



# state of the arts

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Haere mai

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



The **Ōpūnake Mosaic Group** have completed a new public art project in their community. A second large seat had been installed with a colourful mosaic artwork for visitors and locals to enjoy. Located on the Ōpūnake Walkway, the elaborate seat designs were created by Debbie Campbell and a small team of keen community artists. Sponsorship was gained from COGS and the Egmont Plains Community Board. The design reflects the local environment, specifically the harakeke/flax plants along the coast. Many thanks to Debbie and her team for their vision, planning and creativity.

A new venture to support emerging artists has been launched recently by a Hawera business owner. **Creative Compass** has been co-

established by Vicki Fox from **Quirky Fox** gallery. The platform provides resources to help artists navigate different aspects of the art world. Developed after the founders recognised many new artists struggle to approach galleries and the lack of New Zealand specific information, they also offer mentoring opportunities. It's great to see an initiative like this, offering practical support for visual artists.

You may have a creative project in mind this year that you will need some funding for. Our **South Taranaki Creative Communities Scheme** supports local projects, with the first round of the year closing at the end of March. If you have any queries, would like to talk your project through or need help with the application, please feel welcome to get in touch so we can support you through the process.

There are many opportunities for all people in our communities to participate in the arts around the district. You could join the **Hāwera Writers Group**, go to a **Life Drawing** session in Ōpūnake or get involved at the **Hāwera Art School & Creative Space**. Take part in group exhibitions by becoming a member of our community galleries (Lysaght Watt Gallery, The Village Gallery, Gallery Pātea) join a local dance class or see a theatre show. We are lucky to have art, theatre, cultural and heritage groups in many of our towns in South Taranaki. There is a lot of information about what is on offer for you in this edition – I encourage you to get into it, join up, get involved, make real connections and above all, enjoy yourself ☺

Ngā mihi,

*Michaela*

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## South Taranaki Creative Communities Funding

Do you have a project in mind that will get people involved in the arts or strengthen your local arts sector? Creative expression is fundamental to developing our sense of who we are and how we relate to each other. The Creative Communities Scheme, administered by the South Taranaki District Council on behalf of Creative New Zealand, aims to foster an environment that supports creative expression and provides greater opportunities for people to enjoy the arts, wherever they live and whatever their circumstances. Individuals and groups may apply for funding for projects that:

- Create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities
- Supports the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity
- Enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.



The current Creative Communities Scheme funding round is now open, closing on **Thursday 28 March 2019** for projects that do not start before **24 April 2019**. The next Creative Communities Scheme funding round opens on **30 July** and closes on **10 September** for projects that do not start before **1 October 2019**.

**Application Forms** and a **Guide for Applicants** can be requested from the STDC Arts Co-ordinator, Council's Administration Building on Albion Street, Hawera or downloaded under the [Funding and Grants Support](#) section of the STDC website. Feel free to contact [Michaela](#) or [Andrea](#) for any questions or support for your application prior to the due date.

For detailed information and forms, please visit the link [here](#)  
To discuss an application, contact Andrea Barrington, Creative Communities Administrator:  
Email: [andrea.barrington@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:andrea.barrington@stdc.govt.nz) Phone 0800 111 323 or 278 0555



*Dave Ritchie Smith & The Affordables performing at Ōhawe Hall, 2018*

## Arts Fest South Taranaki

In its second year in 2018, Arts Fest South Taranaki actively promoted our District galleries and studios, while providing opportunities for the community and visitors to our region to engage in the arts. There are no fees to be a part of Arts Fest South Taranaki and the majority of listings were free for visitors to enjoy.

Following feedback received from participants, evaluating budgets and assessing strengths and weaknesses, two decisions have recently been made:

1. Arts Fest South Taranaki will continue to run in the future as a bi-annual event. This means there will be a break this year and Arts Fest will return in 2020.
2. Arts Fest South Taranaki will continue to run parallel to the Taranaki Garden Festivals and coincide with the Taranaki National Art Awards in Ōpūnake in the future.

