

Te Tohu a Toi

STATE OF THE ARTS

South Taranaki Arts Bulletin # 42

Summer 2020

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Haere mai

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

As we get close to the end of this year, it's important to reflect on the challenges we have faced and celebrate our achievements. From a global perspective, we are lucky in Aotearoa New Zealand to have been able to resume activities, open our galleries, and attend festivals and performances in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic. While our borders are still closed and we are not able to travel internationally, many are taking the opportunity to explore our country and visit other regions. While the future is still uncertain, it is heartening to see the resilience demonstrated by our art groups, galleries and events teams to offer arts and cultural opportunities to our communities. Thank you for your positivity, strength, commitment and vision to keep the arts alive and thriving.



Arts Fest South Taranaki was held throughout the District in conjunction with the Taranaki Garden Festivals and the rescheduled Taranaki Arts Trail event in Spring. This year the festival was launched by the *Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards* and included the *Taranaki National Art Awards*, *The Great Ōpunakē Yarn Bomb*, workshops, installations and open studio events. The annual awards in Ōpunakē attracted a record number of entries, visitors and art sales. A tally of volunteer hours to run this long-standing event reached an astounding 450 hours over the installation, awards ceremony and exhibition. Many thanks to everyone involved, your efforts are greatly appreciated and integral to the success of this event. *Arts Fest South Taranaki* is a biennial festival and will return in 2022. (pictured left: Reeve Hokopaura receiving the Tō Taranakitanga Award from judge Leafa Wilson)

I hope you have the chance to take a break, relax and spend time with friends and whanau this summer season. Please continue to support and enjoy our local artists, galleries, groups, projects and events. 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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Arts in the Park

10.00 am - 3.00 pm Saturday 5 December 2020

King Edward Park, High Street, Hāwera (If weather is unsuitable, TSB Hub)

Take part in Taranaki's premier outdoor arts and crafts festival. Enjoy the large, open environment of King Edward Park to exhibit, demonstrate and sell your arts or craft. Enjoy a relaxed Christmas shopping experience while supporting local artists and makers. Kids are welcome to enjoy a range of free and fun art activities in and around the Art Tipi. Performances will be held throughout the day on the entertainment stage, including The Prez Band, the Hāwera Brass Band and Hāwera Highland Pipe Band. The amazing

Mary Gargett will be roaming the park performing Hula Hoop Tricks and wandering on stilts. Indulge your taste buds from the range of food and beverage stalls or bring a picnic. Come along to enjoy this popular event, celebrating the visual and performing arts this summer season. If bad weather is an issue, the event will be moved next door to the TSB Hub.

All enquiries and registration, please contact Hayley on 06 278 0646 or 0800 111 323 or Email: events@stdc.govt.nz

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 \$45,050.72 requested in funding. The South Taranaki CCS Committee comprises of representatives from South Taranaki Community Boards, our local arts community, Iwi and Youth. A total of \$15,245.29 was allocated to the projects below:



Dance Jazz Weekend An opportunity to enable Taranaki dancers to perform following cancellations of local competitions due to COVID-19.

Wire Whale Tail To create a wire whale tail sculpture for the public to collect road rubbish in to encourage environmental awareness whilst embracing art.

Let's Get Crafting A weekend workshop, promoting craft making, diversity and participation in the community.

Taranaki Clay Club To provide a clay club for the local community to engage with and participate in ceramic art.

Taranaki National Art Awards To support the annual national art competition and exhibition in Ōpunakē.

Ōpunakē Mural To paint a mural on the main road of Ōpunakē with the help of youth.

Ōpunakē Dye and Print Workshop A workshop for youth aged 8-18 to participate in fabric art, held at the local Surf Club.

Figments, Artefacts and Relics Multi-dimensional elements interconnected mixed media exhibition at Gallery Pātea.

Ōhawe Creative Collective Presenting an art and craft exhibition and hosting creative workshops with children.

Hāwera Brass on Hire (CD Recording) Hāwera Brass Band's first-ever recording in its 142 years.

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 in February 2021.

