

Te Tohu a Toi

STATE OF THE ARTS

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Welcome to our Winter edition of *State of the Arts*.

June signals the start of the Māori New Year period, named **Puanga** in the Taranaki/Whanganui regions due to the stars that are visible from our specific viewpoint in Aotearoa. 2022 is the first year we celebrate Matariki/Puanga as a public holiday, on 25 June. There are a wide range of opportunities to learn and celebrate within our communities this year, including the *LibraryPlus Puanga Roadshow*, Puanga themed exhibitions at three community galleries and the *Puanga Kai Rau Festival* at Parihaka.

The **Taranaki National Art Awards** returns this year to celebrate 20 years of this iconic Ōpunakē event. This is a huge achievement for a small rural community and makes me reflect on all the dedicated volunteers, sponsors and supporters who have committed to running this event over the 14 years I have been involved. Another district art competition, **Emergence**, is back again this year at Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford, offering a unique opportunity for young artists to showcase their work in a professional gallery. Please encourage any young artists in your life to enter and gain valuable experience.

We recently ran **Business Skills for Creatives**, a series of four online workshops delivered by tutor Janet Nixon. South Taranaki creatives from all over the district benefited from this training. I look forward to seeing the exciting developments and projects that emerge as well as the connections and networking it enabled for the arts community.

We sadly said goodbye to a wonderful member of our creative community recently. A memorial service was held in Pātea in May for Mareta Masters-Grubner – a very colourful, vibrant and active artist who was involved in many local visual and performing arts groups and initiatives, including Paepae in the Park. We will miss her abundant energy and beautiful spirit for many years to come.

Please continue to support and enjoy our local artists, galleries, groups, projects and events. Thank you for your positivity, strength, commitment and vision to keep the arts alive and thriving. Get in touch with me via email if you need advice or support with applications or help to realise a creative project. Take care and keep creating!

Ngā mihi, *Michaela*

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Artist Meka Mauriri with his Toi Whakairo at the opening event of the Puanga Kai Rau exhibition at Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hāwera



South Taranaki Creative Communities Funding

The last application round for the South Taranaki District Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) was well subscribed with a total of \$41,385.22 requested in funding. The South Taranaki CCS Committee is comprised of representatives from South Taranaki Community Boards, our local arts community, Iwi and Youth. A total of \$26,664.16 was allocated to these projects:

Dale Copeland – Still Thinking: An exhibition of assemblages and the final International Collage Exchange - \$1,110.

Rezpect Dance Academy: Bring skills and passion for dance to youth in rural communities - \$2,536.

Hāwera Repertory Society: Staging the 'Mamma Mia' show, 11 performances - \$1,000.

Everybody's Theatre – Halloween & Live Entertainment: To provide a spooky house for Halloween, and to host live music performances in Ōpunakē - \$1,500.

Sue Baker – Creative Inclusion: To provide opportunities for adults with disabilities and special needs to attend a series of creative workshops - \$3,500.

Trevor Landers – Moemoeaa o Taranaki (Dreams of Taranaki): Expert Te Reo Māori translation for two community publications or contemporary writing - \$1,000.

South Taranaki Creative Space – Makerspace & Mixed Media Workshops: Makerspace technology, drawing, painting, collage & clay workshops in Hāwera - \$2,044.66

Ben Caldwell – DIY Comedy: A One Night Stand: Bringing high-quality stand-up comedy shows featuring local and national performers - \$2,000.

Music Innovation Trust of Taranaki – Around the Mountain Concert: To expand the current 'Around the Mountain Concert' series in Hāwera from 6 to 12 concerts per year - \$3,000.

Ōhawe Creative Communities: Local Ōhawe residents exhibiting craft, art, plants and produce and a weekend art workshop for youth to create gifts for Mothers Day - \$933.50.

Hāwera Brass Incorporated – Junior Performance Band: To establish a Hāwera Brass Junior Performance Band - \$4,000.

Taranaki Arts Trail Exhibition: Hosting a 'Taranaki Arts Trail 2022 Preview Exhibition' at Lysaght Watt Gallery - \$1,040.

Egmont Community Arts Council – Surf Life Saving Mural: Repaint the existing iconic mural in Ōpunakē - \$1,500.

Laura Buchanan – Pottery Project: Giving the community an opportunity to give clay a go, offering pottery packs, glazing and firing - \$1,500.

The South Taranaki Creative Communities Scheme provides funding assistance for community-based arts activities in South Taranaki that meet one or more of the following funding criteria:

- **Broad community involvement** - A project that will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities.
- **Diversity** - A project that will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity.
- **Young people** - A project that will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.