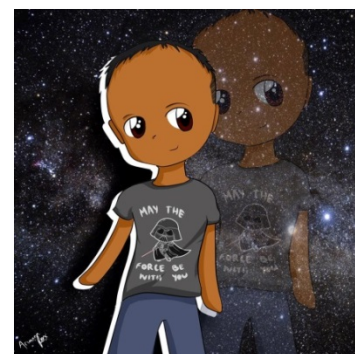
The Arts Fest website - [www.artsfestst.co.nz](http://www.artsfestst.co.nz) - will remain live as an online reference to galleries and studios in South Taranaki. The Events, Art Installations and Workshops pages are remaining on the website as an archive and reference to what was scheduled in the 2018 event. The aim of Arts Fest South Taranaki is to raise the

visibility of and participation in the arts in the District. Many thanks to all who have been involved in the past two years, we look forward to Arts Fest South Taranaki 2020.

## Comic Book Day 2019

**10.00am - 12.30pm Saturday 4 May 2019**  
**Hāwera LibraryPlus, High Street, Hāwera**

Hāwera LibraryPlus presents another popular Comic Book Day event this year. Join in on *Comic Creation Workshops* with local comic artist James Davidson, get a *Manga Portrait* by New Plymouth artist Arianna Fox and have a laugh at Taranaki comedian/cartoonist John Carr. Be part of the *Comicon Parade* and the *Galaxy Rock Hunt*. Free for all ages, all welcome.



**For more information contact Pam Jones on 0800 111 323 or visit Hāwera LibraryPlus**

## Arts on Tour – My Name is Moana

**Pātea Māori Club, 47 Bedford Street, Pātea**  
**Doors open 7.00pm Wednesday 8 May 2019**  
**Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$5 kids**

*My Name is Moana* is an intimate 90-minute tribute to the Ocean led by singer and songwriter Moana Maniapoto. The music, which is so interwoven with New Zealand's identity, has taken her from garage parties in South Auckland to exotic stages right around the world. Using an intoxicating mixture of music, myth and personal anecdote, we discover and share our relationship to the Ocean – and to each other. Moana and her musicians, including electro-wizard Paddy Free (Pitch Black) host their own little garage party, and you're invited. Bring your own guitar or ukulele! Join them for a delightful showcase of sublime singing and captivating storytelling that will draw you in, make you think, feel, laugh, sing along and possibly even dance. Presented by Arts on Tour NZ. Supported by South Taranaki District Council. Limited to 130 tickets.



**Tickets on sale at Pātea LibraryPlus from 15 March 2019 | Enquiries: Email [michaela.stoneman@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:michaela.stoneman@stdc.govt.nz)**  
**Website: [www.moananz.com](http://www.moananz.com)**

## South Taranaki Heritage & Family History Week

**1 – 7 April 2019**

The Hāwera Genealogy Society presents the inaugural *Heritage and Family History Week*. Offering a series of guided walks and talks, people have the chance to find out personal family history or the stories that make our community what it is today. If you've got family members who are keen on tracking their history, this week is a perfect opportunity to answer those questions. Programmes available from any LibraryPlus, South Taranaki i-SITE or email: [hawera@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:hawera@genealogy.org.nz).



### ***Bringing Back Aunt Daisy***

**10.00am - 12.30pm Wednesday 3 April 2019**

**Hāwera Community Centre, Albion Street, Hāwera**

An opportunity to remember Maud Basham, the iconic radio broadcaster who greeted her listeners with a cheery "good morning everybody" from 9 am every day for almost 30 years. New recipes, new ideas and handy hints and cheered listeners with a steady stream of optimism and humour. The Community Development Unit at South Taranaki District Council presents Vivienne Taylor performing as Aunt Daisy, inviting the audience to participate in a "live broadcast" while offering pieces from her scrapbook with her studio guests. Aunt Daisy's cooking and cleaning methods were used at a time when zero waste and making do with products already in the pantry were how it had to be. As we focus our attention on reducing waste, eliminating plastic, recycling and being more mindful about what is in our

food, *Bringing Back Aunt Daisy* will be a good opportunity to remind ourselves how our parents and grandparents managed before supermarkets, plastic and even fridges were readily available. The event is free, please RSVP for catering purposes by email [here](#).

## Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards 2019

**Free Short Story & Poetry Workshops with Judges: Saturday June 15 2019**  
**Competition closes: 16 August 2019**

Taranaki writers will benefit from the skills of two leading contemporary novelists and poets for this year's annual Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards. Dame Fiona Kidman will judge the short story section and Victoria University International Institute of Modern Letters tutor, James Brown will judge the poetry category. Taranaki writers can participate in free workshops, author chats and poetry nights with the judges in June prior to entering the competition.

**Author Chat: Dame Fiona Kidman**

**Eltham LibraryPlus: Wednesday 12 June 2019**

**Hawera LibraryPlus: 7.00pm Wednesday 12 June 2019**



**For more information visit the website: [www.rhморriesonawards.com](http://www.rhморriesonawards.com)**

## Arts Access Aotearoa – Arts For All Taranaki

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Putanga Toi ki Aotearoa

**10.00am – 12.30pm Wednesday 3 April 2019**

**Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford**

Arts For All Taranaki is a meeting for arts, culture and entertainment venue managers and teams, directors, hirers, disability arts advocates, organisations and funders. Facilitated by Arts Access Aotearoa Access and Participation Advisor Claire Noble, the Percy Thomson Gallery is pleased to host this meeting in Stratford for the first time. The meeting will include a presentation of examples of accessible and inclusive events and projects happening around the country within the New Zealand Arts For All Network, an opportunity to share local projects and a focus on actions to do to improve accessibility with little money or resource. Arts Access Aotearoa advocates for people in New Zealand who experience barriers to participation in the arts, as both creators and audience members. Key stakeholders are people with physical, sensory or intellectual impairments; individuals and organisations in the community and professional arts sectors; and people with lived experience of mental ill-health. They are also the key organisation in New Zealand facilitating the arts as a tool to support the rehabilitative process of prisoners.

**RSVP by Monday 1 April 2019 by email: [claire.noble@artsaccess.org.nz](mailto:claire.noble@artsaccess.org.nz) or phone 04 802 4349**

**For accessibility requirements and/or a NZ Sign Language interpreter, please advise by Thursday 30 March 2019**

## Taranaki Partner Dance Community

Have fun and learn to dance a variety of partner dance styles, suitable for social and club dancing. The Taranaki Partner Dance Community runs classes in Hāwera and Pātea for children, teens and adults. No experience or dance partner required. Classes are designed to teach dancers to freestyle, to identify different beats, to learn the features of each dance style and to dance the right style suited for a particular music. The classes include moves, partner work, techniques & freestyle time. Classes, workshops, private lessons, wedding dances and choreography are offered at a non-profit & low cost to support and grow Taranaki's local and rural dancing communities. Taranaki Partner Dance Community also supports the Blind Foundation by offering free dance classes to the blind community.



**Full details and registration online, visit: [www.taranakidance.co.nz](http://www.taranakidance.co.nz) or contact Maria on 027 727 1749**

**Facebook: [Taranaki Partner Dance Community](https://www.facebook.com/TaranakiPartnerDanceCommunity)**

## Hāwera Repertory News

Hāwera Repertory was formed in 1946 and has produced well over 150 major productions, providing quality entertainment to the people of South Taranaki. With a proud history of high calibre productions, they generally produce three shows each year either in their club rooms on Collins Street or at the Hāwera Memorial Theatre.



**Annie**

**7 - 15 June 2019**

**Hāwera Memorial Theatre, Albion Street, Hāwera**

Annie is the perfect family friendly musical. Based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray, the multi-award winning musical is coming to Hāwera in 2019. Directed by Shaun Campbell, the show features Charles Pittams as musical director and Michelle Glover as choreographer. Around 100 adults and children make up the cast and crew of Hāwera Repertory's upcoming \$100,000 production of *Annie*, which will take to the stage in June. The cast includes 16 families with two or more members involved, and six families who will have either three or four members either on or off stage helping with hair and makeup or front of house.

Check performance teams and schedules [here](#).

Early bird tickets are on sale now, either [online](#) or from TicketDirect outlets.