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

Free Summer Events in South Taranaki

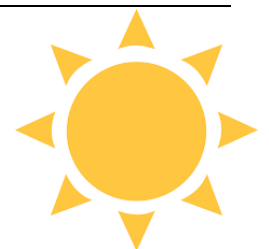
Sounds on the Sand – Ōpunakē Beach

Concert in the Park – King Edward Park, Hāwera

Movies in the Park – Soldiers Park, Eltham

Dates and details will be announced mid-December – check the STDC website for details for these popular summer events.

For more information contact Hayley Old, Events Co-ordinator: 0800 111 323 or Email: events@stdc.govt.nz



Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards 2020

The 33rd Annual Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards were held at the Hāwera Community Centre on 28 October. Attracting a record number of entries, the awards allow local authors and poets to showcase their skills. Judges Matt Rillkoff, Whiti Hereaka and Glenn Colquhoun (*pictured right*) were delighted with the high standard of entries this year.

2020 category winners:

Secondary School Short Story: 1st Liam Finer, Hāwera High School; 2nd Anne Larcom, Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls; 3rd Lexi McQuaig, Ōpunakē High School.

Secondary School Poetry: 1st and 3rd Lexi McQuaig, Ōpunakē High School; 2nd Madaline Symes, Ōpunakē High School.

Secondary School Research Article: 1st Bethan Hansen; 2nd Alena Hojdelewicz; 3rd Hollie Radford - all from Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls.

Open Short Story: 1st James O'Sullivan, New Plymouth; 2nd Airana Ngarewa, Pātea, 3rd Emma Hislop, New Plymouth.

Open Poetry: 1st Maria Taylor, Stratford; 2nd Koren Millar, Hāwera; 3rd Sasha Finer, Hāwera.



For more information visit: www.rhmorriesonawards.com

Taranaki National Art Awards 2020

The Taranaki National Art Awards celebrated 19 years at Sandfords Events Centre, Ōpunakē on 30 October 2020. Opened by South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon, the awards attracted over 370 entries in seven categories from all over New Zealand. Judges this year were Leafa Wilson, Curator at Waikato Museum and Paul Brobbel, Len Lye Curator at Govett Brewster Art Gallery. The sponsored awards totalled over \$12,000 in prizes with nine of the awards won by Taranaki artists. The event attracted a large crowd of 200 artists and art enthusiasts. 1,547 visitors enjoyed the exhibition during the week generating sales of over \$25,000 for artists. The committee extends thanks to all sponsors and supporters, especially due to the new challenges faced this year due to COVID-19. Volunteers and the Ōpunakē community are an essential part of running this event each year.



The 2020 winners are:

Category 1 - Painting Award TSB Community Trust - Winner:

Judy Woods, Whangarei (*pictured above*)

TSB and Ōpunakē Framing Studio - Highly Commended: Gavin Chai, Auckland

Category 2 - Taranaki Artists Award Fred and Eunice Rodie Trust - Winner:

Portia Roper, New Plymouth (*pictured left*)

Coastal Veterinary Services and Viv Scott McDonald Real Estate - Highly Commended: Jasmine Middlebrook, New Plymouth

Category 3 - 3D Award TSB Community Trust - Winner:

Kris White, New Plymouth

Pastimes and Corkill Systems - Highly Commended: Te Iringa Thor Te Hiko, Waitara

Category 4 - Works on Paper Award Fred and Eunice Rodie Charitable Trust

- Winner: Cathy Tuato'o Ross, Whangarei

Soul Kitchen - Highly Commended: Jo Giddens, Whanganui

Category 5 - Fibre Art Award TSB Community Trust - Winner:

Maree Burnnand, New Plymouth

out of the blue studio gallery - Highly Commended: Kari Morseth, Dunedin

Category 6 - Tō Taranakitanga Award Te Puni Kōkiri - Winner:

Reeve Hokopaura, Ōhawe

Te Puni Kōkiri - Highly Commended: Jordon Quinnell, Palmerston North

Category 7 - Photography Award Fred and Eunice Rodie Charitable Trust - Winner: Steven Boothe, Hāwera

Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration and Michael and Margaret Holmes - Highly Commended: Rhonda Bunyan, Stratford

Nice Hotel Committee Choice Award Winner: Jana Branca, New Plymouth

Jaynes Gallery People Choice Award: Briar Tusker, Matamata

Please visit the website and/or the TNAA Facebook page for images of all winning works and judges comments