The next South Taranaki District Creative Communities application round will open on 2 August 2022, and close on 2 September 2022. If you have an idea for a project or would like support with your application, you can email STDC Arts Coordinator Michaela for support – michaela.stoneman@stdc.govt.nz

For detailed information and forms, please visit the link [here](#)

Any enquiries to discuss an application, email funding@stdc.govt.nz or phone 0800 111 323 or 06 278 0555



Waverley Pool Mural Project – Public vote

Public voting: Closes 5.00 pm Thursday 8 June 2022

Mural design submissions for the front wall of Waverley Swimming Pool were sought recently from artists, schools and groups from the Waverley, Waitotara and Whenuakura communities. Facilitated by South Taranaki District Council staff, seven designs were submitted, all reflecting aspects of Waverley. Three finalist designs were selected by a panel of four local judges. The designs are on display at Waverley LibraryPlus for a public vote. Voting is encouraged by local residents and LibraryPlus visitors until 8 June 2022. The winning mural design will be painted later in the year, in time for the summer swimming season.

Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards 2022



Free Writing Workshops with Judges

Poetry: 5.30 pm Thursday 16 June 2022, Hāwera LibraryPlus

Short Story: 10.00 am Saturday 18 June 2022, TSB Hub, Hāwera

Entry deadline: Wednesday 17 August 2022

Taranaki writers will benefit from the skills of leading contemporary writers for this year's annual Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards.

For well over a decade, the Lysaght-Watt Trust has been a major supporter of the South Taranaki LibraryPlus and its programmes. The Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards is this year, celebrating its 35th year with Judges Airini Beutrais (Short Story) and Robert Sullivan (Poetry).

South Taranaki Community Outreach Librarian Katherine Bosworth says that this move is a small way to thank the Trust for its ongoing support and generous funding. "Every year we thank the Lysaght-Watt Trust for making the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards possible through its generous funding," she says. "It's really exciting to be taking it a step further with renaming the Awards in recognition of the strength

and importance of this long-standing partnership." Jack and Mary Watt (nee Lysaght) left a significant portion of their respective Estates for the creation of the Lysaght Watt Trust. The Trust provides funding within the Taranaki region, and in particular supports Arts, Culture and Heritage and is administered by Trustees based at Halliwells in Hāwera. Since its inception in 2008, the Trust has granted over \$1 million dollars to worthy local community projects and people. "This ongoing support has enabled LibraryPlus staff to deliver high-quality programmes and events to our community and invest in technologies to ensure our youth are ready to thrive in a rapidly changing digital world," says Katherine.

Registrations for free writing workshops are now open. Phone 0800 111 323 or email entries@stdc.govt.nz to register.

For more information, to register for workshops and to enter, visit the website: www.southtaranaki.com/rhm

Call for Submissions – Poetry & Flash Fiction

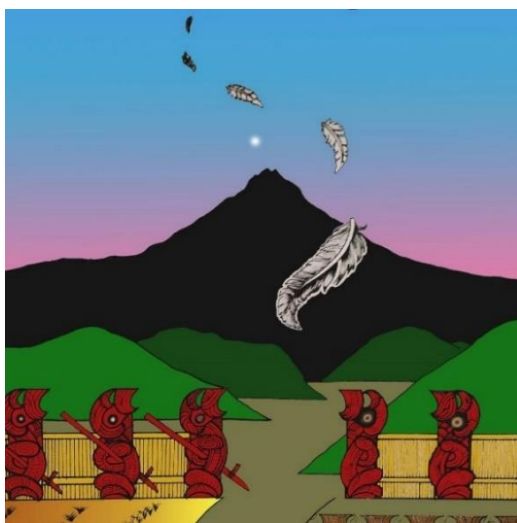
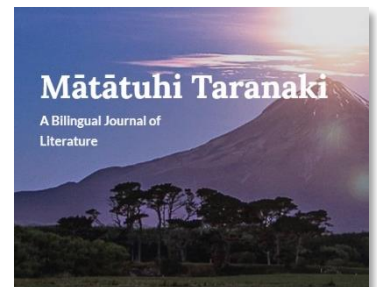
A new bilingual publication celebrating Pātea, Waverley, Waitōtara and Ngāmatapouri is being compiled by editors Trevor Landers, Vaughan Rapatahana and Ngauru Rawiri.

Poetry and flash fiction can be submitted to Mātātuhi Taranaki by 31 July 2022.

Please include a biographical note of less than 50 words with any submission.

For more information visit the website: www.matatuhitaranaki.ac.nz

To submit work, email: matatuhitaranaki@gmx.com



Parihaka Puanga Kai Rau Festival 2022

6.00 am - 10.00 pm Saturday 11 June 2022

Parihaka Papakāinga, 249 Mid Parihaka Road, Parihaka Pā

Celebrate the Māori New Year at Taranaki's iconic home of peace. Annual festival acknowledging the Māori New Year in South Taranaki. Activities include karakia, waiata, poi, mahi (work) in the maara (garden) and fun for kids. Enjoy a bonfire and evening concert of local musicians. Bring gumboots, warm clothes and raincoats, especially for tamariki and kaumatua. Bring a torch and garden tools and musical instruments to jam around the fire. The event is family-friendly, alcohol and drug-free. Shared kai from the maara - feel free to contribute. The organisers encourage carpooling to reduce emissions. Full programme details can be found on the Facebook Event page.

