

# A NEW LOOK AT LIFE THROUGH THE LENS



Taniora and his daughter Mena.  
Photo: PHIL ROGERS  
Below: A self portrait.

## Robert Burton-Bradley

A random encounter with a professional photographer led to a new outlook for Te Rangatahi Taniora.

Taniora, 22, or Frankie as his friends call him, is a single dad whose life took a turn for the better through the help of the Salvation Army's Oasis Youth Support Network in Surry Hills.

While receiving support from the Oasis youth centre on Crown St, Taniora met professional photographer Kate Baker.

Baker was a regular visitor to Oasis

and spent time documenting the faces of those who came and went.

Taniora told her he was interested in photography, and Baker supported him to explore the medium.

"I'd really like to mention Kate because she really encouraged me and actually she gave me my first camera," he said. "I kept practising and kept going into the ACP (Australian Centre for Photography) library just hanging out."

Taniora was one of five Oasis young people who took part in a 10 week project with the Australian Centre for Photography called Now and When.



Te Rangatahi Taniora

Taniora's work, which features his 3-year-old daughter Mina Miro Ngahaka Taniora is on display from November 27- December 13 at ACP. Visit [www.acp.org.au](http://www.acp.org.au).