**For more information contact [hawerarepertory@gmail.com](mailto:hawerarepertory@gmail.com) or visit [www.hawerarep.org](http://www.hawerarep.org)**



## Hāwera Writers' Group

**Meet: 7.00 – 8.30pm, usually 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month  
Hāwera Art School & Creative Space, 20 Union Street, Hāwera**

A group of locals writers get together to share with others – on writing, researching, events, competitions, goals or dreaming about writing. All welcome. \$5 per person to contribute to venue.

**For enquiries and information, contact Maakare Edwards: Email [maakere@gmail.com](mailto:maakere@gmail.com)**

## Hāwera Memorial Theatre Trust

The Hāwera Memorial Theatre Trust formed in 2011, to take on the role of kaitiaki (guardian) of Hāwera's community theatre. Over the past seven years the Trust has worked alongside the South Taranaki District Council. Generous public donations, grants and other fundraising activities have enabled significant improvements to the theatre, including upgrades to the foyer, auditorium and green room, stage lighting and accessible seating. A new counter-weight system, stage floor, forestage and highly sophisticated sound system compliment the large stage area. This year the Trust will investigate the feasibility of installing air conditioning in the auditorium to improve the comfort and enjoyment of theatre-goers. The Trust relies on the goodwill and generosity of individuals and groups within the South Taranaki community. You can become a *Friend of the Theatre* to support the work of the trust - forms can be downloaded [here](#).



**The Theatre Trust Singers** are a new community choir of 30 singers from Hawera and surrounding towns. Formed in 2018, the choir is led by Peter Copeland (Musical Director) and pianist Claudia Bluett, supported by Trustee Judy Brown and Administrator Megan Te Ahuahu. Public performances to date include the opening of the VC Commemoration Gardens, Carols in Naumai Park and the Trust's end of year variety show. The choir are keen for more singers to join, especially more male voices. A range of performances are already planned for 2019. Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights from 7:00-9:00pm at Hāwera Memorial Theatre.

**To join the choir, contact: Judy Brown on 06 278 5834 or Email: [judy-brown@xtra.co.nz](mailto:judy-brown@xtra.co.nz)**

**Megan Te Ahuahu on 027 555 7510 or Email: [megan.teahuahu@gmail.com](mailto:megan.teahuahu@gmail.com)**

**Email: [haweratheatrefriendstrust@weebly.com](mailto:haweratheatrefriendstrust@weebly.com) | Website: <https://haweratheatrefriendstrust.weebly.com>**



## Hāwera Art School & Creative Space

Established for the benefit of the local community and wider District, an inclusive space designed to nurture and support individuals and groups, from beginners to established artists. Offering weekly art classes by experienced tutors and creative School Holiday Programmes. The space can also be available for local artist's as a studio or as a venue to run creative workshops. Hāwera Art School & Creative Space encourages input and involvement of local artists - feel free to call in and meet the team during class hours and find out more about what's on offer.

### **Teen Art Classes**

**Tuesdays 3.30 - 5.00pm during school terms. Ages 14 – 17 years**

Fun classes geared towards students who already have an interest in art and creativity. The sessions involve a variety of mediums including drawing, painting, 3D and graphic design.

Limited to four students. \$13.00 per class or \$130 per term, includes afternoon tea and basic materials.

### **Adult Art Classes**

**Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30pm during school terms.**

\$20 per class/\$200 per term. Gold card & Community Services card holders \$15 per class or \$150 per 10 week term.

Fee includes all materials except for canvas and frames.

### **Kids Art Classes**

**Tuesdays 3.30 - 5.00pm during school terms. Ages 10 – 13 years**

**Thursdays 3.30 – 5.00pm during school terms. Ages 5 – 10 years**

\$8 per class/\$80 per term, includes afternoon tea and basic materials.

**20 Union St, Hāwera | Open: Tuesdays & Thursdays during class hours**

**Phone or text: 027 361 6930 | Facebook: Hāwera Art School | Email: [haweraartschool.creativespace@gmail.com](mailto:haweraartschool.creativespace@gmail.com)**

# Artists Open Studios Whanganui 2019

**23 & 24 March, 30 & 31 March 2019**

**Open: 10.00 - 4.30pm daily**

An insider's view to the artists world, held over the last two weekends in March. Artists open their private studios and pop-up collectives let you see a range at once. The South Taranaki town of Waverley features two studios this year:



**Rachael Johnson**

**47 Weraroa Road, Waverley**

Rachael Johnson (Dip. Maori Visual Arts), constantly experiments with natural materials and techniques to stitch and weave traditional and contemporary nests, bowls and wall pieces. Her work is inspired by the environment and often reflects her concern for the land.

