



## FESTIVAL OF THE ELEMENTS

WAITANGI DAY

6 February 2008

Elsdon Park

# NEWS ITEM

## WOOL WONDERS FROM EWE 2 U

A group of fibre artists will turn fleece into works of art during the Festival of the Elements 2008.

Fibre Artists Group liaison person Dorothy Mitchell said it was expected that a group of about 20 artists would spin, knit, weave, and make felt, art and craft creations largely from wool.

The team would be operating from the Mana College marae where people could watch new works being made, learn a new skill, or be reintroduced to a long lost hobby. Mrs Mitchell said the group which called itself “Ewe 2U” attended the Festival for the first time last year.

“We broke into four teams, took shorn fleece and turned it into a garment on the day using spinning, weaving and felting techniques.

“We had a lovely eight-year-old girl who spent a lot of time with us weaving. She had a lot of fun.”

The Fibre Artists Group has exhibited its works locally in Pataka and also in Wellington and some members have displayed their work at national exhibitions and conventions. Mrs Mitchell was thrilled to be able to give visitors the opportunity to appreciate and learn about creating crafts with raw materials.

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