

CHARACTERISATION



THE NGARUAWAHIA STORY



EXT - Outside Turangawaewae Marae (DAY)
Host walks beside gates...

HOST
"Today I'm checking out Ngaruawahia."

...and brushes hand over carvings.



CUT TO

EXT - Kingitanga Sculpture (DAY)

HOST admiring the sculpture, greets an elder with hongi...



HOST (V.O.)

"...but it's looking forward, ready to carve out new challenges."

CUT TO

EXT - FOOD MARKET (MORNING)

HOST holds up some fresh produce or cooked food...



HOST (V.O.)

"The area has a proud cultural history..."

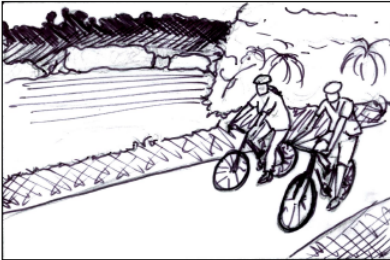
...before young families with babies arrive in the playground area, laughing with HOST, enjoying each other's company...



HOST

"Ngaruawahia means 'the open food pits'..."

...before sampling food and chatting with locals...



HOST (V.O.)

"...which means it's time to get some kai and get my energy up..."

CUT TO

EXT - TE AWA CYCLEWAY BESIDE RIVER (DAY)

HOST cycles along the track...



HOST

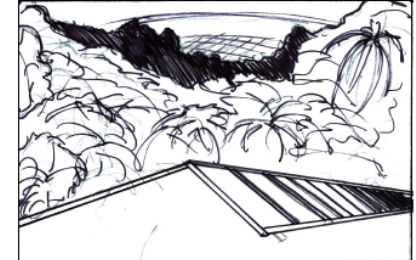
"...so I can cycle alongside history to where the Waikato and Waipa Rivers meet..."

...where a Waka journeys up the river beside him.

CUT TO

EXT - MAKARIMATA RANGES BUSH WALK (DAY)

MULTIPLE SCENES - Feet walking. HOST admiring trees, climbing stairs, waterfalls, sunlight filtering through...



HOST (V.O.)

"...then climb the Hakaimita steps to get these amazing views out over the Waikato."

...as HOST reaches the viewpoint and looks out over Ngaruawahia...



HOST

"What a seriously beautiful place this is. You know, I've had nothing but friendly smiles..."

...and remembers smiling faces of both walkers, cyclists, Waka riders, food stall owners, families in the park, kids swimming in the river, young and old mixing together...



HOST (V.O.)

"...from everyone I've met. It may seem like a quiet little town, but there's a lot to see and do here."



CUT TO

EXT - FOOD MARKET (DAY)

Eats food...

HOST

"So next time you're around, don't just travel through."

...surrounded by friendly people.



HOST (V.O.)

"Stop by and make sure you enjoy everything Ngaruawahia has to offer."