For more information visit: [Parihaka Puanga Kai Rau Festival on Facebook](#) or www.puanga.com

Taranaki National Art Awards 2022

Sinclair's Events Centre, Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

Entries Close: Friday 16 September 2022

Awards Ceremony: 7.00 pm Friday 28 October 2022

Exhibition: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, 29 October – 5 November 2022

2022 celebrates the 20th anniversary of this iconic event, held in Ōpunakē. Entries are now open for this annual national visual arts competition. Cash prizes are offered in seven categories: Painting, Taranaki Artists, 3D, Works on Paper, Fibre Art, Tō Taranakitanga and Photography. Entry is \$25 per artwork; artists can only enter each category once but can enter up to three categories. This long-standing event would not be possible without the generous support of sponsors and the Ōpunakē community. All entries are displayed in the exhibition and most works are for sale, offering a unique opportunity to purchase original artworks. The exhibition coincides with the region's garden festivals and the Taranaki Arts Trail. Judges for 2022 are Karl Chitham, Director of the Dowse Art Museum and Leafa Wilson, independent Curator and Cultural Activator at Creative Waikato. Artists can enter online. Check for updates and news on Facebook.



Winner of 2020 TSB Community Trust Painting Award,
Flyover by Judy Woods

Facebook: [Taranaki National Art Awards](#)

Please visit the website to find out more and enter: www.taranakiartawards.co.nz

The Great Comedy Night – South Taranaki 2022



Eltham Town Hall, Eltham: Friday 15 July 2022

TSB Hub, Hāwera: Saturday 16 July 2022

Hāwera born and bred comedian Ben Hurley returns to South Taranaki to host this two-town tour. *The Great Comedy Night* will feature Dai Henwood, Liv Mckenzie and David Correos. Tickets on sale from 1 June 2022.

Tickets \$40 per person or \$350 for table of 10. Purchase from South Taranaki i-SITE, Hāwera or Eltham LibraryPlus

Creative Taranaki – News

After two years of groundwork, Creative Taranaki is all set to officially launch on 1 July, when the first of nine years of New Plymouth District Council funding kicks in. The aim is to support and advocate for Taranaki's creative community, including engagement with regional arts organisations and at local and central government levels. The aim is to enable individuals and organisations to connect and collaborate, share content, and understand and contribute to a regional strategy. From a South Taranaki perspective, this means extending the work of the South Taranaki District Council Arts Co-ordinator to the whole of Taranaki, while supporting them to serve the needs of the creative community. Creative Taranaki's Trustees are: Elvise Van Der Leden (Chair), Mikaela Nyman (Secretary), Trevor Woudt (Treasurer), Andy Bassett, Lisa Berndt, Sam Kelly, and Liz Sinclair. Luke Millard from Venture Taranaki supports the team as an advisor. Creative Taranaki recently appointed a part-time Arts Co-ordinator to be the 'face' of Creative Taranaki, to be announced soon. The role entails laying the foundations for the Trust's annual work plan, connecting artists and organisations, outreach, advocacy and support for the creative community.



Connector Event

In July, representatives from the Manatū Taonga (Ministry for Culture and Heritage) and Creative New Zealand will visit Taranaki. It's an opportunity to highlight the talent, value, opportunities and challenges the sector faces. Creative Taranaki Trust will host a series of community and strategic conversations culminating in a sector-wide connector event, which will be held in New Plymouth and live-streamed.

Digital Marketing Workshop

Creative Taranaki will deliver a pilot workshop, face-to-face and online, focusing on Digital Marketing. Creative Taranaki's kaupapa is 'by the sector for the sector'. In the spirit of working together for the benefit of the creative community, the Arts Co-ordinator will seek community input to ensure workshop content meets pressing and real needs.

For updates or to register for events - Facebook: [Creative Taranaki](#) | Newsletter/Email: creativetaranaki@gmail.com

Winter Fest – Hāwera

5.00 pm - 8.30 pm, Friday 8 July 2022
Hāwera CBD, Hāwera



Bizlink Hāwera presents Winter Fest, a free annual festival for the whole family. Enjoy fire displays, giant LED puppets and visiting drag queens, Chai and Fanta. Roast marshmallows over the braziers, and enjoy a music performance by Unity Wara in the Town Square. Features food trucks, stallholders and free activities throughout High Street including musicians Wilbur Raikes, Mitch Careswell and Jonte Van Endhoven. Late-night shopping and loads of specials from local retailers. Come along and join in, spot prizes for LED costumes.