Facebook: Taranaki National Art Awards | Website: www.taranakiartawards.co.nz



Creative Taranaki

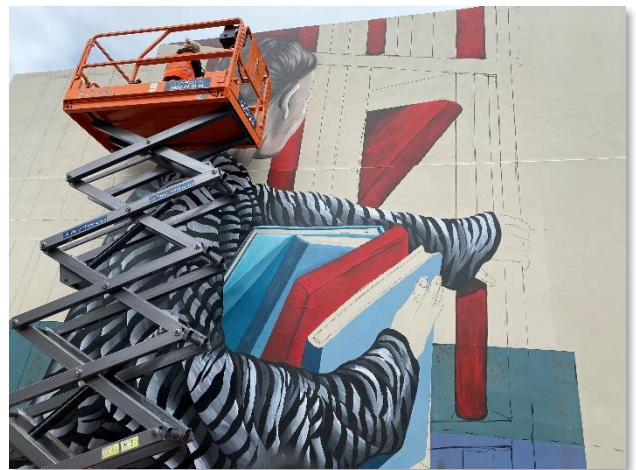
Creative Taranaki is the working title of a new arts organisation for the region. It will support the creative communities in Taranaki to develop opportunities for regional collaboration to see growth, enablement and support for the vibrant arts sector. Last year 'Taranaki 2050' developed an ['Arts Pathway Plan'](#). During Lockdown a wider group of creatives got together to work out advancing this plan and other ideas, with the main project the development of a Regional Arts Organisation. Over the past few months there has been research and connection made with the other NZ Arts Organisations, a survey completed in

Taranaki (with over 270 respondents) and recently the group held a series of four hui around our Mounga, including Hāwera and Ōpunakē. Artists and creatives are welcome and encouraged to sign up for email updates and follow the Facebook page to get involved in this kaupapa and development.

Facebook: [Creative Taranaki](#) | Email: creativetaranaki@gmail.com

Bizlink Hāwera New Mural

Bizlink Hāwera has facilitated a new public artwork in the Hāwera Town Square. Wellington-based artist Lotte Hawley was commissioned to create a large-scale mural, following a recommendation by Hāwera business owner Vicki Fox from Quirky Fox. The mural is titled 'A Secret World' and features a young girl pushing open a bookcase filled with Hāwera focused books, revealing a glimpse of Mounga Taranaki. Community groups submitted book titles that reflected them. Book titles include 'Ko Te Kupu Te Ōra' by Ngāti Ruanui, 'I want to Ride my Bicycle' by Mike Seaver and 'Came a Hot Friday' by Ronald Hugh Morrieson. The project was supported by funding from the South Taranaki Creative Communities Scheme and Te Hāwera Community Board.



Facebook: [Bizlink Hawera](#) | Email: theteam@bizlinkhawera.co.nz | Website: www.bizlinkhawera.co.nz



New Community Mural

A new mural in Ōpunakē by local artist Chris Fuller reflects the local coastal scenery. Incorporating native trees, rocky coastline and ocean in a vibrant and colourful composition to celebrate our unique South Taranaki landscape. Chris is a Youth Worker at START Taranaki in Kaponga, working with youth at risk. The mural project offered an opportunity for him to work with youth who were interested in art, by teaching new skills and create pride in making a difference in the community. Other members of the community were also involved, increasing the wider community involvement. The project was supported by funding from the South Taranaki Creative Communities Scheme. Ka pai Chris and team!

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.



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For updates and information on all Creative NZ funding, visit the [website](#) | Facebook: [Creative New Zealand](#)



Hāwera Repertory News

Bugsy Malone

9 – 13 February 2021

Hāwera Memorial Theatre, 66 Albion Street, Hāwera

Director: Samantha Turner

Musical Director: Shane Burgess assisted by Noah Hunt

Choreographer: Michelle Glover assisted by Jamie Sayers

A youth production with cast, crew and band aged 11-18 years. The pint-sized, pinstriped classic is a tongue-in-cheek tribute to the gangster films of the 1920s. Based on the hit 1976 film starring a preteen Scott Baio and Jodi Foster and featuring a catchy, swinging score by the composer of The Muppet Movie, Bugsy Malone is good, clean, comedic fun! Two gangs comprised completely of children,

square off in a 1920's rivalry of Capone-ian standards. Dandy Dan's gang has gotten the upper hand since obtaining the "splurge" gun. Now Fat Sam and his bumbling buffoons are in real trouble! Bugsy Malone, a one-time boxer, is thrust not-so-willingly into the gangster limelight when he becomes the last chance Fat Sam's gang has of surviving. All Bugsy really wants to do is spend time with his new love Blousey, but that just isn't in the cards for our hero.

