

## Community

# Price of Peace film scores Best Documentary award

DIRECTOR and co-producer of documentary *The Price of Peace*, Kim Webby, has received a prestigious accolade with an international award for her documentary.

The film, which documents Tame Iti, Ngai Tuhoe, and the trial of the Uruwera Four, screened at a special viewing last month in Wairoa, after touring the national film festival circuit.

The *Price of Peace* was awarded Best Documentary at the international ImagineNATIVE Film Festival in Toronto, the world's largest indigenous film festival.

Ms Webby said she was delighted with the accolade.

"I'm really surprised and, of course, very happy that the film won and that it clearly resonated with indigenous people present from around the world."

These included Australian Aborigine, native Canadian, American and South American, and Sami people from Norway, Finland and Sweden.

Ms Webby said it was a privilege to take the story of Tame Iti and Ngai Tuhoe to indigenous people worldwide.

The five-day 16th Annual Film

and Media Arts Festival was held over October 14-18 and is the largest festival of its kind.

It is regarded as one of the most important indigenous film and

media arts festivals in the world.

The Wairoa Maori Film Festival features on their website as one of two indigenous film festivals from New Zealand that showcase like-minded work.

The ImagineNATIVE festival shows work from indigenous practitioners who represent a diversity of ideas, themes and genres, and who represent subjects that would not necessarily be made available through mainstream forms of media.

There is also a preference to show work from indigenous filmmakers and media artists who are often underrepresented or misrepresented.

There is also an annual tour where selected works are taken to remote indigenous communities.



□ Award-winning director Kim Webby during the question-and-answer session following the screening of her film, *The Price of Peace*, which won Best Documentary at the international ImagineNATIVE Film Festival, the world's largest indigenous film festival, in Toronto, Canada.