tukuafu (left), Waitomo mayor Brian Hanna, Otorohanga Police Sergeant Andy Connors and Otorohanga mayor Max Baxter signed the White Ribbon banner on Friday pledging their support for the 2013 'It's not OK' campaign which focuses on what men can do to end violence against women.

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