Tickets are on sale now – a fantastic Christmas gift for friends and whanau. Adults \$39.50. Children under 18 \$20.00 (booking and transaction fees apply). Book at South Taranaki i-SITE in Hāwera, or online at iTICKET [here](#) or phone 0508 (iTICKET) 484 253.

For more information contact hawerarepitory@gmail.com or visit www.hawerarep.org

Hāwera Brass Band

A community brass band located in Hāwera, South Taranaki. The Band has a core group of committed local members and are always happy to welcome new people. The Band performs concerts, local events and occasionally attend a brass band contest. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday nights from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm at the Hāwera Pipe Band Hall on Caledonia Street, Hāwera. All welcome.



Facebook: [Hāwera Brass Band](#)

South Taranaki Creative Space

South Taranaki Creative Space is a not-for-profit community-focused creative hub, providing a welcoming space for people to meet, interact, learn new creative skills and network with other creative people.



Creative After School Kids Art Classes 2021

Mixed media classes to help young creatives with their artistic development exploring different ideas and mediums.

Classes run from 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm. All classes are limited to 10 students per class.

Mondays: 12 - 13+ years.

Tuesdays: 10 - 11 years.

Wednesdays: 8 - 9 years.

Thursdays: 5 - 7 years.

Creative Adult Art Classes - Beginners: Thursdays 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

A beginners introduction to a variety of creative mediums. A great class if you are reawakening your creative journey. 1st term 2021 is an introduction to acrylic painting. 10 students per class.

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

An art class for experienced creatives who have the basics covered and would like to expand on what they have already learnt and explore different ideas and mediums. This class will include aspects of professional practice, documenting your work, getting your art on the internet, presentation, entering art competitions etc. Classes will also involve art history both contemporary and traditional. 10 students per class.

For all enquiries or to register for a class, contact Erryn Willcox or Carl Fairweather at the contacts below.

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

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

Lysaght Watt Gallery – Summer Exhibitions & News



South Taranaki Creative Space / Brush Miles - Chester Borrows Until 24 December 2020

Featuring work created by the adults and children who attend classes in the community-focused creative hub on Princes Street in Hāwera. The work has been created this year and includes pieces by the children from the Endeavour Class at Hāwera High School. Chester Borrows is picking up his brushes more often, developing his own style which could loosely be described as “contemporary impressionist”. He enjoys painting landscapes with his preferred medium of oils. The collection shows a variety of scenes around South Taranaki and a few from further afield.

‘Whakamara Trees’ by Chester Borrows

Diane Vassey and Ruth Cooper

11 January - 6 February 2021

Diane Vassey is well known to us having lived in South Taranaki for five years and is now based in Waikanae on the Kāpiti Coast. Diane’s exhibition is based on work that emerged during the COVID-19 Lockdown and from ideas she has gained through local “rambles”. Joining Diane is landscape artist Ruth Cooper, also from the Kāpiti Coast. Using acrylic on canvas, Ruth likes to take her inspiration from photos while travelling around by road or air. Most of her landscapes are NZ scenes as she believes “we are landscape rich here in New Zealand and barely need to go anywhere for inspiration”.