**Glass & Art Studio**

**49 Weraroa Road, Waverley**

Lisa Walsh is an international and National Award winning glass artist. Her work is inspired by New Zealand and celebrates the diversity of our land and culture. Jimi Walsh has an extensive art background creating in a diverse range of media including stone, wood, glass, ceramics and working in the film industry with Weta Workshops. For Artist Open Studios he will be exhibiting ceramics created for the 100 day project.

*Detail of glass wall cloak by Lisa Walsh*

**For full listings, event information or to download or purchase a booklet, please visit: [www.openstudios.co.nz](http://www.openstudios.co.nz)**

## The Village Gallery - Autumn Exhibitions

**By Dezine**

**Until 8 March 2019**

New Plymouth artist Garry Cole and Paul Burgham from Eltham exhibit two different styles of artwork. Cole creates free-standing or wall-hung sculptures for the garden and home. Burgham specialises in jewellery boxes and furniture in various woods, lamps with stained glass lead-light shades and photography.



*Photograph by Amy Taunt*

**The Art of Cheesemaking - An Exhibition Celebrating Cheesemaking in Eltham**

**12 March – 5 April 2019**

It is 100 years since the first commercial rennet was produced at the Bridge Street Factory in Eltham. *Art of Cheesemaking* is an exhibition of art which includes a display of historical memorabilia from Eltham & Districts Historical Society, artworks from children of Ngaere School, and invited artists - Margaret Scott, Tony Rumball, Henriette Reason, Rhonda Bunyan, Amy Taunt, Andrea Nicholas and Kris White.

**The Two of Us - Karen and Tony Waterson**

**8 April - 3 May 2019**

Karen paints in acrylics, inspired by the beauty she sees in the environment. Landscapes, seascapes, birds and beasts are amongst her subjects, carried out in her meticulous realistic style, often with her spiderweb 'signature' hidden in the paintings. Tony's love of wood inspires him to create sculptures, carvings and turnings. His work is imaginative and beautifully designed and finished and he has achieved national awards for his work.

**Local Lenses - Stratford Camera Club Exhibition**

**6 May - 31 May 2019**

**Event: 12 noon – 3.00pm Saturday 11 May 2019**

Meet at the gallery to view the exhibition and share food, followed by a guest speaker talk and practical photography session. A 'photography walkabout' in Eltham will follow, with members on hand to help with camera settings and practical advice on composition of streetscapes and architectural details. All welcome.

**Event: Photoshop Workshops with Sue Morton**

**Saturday 18 May 2019. Session 1: 10.00am - 12 noon. Session 2: 1.00 - 3.00pm. \$5 per person per class.**

Participants will need to bring their own laptop computer, with Photoshop software installed. Registrations essential, limited to 10 participants per session. Contact Tutor Sue Morton to register or for more information:

Email: [huinga@gmail.com](mailto:huinga@gmail.com) or Phone/text: 027 873 2335

**The Village Gallery, 166 High Street, Eltham Open: Monday - Saturday 10.00 am - 3.00 pm**

**Facebook: [Village Gallery Eltham NZ](https://www.facebook.com/villagegalleryeltham) | Email: [villagegalleryeltham@gmail.com](mailto:villagegalleryeltham@gmail.com)**

## Gallery Pātea News

Gallery Pātea is now settled into its new premises. The new main road space is just along from the Red Rock Café. Local artists have been busy painting the new Community Piano at the gallery, to be played by passing musicians as a street piano. Donated by Mark Nicholas, legend says it was once played by Dalvanus Prime. Gallery Pātea is non-profit and relies on volunteers for manning the gallery and other support. Thanks to the Lysaght-Watt Trust for a grant received in December 2018. If you'd like to exhibit or help with manning the gallery, please make contact or call in during open hours. The gallery is currently seeking exhibition proposals from visual artists working in any media. 'Nau te rourou, naku te rourou ka ora nga tangata' - *By co-operative enterprise we all benefit.*