For more information visit: [Bizlink Hāwera - Facebook](#)

Coastal Arts Trail – Launches June 2022

The new *Coastal Arts Trail* is an easy, self-driving, art-lovers tour across the lower West Coast of the North Island. The country's newest and largest regional arts tourism experience features more than 50 stops, thanks to a unique collaboration between the Manawatū, Whanganui, and Taranaki regions. The trail takes visitors through an eclectic mix of public art, street art, galleries and museums throughout the three regions, as well as off-the-beaten-track studios and creative rural communities. This new art-explorer road trip showcases the incredible variety of creativity on offer, redefining what it means to take the scenic route. With the creative spirit of the trail in mind, the Coastal Arts Trail has partnered with Quirky Campers NZ to design the ultimate trail companion, a world-first gallery-camper aptly named 'Vallery'. Vallery is an art-immersive campervan, purpose-built and designed for the trail, and will be available for public booking at the end of June 2022. Start planning your trip along the Coastal Arts Trail by visiting and curating your ultimate art journey.



For more information or to plan your trip, visit: coastalartstrail.nz

Taranaki Arts Trail 2022



Taranaki Arts Trail Event: 28 / 29 / 30 October & 4 / 5 / 6 November 2022

Arts Trail Preview Exhibition: 26 August - 18 September 2022, Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford

Save the date, the Taranaki Arts Trail 2022 is on its way. New Zealand's most diverse and extensive open studio arts trail. Over 80 artists are taking part, opening their studios for the first two-weekend trail in collaboration with the Taranaki Garden Festival. Locations all around our Maunga with exhibitions at Gover Street Gallery in New Plymouth and Lysaght Watt Gallery in Hāwera. Brochures are available from July to plan your studio visits so you don't miss anyone out. Check out the amazing talent Taranaki has and plan your Trail for Spring.

To view artist listings and for more information, visit: www.taranakiartstrail.co.nz

Resene Nature Murals Competition

The Resene Nature Murals competition is open to New Zealand artists to design a mural that incorporates an environmental message for a wall in their local community. Murals are a great way to beautify spaces, deter anti-social behaviour and build community pride, as well as being an effective visual medium for building awareness around sustainability or environmental messages. The ten winning entries will receive a \$750 Resene paint voucher, drop cloths and high-vis vests as well as a \$1000 grant on completion of the mural. Entries are open until midnight Friday 10 June 2022 and the ten winners will be announced on Thursday 23 June 2022. Visit the website for [Entry form](#).



Keep New Zealand Beautiful | Website: www.knzb.org.nz

South Taranaki Creative Space

South Taranaki Creative Space is a community-focused creative hub, providing a welcoming space to meet, interact, learn new skills and network with other creative people. The *Community Unity Gallery* has exhibitions changing monthly. Up to two artworks per artist, \$5.00 koha hanging fee, no commission taken on sales. All welcome, please get in touch to exhibit.

Creative After School Kids Art Classes

Classes cover a wide range of mediums to help young creatives with their artistic development by exploring different ideas and techniques. Designed for students who have a genuine interest and a willingness to learn art and creativity and attend regularly. Monday: 12 - 15 years, 3.30 - 5.00 pm. Tuesday: 10 - 12 years, 3.30 - 5.00 pm

Wednesday: 8 - 10 years, 3.30 - 5.00 pm. Thursday: 5 - 7 years, 3.45 - 5.00 pm

Creative Adults Art - Beginners: Thursdays 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

An introduction to a variety of creative mediums. A great class if you are starting or reawakening your creative journey.

Creative Adults Art - Experienced: Tuesdays 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

A class for experienced creatives who have the basics covered and would like to expand their learning.



WINTER WORKSHOPS - From June to September 2022

Ceramic Mosaics: Saturday 18 June 2022

Introduction to Journaling: Saturday 2 July 2022

Painted Ceramics: Saturday 16 July 2022

Acrylic Painting, Abstracts on Canvas: Saturday 6 August 2022

Introduction to Printmaking: Saturday 20 August 2022

Introduction to Assemblage - Working with Glass:

Saturday 3 September 2022

Full details and registration process will be posted on the South Taranaki Creative Space Facebook page.

41 Princes Street, Hāwera | Phone or text: 027 361 6930

Facebook: [South Taranaki Creative Space](#) | Email: southtaranakicreativespace@gmail.com

Gallery Pātea – Winter Exhibitions

Puanga

23 June - 23 July 2022

Featuring artworks by senior students from Pātea Area School and St Joseph's School Pātea, acknowledging the arrival of Puanga, the star welcomed on this coastline at the turning of the season. Local artists will support the young creatives by exhibiting small works. Some traditions say that Puanga (Rigel) 'pulls up' Matariki (Pleiades). Along the Western Coast, Tai Hauauru, we see and greet Puanga as the star that signals the beginning of another cycle.

Mark Makers II

27 July - 20 August 2022

A small selection of works from a private collection, showcasing artists from various backgrounds and cultures around the globe. For anyone interested in printmaking, it will offer insights into the process behind achieving an image. Also featuring works by local artists in a range of mediums.