Tū Tama Wāhine o Taranaki - Exhibition

8 February - 6 March 2021

Tū Tama Wāhine o Taranaki is a Kaupapa Māori development and liberation organisation that is wāhine led and is about whānau revitalisation and decolonisation. Tū Tama Wāhine o Taranaki presents an exhibition of Taranaki wāhine moko kauae by Taranaki Grandmaster of Photography Tania Niwa. The exhibition captures personal symbols of cultural resistance whilst celebrating the recovery of the art of Pūkauae as a ritual for indigenous healing and regeneration. *“This is about healing ourselves, healing our Tūpuna and healing our whenua; because we are connected, women and land are intimately connected”.*

**LYSAGHT WATT
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Lysaght Watt Trust Art Awards 2021

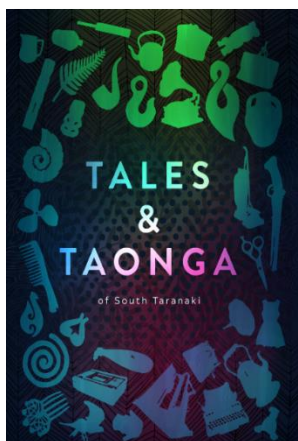
Entries for the 2021 Lysaght Watt Trust Art Award are now open and will be accepted until 31 March 2021. The theme is open - any subject or artistic expression is welcome. For more information, email artawards.lwg@gmail.com or visit our [website](#) to download the application form, terms and conditions. The exhibition will run from 24 May - 19 June 2021.

Lysaght Watt Gallery 4 - 6 Union Street, Hāwera

Website: www.lysaghtwattgallery.co.nz | Facebook: [Lysaght Watt Gallery](#)

Open Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Saturday 10.00 am – 1.00 pm | Phone 06 278 7611

Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki



Tales and Taonga – Exhibition and Whakapukapuka Until April 2021

This exhibition portrays an eclectic mix of objects and photographs from the archive spanning the years from the 1850s to the 1990s. There are taonga from the Māori world as well as those from European settlers. Come take the opportunity to see what is usually hidden away behind closed doors. *Tales & Taonga* is a 200-page publication, recently published by Aotea Utanganui. A collection of historical and current factual stories submitted by history enthusiasts and written by Museum staff. It is visually rich, revealing many photographs that have never been published before or not seen for the last 100 years. It is available for \$45 at the Museum in Pātea or at South Taranaki i-Site in Hāwera.

Cinema: *Lost Boys of Taranaki* (2018)

Vice Media have given the museum special permission to show this film. This edgy documentary follows the progress of teen boys participating in the START programme, supporting young people who have entered the criminal justice system.

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



The Village Gallery – Summer Exhibitions

Once Upon a Starry Night – Friends of the Village Gallery Exhibition Until 18 December 2020

Seventeen artists are represented in this 'Cash and Carry' exhibition with many of the artworks being suitable as gifts – paintings, handwoven items, pottery, prints, photography and mixed media.

Holiday Break - 14 December 2019 to 13 January 2020

The Gallery will be closed, allowing a break for volunteers and a repaint.

Creative Clearance Exhibition

18 January - 12 February 2021

Gallery Members are invited to exhibit in this popular annual exhibition.

Commission on sales is reduced to enable artists to offer their original art at

lower prices. Also featuring the **Sales Table - Gallery Fundraiser**. Donations of art and craft related items are welcome - books and magazines, paintings and prints, frames, paints, brushes, fibre, yarn, quilting fabric, beads, etc, which can be delivered to the gallery on 18 January or anytime during the exhibition. Donations are much appreciated and help to fund Gallery running expenses.

The Aussie Influence – Glenys Howland and Ian Littlewood

15 February - 12 March 2021

Howland was born in Brisbane and lives in New Plymouth. Her work is mainly conceptual, her ideas coming from her memories of her childhood in Queensland and life experiences in general. Littlewood was born in South Australia and lives in Inglewood. His artworks are often impressionist depictions of landscapes in acrylic, oil, pastel or mixed media, many showing the 'Aussie Influence' in terms of the colours, landforms, trees and buildings he paints.

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.

Exhibition Opportunity for a Solo Artist or a Group of Artists: First-time exhibitors are welcome, of any age, to display their work in a supportive environment. Established artists are also encouraged to hold a solo or retrospective exhibition. There are currently two four-week slots available in 2021, please get in touch for dates, terms and conditions.