New Pātea community piano

**For more information contact Gabrielle: 021 0813 8355 | Open: 10.00am - 4.00pm Weds – Sat. 11.00am – 4.00 pm Sun  
Gallery Pātea, 53a Egmont Street, SH3, Pātea | Facebook: Gallery Pātea | Email [gallerypatea@gmail.com](mailto:gallerypatea@gmail.com)**



## Poihakena Portraits

Gareth and Teowai Ratahi recently relocated to Pātea from Sydney with their family. Professional photographers, they held an exhibition at Gallery Pātea in February, showcasing their unique portrait style. Offering classic portraiture celebrating Māori, Poihakena 'supports Māori Roopu through fundraising, promotes Māori culture and supports the growth and education of our tamariki'.

**Poihakena Studio Sessions – Fundraiser  
10.00am Saturday 9 March 2019**

To help raise funds for the Patea Warriors Junior Rugby League teams trip to support the Auckland Warriors later this year. \$45 sitting fee includes 1 free watermarked email file, kakahu, taonga and moko stamp for up to 5 persons in a 20 minute sitting. Larger sittings available on request. To book your sitting, visit the website [here](http://www.poihakenaportraits.com).

**For more information or enquiries visit: [www.poihakenaportraits.com](http://www.poihakenaportraits.com) | Facebook: Pohakena Portraits**

## Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki

**Rarely Seen: Photographs of the Extraordinary  
1 March – 31 August 2019**

This National Geographic International touring exhibition will be shown for the first time in New Zealand in Pātea, South Taranaki. Visitors will experience some of the world's most astounding phenomena. Inspired by the book of the same name, the exhibition features 50 striking images shot by some of the world's finest photographers of places, events, natural wonders and man-made heirlooms seldom seen by human eyes. With an introduction by National Geographic photographer Stephen Alvarez, whose work has taken him from the Peruvian Andes to the deepest caves of Papua New Guinea, this exhibition captures unbelievable moments, natural wonders, and extraordinary objects from the far reaches of the globe.



**Aotea Utanganui - Museum of South Taranaki, 127 Egmont Street, Pātea | Phone: 06 273 8354  
Facebook: Aotea Utanganui | Email: [museum@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:museum@stdc.govt.nz) Open: 10.00am - 4.00pm Monday – Saturday**



## PTA Store – Pātea

Locally made gifts and artworks by Samantha Murphy, Luda Ashford and Haora Hond. Stocking quality Māori arts and crafts and souvenirs, including practical and wearable poi, Kawakawa soaps, taonga lashing, locally designed t-shirts and more.

**Open: Monday – Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm | 56B Egmont Street, Central Building, Patea  
Phone Samantha: 027 432 5659 or Email: [theptastore@gmail.com](mailto:theptastore@gmail.com) | Facebook: PTA Store**

## Lysaght Watt Gallery – Autumn Exhibitions

### **Rebecca Beyer & Off The Wall**

**4 - 30 March 2019**

**Opening: 7.00pm Monday 4 March 2019**

Rebecca Beyer is a New Plymouth artist who is lucky enough to have a studio in her garden. A painter who works mainly with acrylics for their bright clear colours, Beyer also experiments with printmaking for the joy of the revealed print. Taking inspiration from people, objects, journeys and tiny 'slice of life' stories, Rebecca has exhibited in several galleries in Taranaki and is part of the Taranaki Arts Trail. See more on her Facebook page [here](#). Also showing *Off the Wall*, interesting artworks from private South Taranaki collections.

### **The Portrait Show**

**3 April - 11 May 2019**

**Opening: 6.00pm Tuesday 2 April 2019**

Presenting a range of portraiture by 12 Taranaki artists: Cecilia Russell, Charlotte Giblin, Jana Branca, Jennifer Laracy, Jo Stallard, Marianne Muggeridge, Milarky, Nicky Gray, Paul Hutchinson, Pip Guthrie, Roger Morris and Russ Standing. Curated by South Taranaki District Council Arts Co-ordinator, Michaela Stoneman, the exhibition will include a catalogue and school tours.



