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00:00:02,560 --> 00:00:06,520

Te Ramanui has an amazing support crew around him.

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00:00:06,520 --> 00:00:09,040

His social life is fantastic.

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00:00:09,040 --> 00:00:12,120

I felt like I've put so much into his good life.

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00:00:12,120 --> 00:00:14,320

Now I'm starting to get a bit of that, I just want more and

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00:00:14,320 --> 00:00:15,560

more and more of it.

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00:00:15,560 --> 00:00:19,640

And create your life so you can be just mum or dad or

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00:00:19,640 --> 00:00:22,120

whoever you want to be.

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00:00:22,120 --> 00:00:23,760

My name is Te Ramanui,

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00:00:23,760 --> 00:00:27,320

I am 26 years old

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00:00:28,840 --> 00:00:30,280

and I’m from Christchurch.

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00:00:31,560 --> 00:00:35,600

I gave birth to two healthy twin boys.

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00:00:35,600 --> 00:00:38,600

One night, Te Ramanui got really unsettled

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00:00:38,600 --> 00:00:40,480

and he was crying a lot.

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00:00:40,480 --> 00:00:44,280

In the morning, you could draw a line down the left side of his

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00:00:44,280 --> 00:00:46,720

body and his whole left side was twitching.

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00:00:46,720 --> 00:00:50,160

And we think he got viral encephalitis,

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00:00:50,160 --> 00:00:52,480

which is just an airborne virus.

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00:00:52,480 --> 00:00:55,720

And his cognitive brain swelled up.

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00:00:55,720 --> 00:00:58,720

So they told me that I would probably have a very violent young

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00:00:58,720 --> 00:01:02,640

man and he'll be dependent on me for the rest of my life.

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00:01:02,640 --> 00:01:05,640

Then I was like, what's going to happen when I leave?

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00:01:05,640 --> 00:01:09,400

You know, I just thought, I've got to do everything in my power to

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00:01:09,400 --> 00:01:11,400

make him as independent as possible.

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00:01:13,000 --> 00:01:15,120

This is your good life plan aye Te Ramanui.

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00:01:15,120 --> 00:01:18,600

Because this one here, we've just about smashed

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00:01:18,600 --> 00:01:21,120

all of those goals out.

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00:01:22,160 --> 00:01:24,080

Te Ramanui is really adamant about

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00:01:24,080 --> 00:01:25,360

wanting a wife.

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00:01:25,360 --> 00:01:28,840

So we as a family were looking at, well, how would you

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00:01:28,840 --> 00:01:30,480

support a wife?

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00:01:30,480 --> 00:01:33,240

And I was also looking at, what is a life

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00:01:33,240 --> 00:01:34,160

on a benefit?

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00:01:34,160 --> 00:01:37,000

You know, he’s never, ever really going to have a good life

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00:01:37,000 --> 00:01:38,040

being on a benefit.

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00:01:38,040 --> 00:01:40,200

So what can we do for him to generate

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00:01:40,200 --> 00:01:41,040

some more money?

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00:01:42,880 --> 00:01:47,720

My husband and I got married and we employed a DJ

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00:01:47,720 --> 00:01:50,040

and Te Ramanui just took over

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00:01:50,040 --> 00:01:51,880

and stole the show.

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00:01:51,880 --> 00:01:54,560

And we just couldn’t believe the energy he was

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00:01:54,560 --> 00:01:56,200

giving out to people.

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00:01:56,840 --> 00:01:58,960

Te Ramanui seems to be getting gigs booked.

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00:01:58,960 --> 00:02:00,960

So Te Ramanui can do any gig,

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00:02:00,960 --> 00:02:03,360

twenty-firsts, weddings,

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00:02:03,360 --> 00:02:04,680

Christmas parties.

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00:02:04,680 --> 00:02:07,480

And so it’s just growing and growing.

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00:02:08,920 --> 00:02:11,000

Are you excited about the gig tonight Te Ramanui?

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00:02:11,000 --> 00:02:12,160

Yep I am.

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00:02:12,160 --> 00:02:14,800

Are you going to dance or are you just going to be DJing?

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00:02:14,800 --> 00:02:16,280

Probably at the end of it.

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00:02:16,280 --> 00:02:17,480

At the end of it, you’re going to dance?

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00:02:17,480 --> 00:02:18,400

Yes.

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00:02:18,400 --> 00:02:20,920

But you’re a good dancer.

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00:02:21,960 --> 00:02:27,000

So creating a good life for Te Ramanui takes a lot of work.

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00:02:27,000 --> 00:02:30,920

Working and having other children and running a home,

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00:02:30,920 --> 00:02:33,920

then also creating Te Ramanui’s good life.

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00:02:33,920 --> 00:02:37,680

Employing staff, recruiting staff, paying staff.

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00:02:37,680 --> 00:02:39,560

It gets really, really big.