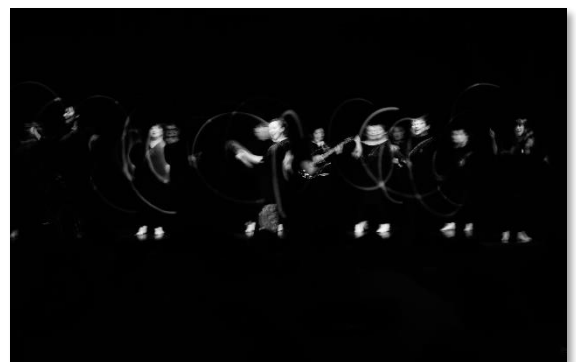
The Village Gallery, 166 High Street, Eltham | Contact: Lorna Davie 06 765 8121 or 027 328 3877 to book an exhibition

Open: Monday - Saturday 10.00 am - 3.00 pm (closed Saturdays between exhibitions)

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

Gallery Pātea News

Gallery Pātea is a non-profit organisation, relying on support from volunteers. If you're keen to help out, please get in touch. Congratulations to Gallery volunteer, artist Steven Boothe for winning the Photography Award with his image of waiata poi (pictured) in the Taranaki National Art Awards. Gallery Pātea promotes creativity in the South Taranaki area and urges any local artists to bring in their work - bone carvers, stone workers, potters, painters, printmakers, kairaranga and other creative works. In late January the Gallery will offer two-day workshops in basic print techniques, a great opportunity for teachers.



Gallery Pātea, 56a Egmont Street, Pātea

Open: 10.00 am - 3.00 pm Wednesday - Saturday or by appointment

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

Pātea Open Mic Sessions

12 noon - 4.00pm Saturday 19 December 2020

Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki

Join local musician Kimba Mallows, try out your skills with other talented local musicians, singers and performers. This day is open to all skill levels and offers a chance to jam with others. Fun for the whole whānau. Come and join us for the last Open Mic of 2020, play, sing, say some poetry or just enjoy the performances.



Facebook: Patea Open Mic | For more information, contact Kimba Mallows 027 640 8137



'Give it a Go' Art Classes – Pātea & Waverley

Funded by South Taranaki Creative Communities, these art classes have been well attended at Waverley LibraryPlus and Gallery Pātea. Tutor and organiser Jenni Corbett is grateful for support from guest artists and parent volunteers. "It has been great to see the students explore and develop over the weeks. I have been excited at the ability and talent of some of these kids. The 2020 sessions have been an introduction to different mediums - string paintings, pastels, watercolours, coloured pencils, printmaking and collage. Look out for exhibitions at the library and gallery soon!" Jenni says. Kids classes will continue in Term 1 2021, as well as an Adults Art Class in Waverley.

For information, contact Jenni Corbett: Email jennicorbett@gmail.com

Pātea Community Creative Group

10.00 am – 3.00 pm Tuesdays
Old Folks Hall, 139 Egmont Street, Pātea

An opportunity to have a go at drawing, painting, sculpture, carving – all levels welcome to join this creative group. Find out which media you like working with most after three sessions to experiment and explore using a range of materials. Connected to the Taranaki Retreat, the sessions offer a space to connect with others, explore your talents and have fun. Guest artists will be brought in to support the group. Gold coin koha appreciated to cover materials and a cuppa. All welcome.



For information, contact Coordinator Dora Baker: Phone 027 201 9687 | Email 1kiwiexplorer@gmail.com

Virtual TART - Summer Exhibitions



Virtual TART is an online network and gallery showcasing a wide range of Taranaki artists and related projects. Facilitated by artist Dale Copeland, regular newsletters offer local and international opportunities to exhibit and other creative projects to participate in.

Philosophy of the Found - December 2020

An exhibition by three assemblage artists Carl Fairweather from Hāwera, Dale Copeland from Puniho and Robert Villamagna from West Virginia, USA. Copeland has recently created and published a limited edition of her new handbound leather cover book, *Philosophy of the Found*. Featuring 80 pages, full colour, over 100 assemblage and collage artworks.

ART > 70

January/February 2020

An exhibition by artists aged 70 and more, from all over the world. All welcome to take part, contact Dale to register.

For more information visit: www.virtual.tart.co.nz

Everybody's Theatre – Ōpunakē

Boutique Night: Sunday 6 December 2020

Everybody's Theatre in Ōpunakē is an elegant historic theatre in Taranaki 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. Bookings can now be made online. Check the website for screening and special events. Enquiries for special events are welcome.