Gallery Pātea, 56a Egmont Street, Pātea

Winter hours: 10.30 am - 2.00 pm Wednesday - Saturday or by appointment

For more information text Gabrielle Belz 021 0813 8355 | Facebook: [Gallery Pātea](#) | Email gallerypatea@gmail.com



Hāwera Repertory News

Mamma Mia!

11 - 25 June 2022

Hāwera Memorial Theatre, Albion Street, Hāwera

Hāwera Repertory presents a season of *Mamma Mia!* Directed by Clive Cullen, Musical Director Charles Pittams and Choreographer Greer Anderson. *Mamma Mia!* is a romantic comedy, contrasting the dreams and aspirations of a 70's girl and a 90's girl. Through the story-telling magic of the songs of ABBA, this popular show is not to be missed.

Book tickets through [I-Ticket here](#) or at the South Taranaki i-SITE in Hāwera.

For more information contact Hawerarepertory@gmail.com or visit www.Hawerarep.org

Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki

Zoomed In - Until July 2022

A photographic exhibition of the pictorial collection with a 'zoomed in' element. Each photograph depicts a time in South Taranaki history, and within the photograph is something of interest, enlarged for the viewer to see. Enjoy photographs of yesteryear and have a laugh at some comedic characters with an upbeat outlook on 'capturing that special moment'.



Puanga at Aotea Utanganui

16 June 2022 - Session 1: 9.15 am - 10.45 am. Session 2: 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

Haere mai – all welcome to attend these fun, interactive sessions to learn about Puanga. South Taranaki LibraryPlus and Aotea Utanganui Museum teamed up with Ngāti Ruanui to record local stories of Puanga, the star Taranaki iwi sees which marks the beginning of the Māori New Year, to capture these important oral histories of our region. The aim of this is to ensure that we share the experiences and viewpoint of Puanga from a South Taranaki Iwi perspective. The stories will be retold and used in the LibraryPlus Puanga Roadshows in June/July 2022. The Roadshows are an outlet to reflect on the

importance and uniqueness of Puanga to our Iwi and the people living here. Come along and learn the Tikanga around this very important time - the New Year brings change, growth and new beginnings. Check at your local LibraryPlus for the full schedule of the Puanga Roadshow programmes, delivered by Cultural Services Librarian, Eileen Kolai-Tuala and her team.

Aotea Utanganui - Museum of South Taranaki, 127 Egmont Street, Pātea | Phone: 06 273 8354
Facebook: Aotea Utanganui | www.museumofsouthtaranaki.wordpress.com
Email: museum@stdc.govt.nz | Open: 10.00am - 4.00pm Monday – Saturday

Lysaght Watt Gallery – Winter Exhibitions

Puanga Kai Rau - The Abundant Harvest of Puanga **Toi o Taranaki Ki Te Tonga - Curated by Bonita Bigham** **Until 25 June 2022**

Puanga is the season of celebration, remembrance, preparation and renewal. Crops have been harvested, food safely stored for the long nights of winter, and grounds are prepared for the next growing season. Loved ones lost are remembered and honoured, whanaungatanga and wānanga bring whānau together, reinforcing the bonds that ensure a common vision and aspirations for the year to come. Toi o Taranaki Ki Te Tonga welcomes you to join in this artistic celebration of Puanga - its ringatoi presenting works that reflect our whakapapa, experiences, understanding of and place in our world in this modern context. Nau mai, haere mai



*Detail of kakahu weaving by Linda Burgess,
Puanga Kai Rau exhibition*

Fawkner Art: John, Brenda and Gabrielle Fawkner **27 June - 23 July 2022**

Opening Event: 2.30 pm 28 June 2022

Presenting a group show by three members (two generations) of the creative Fawker family from New Plymouth. John Fawker trained as a potter and is most recently inspired by the landscape in his paintings. A 'reawakening for painting' for Brenda came while living in Indonesia. She felt compelled to express herself and her experience in a new environment, leading her to capture the 'quintessence of places and people'. Gabrielle is currently working in chalk pastel, earth oil paints, handmade paper, digital drawing and printmaking – and exploring integrating these mediums.

Pass on Pop-Up **25 July - 20 August 2022**

Do you have artwork that you don't love as much as you used to? Perhaps someone else could love it more? The gallery is offering an opportunity to showcase and potentially sell artwork on your behalf. Gallery Curator Liz Harrison is seeking approximately 25 artworks for this exhibition. All artworks must be offered for sale, with a commission of 25% on sales. Please call Liz on 027 774 9219 to discuss.

