

**What is your definition of success?**

My definition of success is not what things you have, but the people you have become friends with and your family. Success is in all things whether it's playing an instrument, driving a car, having a family, having a good job - you can get success out of a lot of things.

**If you could change one thing about the world what would it be?**

People's perception on marriage. These days people are getting married, having kids and then getting divorced. Think about how that's going to affect your kids and your family. I think marriage should be something special and cherished and made to last, but now it's like, "I'm sick of you now, lets get divorced." Some marriages can't even last a year.

**What bothers you most about what is happening in your country today?**

I guess our rate of obesity. We are one of the fattest countries in the world and we are such a small country that consumes so much food, whereas people in third world countries are dying of starvation.



**Shani Matenga-Troughear, 20 - Currently Miss Huntly and Miss South Pacific NZ.**

Her interests are golf and listening to music. She was a Waikato Junior Golf representative for five years and has travelled around NZ and the Gold Coast of Australia. Shani is currently studying part-time on a home-based Practical Education course, doing Business, Administration and Computing. Her ambition is to own her own business, doing something not only beneficial to herself, but also for her community. At present, she works as a retail assistant in her grandparents' store.

**Did you ever think that you would be in a beauty pageant? What do your friends and family think?**

Never in my life did I ever imagine that I would be in a beauty pageant. My friends and family are happy and extremely proud of me (I'm also proud of myself!)

**Tell us about taking part in a beauty pageant? What's it like?**

It's fun! So many different emotions from happy to sad, excited to mad. It's an awesome experience!  
  
If there was one outstanding thing you gained from the experience so far what would it be? And what's the hardest?  
Never to underestimate myself ever again! The hardest part for me would've been not having my parents there, as they don't live in New Zealand anymore. But I had all my friends there, which was awesome too!

**Has this experience changed what you want to do in the future?**

Yes, I would love to pursue this for a while and see where this path takes me.

**What did you think of beauty pageants before your involvement in one? What do you think now?**

I didn't even know beauty pageants existed anymore. I think it's great - we should have them more often.

**Would you encourage others to enter a beauty pageant?**

Yes, I would love to promote beauty pageants to everyone, especially in Huntly. There's so much talent out there. We just have to find it.

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