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

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



from out of the blue studio gallery

For the Home - Handmade and Natural

27 November 2020 - 4 January 2021

A curated show of over 20 invited artists, showcasing textile art and artisanal makers in Aotearoa. Selected for excellence, all artworks are created with natural materials. Check out the Gallery's Instagram account for daily images of the exhibition.

Dreaming of the Future

7 January - 15 February 2021

Works by New Zealand members of the International Surface Design Association, an organisation with a global reach that supports the development of textile expressions. The brief for Artists: 'In these times of huge upheaval socially, financially and politically we are all facing a future of a different shape from the past we are walking from. While there is much reason for fear and tension there is also an indomitable human spirit for survival and a powerful restorative force of Mother Nature. Both these 'influencers' can be 'vaccines' for strengthening our humanity as we move forward into this uncharted territory.'

Gallery Website Launch: Includes news, online shop and updates on events. Keep a watch out for 'Kawakawa Day' in January 2021.

WORKSHOP: Random Weaving Baskets with tutor Ann-Maree Karam

9.00 am - 12 noon Saturday 5 December 2020

This workshop will explore making basket forms out of wild foraged vines, branches, driftwood and other found materials. The vessels can be functional or sculptural. There are no rules, providing a fantastic opportunity to engage with a totally natural and sustainable art expression. Registration essential. \$50.00 per person, includes materials and morning tea.

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

Quirky Fox Gallery

Strange Bedfellows

Until 11 December 2020

Emerging and award-winning new contemporary artists from Australia and New Zealand showcase their work in this exhibition.

Christmas 2020

Revealing limited edition Christmas ornaments produced by artisans working in silver, glass, ceramics and native timber.

Meet the Artists - Thursday 17 December: Live drawing and question session with native bird illustrator Hannah Shand.



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

Open: Monday - Friday 9.30 am - 5.00 pm Saturday 10.00 am - 12 noon

Facebook: [Quirky Fox](https://www.facebook.com/quirkyfox) | Website: www.quirkyfox.co.nz

Fibre Arts New Zealand

Five Day Residential Fibre Arts Retreat, Whanganui Girls College

25 April - 1 May 2021

Fibre Arts New Zealand runs fibre arts events that provide participants with the opportunity to work with fibre artists and craftspeople who are experts in their fields. The main event is a five-day residential event with six workshops on offer targeting different levels of knowledge. Some workshops focus on techniques whilst others are designed to push the participants to think about their creative practice in a new light or in a new direction. Participants select one workshop and work with that tutor for the duration of the event. For full details on tutors and an outline of courses offered, visit the website.



Website: www.fibreartsnz.co.nz

Percy Thomson Gallery - Summer Exhibitions

Stratford Art Society

Until 13 December 2020

The Stratford Art Society plays a pivotal role in fostering the arts in the Stratford region and further afield. Featuring over 200 artworks in a wide range of media.

REFLECTIONS: The Art of Lockdown

18 December 2020 – 24 January 2021

Opening event: 6.30 pm Friday 18 December 2020

Curated by Rhonda Bunyan, focuses on artwork produced by Taranaki artists during the Lockdown period and also post-Lockdown, in a reflective capacity.



#make/believe

29 January – 21 February 2021

An exciting exhibition, with a contemporary edge, promising to elicit more than mediocre responses from the viewer. Artists include Stu Tullett-Morris (*pictured left*), Jordan Quinnell, Hayley-Elliott Kernot, Lee-Ann Rapira, Connor Smith, Morgan Hancock, Amy Brennan, Carl Fairweather, Dwayne Duthie, Blake Tanner, Haoro Hond, Blake Tanner and 2020 Emergence winner Jack Perkins.

Denis Bourke – Gallery 2

Denis Bourke produces art and design works in a range of media from his studio north of Auckland. His special interest in landforms and topography includes the study of geomorphology at tertiary level and may reflect a birth and childhood a few kilometres from Mount Taranaki. His work is held in numerous collections in New Zealand and overseas. Denis has recently completed a large (160m²) mural series at the Albertland Heritage Centre at Wellsford, North Auckland.