Lysaght Watt Gallery 4 - 6 Union Street, Hāwera
Website: www.lysaghtwattgallery.co.nz | Facebook: Lysaght Watt Gallery
Winter Hours: Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 3.00 pm Saturday 10.00 am – 12.30 pm | Phone 06 278 7611

The Village Gallery – Winter Exhibitions



Miration - Wonderful Surprise: Ambury Hall

6 - 30 June 2022

Opening Event: 2.30 pm Sunday 5 June 2022

Stratford artist Ambury Hall presents a solo exhibition of acrylic paintings, mixed media sculptures and brightly coloured ephemeral installations, intended to be temporary structures. Zara Stanhope, Director of Govett- Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre will officially open the Exhibition. All are welcome to meet Zara, view Ambury's exhibition and enjoy refreshments along with Gallery Members and invited guests, at the first opening event held at the gallery for many months. *Painting by Ambury Hall, pictured left.*

Puanga: Looking Up

4 - 29 July 2022

An open invitation for artists from Taranaki or Whanganui to submit up to two works with a personal interpretation of the theme. Puanga is a time of reflection, preparation, and celebration – planning and looking to the future as well as remembering and honouring the past. \$5 fee per artwork, 20% sales commission. A 'People's Choice' vote will be taken and a (donated) prize awarded to the winner. *Entry Forms and Terms and Conditions* are available at the Gallery, or contact Lorna Davies - Phone or Text 027 328 3877 or Email ahuroa@farmside.co.nz

Eklectik Joy: Holly Smith & Sara Griffiths

2 - 26 August 2022

A combined exhibition by two Eltham artists. Holly is inspired by bright, bold colours, creating artworks in acrylics, paint pens and mixed media; "Bright colours inspire me and make me feel alive and happy." Sara's main interest is turning slabs of locally sourced timber into useful wooden objects; "I have recently been exploring other art forms on a journey of self-discovery. I've had fun learning how things feel and what brings me joy to create." This exhibition will perk up the winter season with bright and whimsical artworks and creativity.

The Gallery Shop offers Members an opportunity to display their items throughout the year. Cards, prints, paintings, pottery, photographs, jewellery and handmade accessories are available for sale.

The Village Gallery, 166 High Street, Eltham

Secretary, Donna Hitchcock – Phone 027 348 6826. Email: postiehitchcock@gmail.com

Winter hours: Tuesday – Friday 10.00 am - 2.30 pm. Saturday 10.30 am – 1.00 pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Facebook: Village Gallery Eltham NZ | Email: villagegalleryeltham@gmail.com



Forbes & Flay Studio

Botanical Drawing Art Club

12 June, 17 July 2022, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Join Tabatha Forbes for a Sunday art class for those wanting to spend a few hours working on their plant drawing or continue on works started from previous classes. Cost: \$70 per class - Includes all materials. Discounts are offered to returning students.

Private Art Tuition Available - Forbes & Flay Studio

Develop your creative confidence in private classes with Dr Tabatha Forbes DocFA, MFA (Hons). Tabatha has worked with NCEA art students and those needing to focus their artistic skills or develop new ones. All levels welcome, ages 16+ pref. For more information and free consultation please email Tabatha directly.

Nature Journaling / Botanical Art Weekend

2 & 3 July 2022, 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

For those who love nature, art, gardens and travel, keeping a nature journal or focusing on some botanical art is a wonderful and therapeutic art practise that includes drawing, mixed media and writing/note-taking. The workshop includes a walk around Ōpunakē Lake (weather permitting) to collect the weekend drawing material. Cost: \$150 - includes all materials to use in class and a take-home journal. Discounts for returning students. For all enquiries and bookings, email: botanicalartclass@gmail.com

Forbes & Flay Studio, 40 Tasman St, Ōpunakē | Email: botanicalartclass@gmail.com | Facebook: Forbes and Flay

from out of the blue studio gallery – Winter Exhibitions

Call and Response: An Endless Cycle of Creativity

Until 4 July 2022

Work by Wendy Watson, joined by Bobby Duncan and Finola Chamberlain.

Wendy's practice is based on materiality that has developed through intensive experimentation and a commitment to making use of natural found and recycled materials where possible. She questions many conventions of her craft, preferring to rule break, experiment, and ask "what if?" and using commonplace materials in unusual ways. This exhibition also shows how three very different women, who find encouragement and strength in meeting together, answer external and internal calls to creative challenges.



Blind Spot: Francis Salole

7 July - 15 August 2022

These vibrant woven works are a celebration of chaos and order. Francis has cut up previous paintings and woven them back together. The process involves the breakup of old ideas and the reconstruction of new and unexpected narratives. These weavings address the pattern and geometry that underlies all things and is, on occasion, recognised by us as 'beautiful'. *Pictured above right – Weaving by Francis Salole*

Fabric, Fibre and Thread

18 August - 26 September 2022

A joint exhibition of Saori freestyle weavings by Louise Cook, accompanied by works from the New Plymouth Embroiderers Guild. This will be an exciting combination of techniques, materials, forms of expression and everything else that celebrates thread. Louise Cook will be Artist in Residence for part of the time and members of the Guild will stitch in the gallery during opening hours - details on the gallery website and social media.