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00:02:39,560 --> 00:02:42,720

And I just had a light bulb moment where I thought, why don’t I

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00:02:42,720 --> 00:02:44,720

employ a manager?

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00:02:45,280 --> 00:02:48,280

I was brought on board to help sort of manage Te’s

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00:02:48,280 --> 00:02:50,040

personalized funding.

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00:02:50,040 --> 00:02:55,160

Lisa wanted Te to have more say in how his money’s

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00:02:55,160 --> 00:02:56,080

spent on him.

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00:02:56,080 --> 00:02:59,080

So that means we can get a DJ mentor,

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00:02:59,080 --> 00:03:03,000

a fitness mentor, things that are more directly part of

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00:03:03,000 --> 00:03:05,080

his good life plan and the things that he’s

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00:03:05,080 --> 00:03:06,120

wanting to do.

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00:03:06,560 --> 00:03:08,520

Now to the smiley face.

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00:03:09,680 --> 00:03:12,560

And then we’ll use the Kōwhai.

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00:03:12,560 --> 00:03:13,880

Cool.

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00:03:15,160 --> 00:03:18,160

I’ve come out of doing a year’s study at MAINZ.

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00:03:18,160 --> 00:03:21,160

I’ve been doing some casual support work last year and I was

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00:03:21,160 --> 00:03:25,480

looking for more work and came across a DJ tutor job just on a

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00:03:25,480 --> 00:03:26,560

job search website.

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00:03:27,280 --> 00:03:29,360

So Te’s an absolute joy to hang out with.

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00:03:29,360 --> 00:03:31,080

One of the highlights of my week.

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00:03:31,080 --> 00:03:34,080

He really does feel other people’s energy, which is probably why

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00:03:34,080 --> 00:03:37,360

music is so great for him, because there’s so much feeling and

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00:03:37,360 --> 00:03:39,040

emotion in music.

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00:03:40,480 --> 00:03:43,280

Through Jess’ connections, she approached FLUX

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00:03:43,280 --> 00:03:47,040

and said could we host an event here

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00:03:47,040 --> 00:03:48,200

for Te Ramanui?

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00:03:48,200 --> 00:03:53,040

And so this is part of building his brand and having that exposure

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00:03:53,040 --> 00:03:54,280

around Christchurch.

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00:03:55,080 --> 00:03:57,480

I know Te Ramanui has talked about having a wife

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00:03:57,480 --> 00:03:59,320

and building relationships.

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00:03:59,320 --> 00:04:00,800

And also going flatting,

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00:04:00,800 --> 00:04:02,440

living independently.

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00:04:02,440 --> 00:04:05,440

And the small steps that are involved in that is where I think

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00:04:05,440 --> 00:04:06,920

the plan comes in.

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It’s through that support that those building blocks come along

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00:04:11,040 --> 00:04:14,040

and the journey is just as much fun as the outcome.

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00:04:14,520 --> 00:04:15,480

So how do you feel about

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00:04:15,480 --> 00:04:16,440

going flatting?

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00:04:16,440 --> 00:04:17,560

Cool aye.

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00:04:17,560 --> 00:04:18,000

Yeah?

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00:04:18,000 --> 00:04:19,440

What are you looking forward to?

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00:04:19,440 --> 00:04:20,160

Living there.

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00:04:20,160 --> 00:04:21,000

Moving there.

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00:04:22,600 --> 00:04:26,920

So there was a brand new house being purposely built and would

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00:04:26,920 --> 00:04:30,640

Te Ramanui like to live there?

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00:04:30,640 --> 00:04:34,280

And Te Ramanui has been so adamant and determined that this is

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00:04:34,280 --> 00:04:36,040

what he wants.

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00:04:36,760 --> 00:04:42,360

There’s a kitchen and carpets and windows and it’s cool aye?

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00:04:42,360 --> 00:04:43,840

It’s going to be cool.

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00:04:43,840 --> 00:04:45,040

Where are you going to put your bed?

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00:04:45,040 --> 00:04:46,200

I don’t know, really.

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00:04:46,200 --> 00:04:46,920

I don’t know.

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00:04:46,920 --> 00:04:48,800

There or there, probably here.

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00:04:48,800 --> 00:04:49,960

Probably there.

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00:04:52,280 --> 00:04:54,560

Looks really cool.

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00:04:55,760 --> 00:05:00,160

My hope for Te Ramanui is to make his own informed decisions

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00:05:00,160 --> 00:05:01,720

about how he wants to live his life.

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00:05:01,720 --> 00:05:03,360

And we just tag along.

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00:05:03,360 --> 00:05:07,000

We'll be just tagging along in his life and enjoying it

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00:05:07,000 --> 00:05:08,680

as much as he is.

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00:05:08,680 --> 00:05:10,120

Going to be a good life too.

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00:05:13,160 --> 00:05:14,440

It's going to be cool.