Percy's Place, the gallery shop, is open Monday – Friday 10.30 am, Saturday 10.30 am – 1.00 pm, Closed Sundays.

Percy Thomson Gallery, Miranda Street, Stratford | Director: Rhonda Bunyan | 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 – Summer shows



Christmas Art Salon: Pieces Old and New by Fenton Street Artists

18 December - 14 January 2020

Keeley Eastwood Printmaker & Friends *Pictured left: What we hold dear*

15 January - 4 February 2020

Rhonda Bunyan - *Touching the soul*

5 February - 11 March 2020

Big, bold black and white photographs that touch the soul of Wellington, one of Bunyan's favourite spots to wander with her camera. Lines and shapes, light and dark, dominate her work.

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



AWA Event Guide – Whanganui

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Website: www.awaeventguide.co.nz

Puke Ariki - Summer Exhibitions



Homework: Taranaki Art 2020

Until 8 February 2021, Ground Floor

A celebration of the art scene our region is known for, *Homework* brings together artwork created right around te mounga Taranaki and acknowledges the vital role art plays in forming a vibrant community.

Redecorating Taranaki – Creating New Community Taonga

Until - 31 January 2021, Lane Gallery, Library Level 2

Therapeutic Agent – Shannon Novak

15 August - 5 April 2021, Wall Gallery, Museum Level 2

Exploring challenges faced by the Taranaki LGBTQI+ community, with a view to creating positive change for the future

1896: Christopher Aubrey's Taranaki

On show from February 2020 - Lane Gallery, Level 2, Puke Ariki Library

Christopher Aubrey made his living painting some of our country's most iconic scenery. He travelled around New Zealand from the 1870s to 1905, staying on backcountry stations and sometimes leaving sketches in return for hospitality. Very little is known about the man himself; his signed and dated paintings give the only clues on where he went before he disappeared from historical records without a trace. Aubrey visited Taranaki in 1896. The delicate and detailed paintings he made on his visit provide a record of the developing region and an optimistic view of colonial life. *1896* presents nine watercolours by Aubrey from the Puke Ariki Heritage Collection on display together for the first time alongside newspaper stories from the year that relates to each of the locations Aubrey captured with his brush.

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

Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre

Brett Graham: *Tai Moana Tai Tangata*

Maioha Kara: *Salutations*

5 December 2020 — 15 March 2021

A solo exhibition of new work by Brett Graham (Ngāti Kōroki Kahukura, Tainui), Govett-Brewster Art Gallery's 2019 Artist in Residence. Also, a new commission by Maioha Kara (Waikato, Ngāti Kahungunu, Te Arawa, Ngāti Porou).

Ōhawe 2020, video animation still, Brett Graham and Ken Gorrie, Animation Research Ltd.



Len Lye: *Tangibles (1959 – 1961)* - Until 2 May 2021

***Sky Snakes* - Until 11 April 2021**

Details on regular talks, tours and programming, from weekly Family Art, monthly Gallery Seniors, Sense Art and exhibition-related events, visit the Gallery [What's On page](#).

Free entry for New Plymouth District residents, Gallery Friends and Under 16's. Seniors \$10. Everyone else \$15.

Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre, Queen Street, Ngāmotu New Plymouth | Phone: 06 759 6060
Open: Seven days 10.00 am – 5.00 pm. Closed Christmas Day | Web: www.govettbrewster.com



The Big Idea

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Website: www.thebigidea.nz



Govet Street Gallery

Govet Street Gallery is an independent, not-for-profit Community Gallery open to everyone and anyone to exhibit, offering a great platform for Taranaki artists to showcase and sell their work.

1 – 20 December: *2020 Have A Go!* Offering unique Christmas presents and raising money for some Taranaki charities.

Colour + Content: Kristina Watson and Ian Axtell - Framed

WORKSHOPS: 21/22/23 December: *Treasure beyond Measure* with Helen Griffin, for kids aged 7 - 12 years.

Open 10.00 am – 2.00 pm 24 December for last minute shopping, reopening at usual hours on 5 January 2020.
Look forward to Pastel Society Exhibition, Botanical and Black and White themed exhibitions in the new year.

19 Govet 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: Govet Street Gallery | Email: goverstgallery@gmail.com

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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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