WORKSHOP: Weaving Saori Style with Louise Cook - 23 & 24 August 2022. Full details and registration via the website.

Contact: Viv Davy. Phone: 021 407 424 | 18 Halse Place, Ōpunakē

Website: www.fromoutofthebluestudiogallery.com | Open: 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm Thursday – Monday or by appointment

Facebook: [from out of the blue studio gallery](https://www.facebook.com/fromoutofthebluestudiogallery) | Instagram: [threadthinker](https://www.instagram.com/threadthinker) | Email: silktangles@me.com



Everybody's Theatre - Ōpunakē

Everybody's Theatre in Ōpunakē is an elegant historic theatre which has been restored to its former glory. In addition to all the latest new releases, the theatre also hosts boutique nights, playing a selection of classic, foreign and fringe films. Check the website for screening and special events. Bookings can now be made online. Enquiries for special events are welcome.

Boutique Nights – 7.00 pm, first Sunday of the month

Sunday 5 June 2022: *How to Please a Woman*

Sunday 3 July 2022: *Elvis*

Special Screening: *Madan Sara – The Power of Haitian Women*

7.00 pm Thursday 2 June 2022

The Madan Sara film – a documentary conceived, directed, and produced by Etant Dupain—demonstrates the impact of FINCA's programming in Haiti for women working as "Madan Sara" in the informal economy. The documentary amplifies their calls as they speak directly to society to share their dreams for a more just Haiti.

Everybody's Theatre, 72 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē | Phone: 027 383 7926

Website: www.everybodystheatre.co.nz | Email everybodystheatre@gmail.com

Percy Thomson Gallery – Autumn Exhibitions & News

We All Think We're Good People – Gallery 1

The Zen Master's Taboo: Rohan Wealleans – Gallery 2

Runs until 21 July 2022

We All Think We're Good People is a group exhibition featuring work by Peter Madden, David Le Fleming, Kirk Nicholls, Garth Steeper, Mary MacGregor-Reid, Rohan Wealleans, Tia Ranginui and Seung Yul Oh.

Rohan Wealleans' new exhibition is an experimental deviation from his practice, utilising candles.

Emergence Awards for Young Taranaki Artists

Entry Deadline: 8 July 2022

Exhibition: 29 July – 21 August 2022

The third year of the Emergence Awards for youth is generously supported by the Taranaki Foundation through the Taranaki Hauora Fund. "Emergence is all about providing a rare experience for our young people to show their abilities" Gallery Director Laura Campbell says. "It allows young artists to see their work in a public gallery, and grow their creative confidence". Haoro Hond, Runner Up in Emergence 2020 will show his first solo exhibition in Gallery 2. Artists aged between 13 and 26 years are invited to enter. The Awards offers artists a major prize of \$2,000, category prizes for photography, 2D Art, 3D art and Māori Art and the opportunity to sell their work. If you know a young artist who needs a platform to show their work, please check entry details on the gallery website.



Percy's Place is the gallery's boutique art shop, open 10.30 am – 3.30 pm on Weekdays, and 10.30 am – 2.30 pm on Weekends. The Gallery is currently seeking volunteers to assist with running the shop. The store is full of creations by local artists. If you are interested in spending a day or two each month in the store, please contact the Gallery.

Exhibition Proposals: 2024

Artists are invited to submit proposals for solo or group shows in 2024. Email: director@percythomsongallery.org.nz

Percy Thomson Gallery, Miranda Street, Stratford | Director: Laura Campbell | Phone 06 765 0917

Open: Monday - Friday 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Saturday - Sunday 10.30 am - 3.00 pm

Website: www.percythomsongallery.org.nz | Facebook: Percy Thomson Gallery

Fenton Street Art Collective – Winter Exhibitions

The Last 12 Months: Mark Bellringer

Until 28 June 2022

Vibrant and tactile "Alla Prima" paintings based mostly from his travels around the back roads of Taranaki on his Royal Enfield.

Mountains to Sea - Impressions of New Zealand:

Margie Coplestone and Judy Stokes

29 June - 4 July 2022

Using the technique of intentional camera movement which enables images to just hint at the essence of places they capture.



Image by Judy Stokes

Reclamation

4 August - 1 September 2022

Featuring works by Joanne Simms, Lizzi Yates, Linda Smith & Suzanne Willis, a group of Wellington-based friends and artists come together to reclaim their art.

11 Fenton Street, Stratford | Facebook: Fenton Street Art Collective | Email: fentonartscollective@gmail.com

Open: 9.00am – 2.00pm Monday – Saturday, 10.00am – 2.00pm Sunday | Phone: 021 0299 2839



Speakeasy – Writers Fest

9 & 10 July 2022 – 4th Wall Theatre, New Plymouth

The power of words, and the talent of those who use them to tell stories, will be under the spotlight this July when Taranaki Arts Festival (TAFT) presents its inaugural standalone writers' festival. Speakeasy Writers Fest will feature nine of the most captivating authors in Aotearoa New Zealand today and runs over two days in July.

For more information, visit: www.taft.co.nz



Quirky Fox – Art + Framing

Space Oddities - From 3 June 2022

Flying in from outer space and looking to inhabit the earth is a selection of new sculptures by Darktopia. Each work is a mixture of quirk and sass, with a touch of weirdness.

Deep Waters - 10th Anniversary Exhibition - From 11 July 2022

Bringing together 21 artists specialising in new contemporary and representative art to celebrate Quirky Fox's 10th anniversary. Working in a variety of mediums, each artist has taken inspiration from the quote: "from the still, deep waters of the mind, the wolf awakes". Artists include both emerging and established, from New Zealand and overseas. To receive the collector's preview or attend the opening please email

hello@quirkyfox.co.nz

Quirky Fox, 205a High Street, Hāwera | Phone: 06 278 6909

Open: Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 4.30 pm Saturday 10.00 am - 12 noon

Facebook: Quirky Fox: Art & Framing | Website: www.quirkyfox.co.nz

Puke Ariki - Winter Exhibitions

Impermanence: The Tongapōrutu Coastline - A twenty-year Odyssey Until 27 November 2022, Lane and Wall Galleries, Level 2.

Taranaki-based photographer and self-described archivist Pat Greenfield records history as it happens. Here she presents a 20 year photographic and scientific journey of discovery into the effects of climate change along the Taranaki coastline, with an emphasis on Three Sisters Beach and the neighbouring Four Brothers Beach. Tongapōrutu in North Taranaki has one of the fastest eroding coastlines in the world, where erosion is measurable within our lifetime. Visit this exhibition to take a look through Greenfield's lens as she documents the growing and often dramatic impact storms and earthquakes have had on this vulnerable coastline. "Instead of a biography of a person, it's a biography of a coastline and it's my way of showing people what we're losing". Pat Greenfield.



Nekenekehia Tukua: A WharehokaSmith Exhibition

27 July – 20 November 2020

Puke Ariki, 1 Ariki Street, New Plymouth | Phone: 06 759 6060 | Open: 10.00 am - 5.00pm 7 days | Free Entry

Website: www.pukeariki.com | Facebook: Puke Ariki: Museum-Library-Visitor Information



Gover Street Gallery

Gover Street Gallery is an independent, not-for-profit space open to anyone to exhibit, offering a great platform for Taranaki artists to showcase and sell their work. Themed monthly exhibitions offer an opportunity for artists to show work within a cohesive group show.

June - Themed Open Exhibition: The Ocean

July - Themed Open Exhibition: Taranaki

August - Themed Open Exhibition: Floral

Writing Workshops: Saturday 27 August 2020

Writing Workshop with Helen Griffiths to celebrate National Poetry Day's 25th Year.

Adults: 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Kids: 3.30 - 4.30pm. Spaces are limited so booking is essential.

19 Gover Street, New Plymouth | To exhibit, register, enquire, contact Heidi on 06 757 4278

Open: Monday - Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm, Sunday 12 noon – 4.00pm

Facebook/Instagram: Gover Street Gallery | Email: goverstgallery@gmail.com

Creative New Zealand – Funding Support



Creative New Zealand is the national arts development agency developing, investing in and advocating for the arts. Check out the [Funding calendar](#) for an overview of the support available. Information on all funding opportunities is announced through the CNZ newsletter, [sign up](#) to receive news and updates via email. [Arts Grants](#) offer short-term project funding for New Zealand artists, arts practitioners and arts organisations (including groups and collectives). This funding enables more sustainable careers, encourages innovation and the development of arts practice, and provides opportunities for diverse communities to access the arts. Amount: \$5,000 to \$75,000.

For updates and information on all Creative NZ funding, visit the [website](#)



The Big Idea

The Big Idea is an online hub for artists of all genres. The Big Idea provides you with daily news updates, the latest jobs and opportunities, events as well as ideas and inspiration from across the creative industries to help you create your own success. The Big Idea is the largest, leading online resource for the arts in New Zealand.

Website: www.thebigidea.nz

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Waverley Glass Art Studio and Gallery

Artists Lisa and Jimi Walsh show highly collectable glass and ceramic artworks and functional pieces, created onsite in the adjoining workshops.

49 Wereroa Road, Waverley

Open: 8.30 am - 4.00 pm daily, closed Wednesdays
Phone: 027 684 3641 | FB: Waverley Glass Art Studio



The Emporium

The Emporium pride themselves on representing local New Zealand artists and stocking high quality, unique homewares and gifts. Rhonda Crawford creates original landscape and botanical paintings in her studio at the rear of the gallery.

86 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

Open: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Wednesday - Monday
FB: The Emporium Ōpunakē | Web: www.theemporiumnz.com

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