Photo by Shani Boyack, HHS

### **Art & Folios from Hāwera High School Students**

**13 May – 8 June 2019**

**Opening Event: 5.00pm Monday 13 May 2019**

Celebrating our young local talent in the realm of visual art. Includes selected 2018 NZQA folios and photography.



Portrait by Jana Branca

**Lysaght Watt Gallery 4 - 6 Union Street, Hāwera**

**Website: [www.lysaghtwattgallery.co.nz](http://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**

## Quirky Fox Gallery

### **Here Be Dragons**

Fun and a little bit off beat, this exhibition draws the viewer into a magical world where small dragons inhabit the earth. Whangarei artist and illustrator, Soju Shots takes inspiration from the dark and quirky, creating a range of 3D mixed media works. The term 'Here Be Dragons' was reportedly used on old maps to indicate unexplored areas and the risks or excitement they might hold. The artist has continued the theme into his work with the dragons featuring wings made from vintage book pages and old maps.

### **The Naturalist's Daughter**

**From 27 March 2019**

Fine art photographer Kerri Devine draws inspiration from the world around her to create a modern twist on Victorian botanical images, finding beauty in the ordinary. You can view all exhibitions online.



Dragon by Soju Shots

**Quirky Fox, 205a High Street, Hāwera | Phone: 06 2786909**

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

**Facebook: Quirky Fox | Website: [www.quirkyfox.co.nz](http://www.quirkyfox.co.nz)**

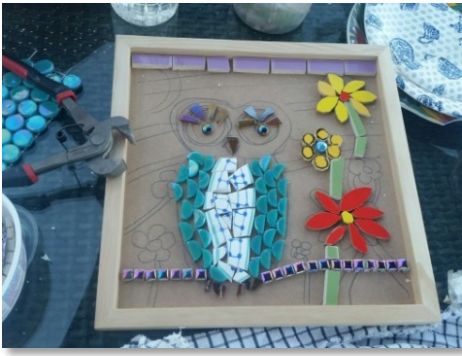


## Creative Compass

Aimed at emerging artists, Creative Compass provides practical advice to artists wishing to become more professional. Offering a range of services including downloads, one on one mentoring and critique of specific works or artist documents. Developed after the founders recognised many new artists struggle to approach galleries and the lack of New Zealand specific information, Creative Compass focuses primarily on visual arts, however the information is applicable across a wide range of artistic mediums including jewellery, ceramics and sculpture.

**To find out more visit the [website](#) and follow [creativecompassnz](#) on Instagram**





## Mosaic Workshops

**Sunday 17 March, Sunday 14 April & Sunday 12 May 2019**  
**4 Napier Street, Ōpūnake**

One day workshops learning all stages of creating mosaics using broken crockery and tiles. Experienced mosaic artist Debbie Campbell will teach you essential mosaic skills, including cutting shapes with tile nippers, designing with crockery & tiles, translating your ideas into mosaic on plywood and learning how to grout and complete your artwork. You are welcome to bring your own crockery, otherwise all equipment is provided, including tea and coffee. Bring your own lunch. No previous mosaic experience necessary.

\$50 per person, workshop runs from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Places are limited to 6 students per day.

**To register, contact Debbie Campbell at Mosaic 45: 027 290 2892**

## Kete Aronui

Kete Aronui is an online store and gallery that showcases locally created art, design and gifts by emerging and established Taranaki makers. The space is constantly evolving with new works of art, sculpture, jewellery, ceramics, prints, greenstone, cards, artisan food and coffee on display. Our focus on quality items from our region of Taranaki allows us to build great longstanding relationships with our artists. Storytelling is at the heart of creativity and we take the time to get a deep understanding of our artists and their works which we then share with our customers in-store and online. Contact Kete Aronui to hear notifications on upcoming workshops, events and exhibition highlights.



**Kete Aronui, 86 Tasman Street, Ōpūnake | Website: [www.ketearonui.co.nz](http://www.ketearonui.co.nz)**

**Open: 10.00am - 4.00pm Wednesday - Sunday Phone: 021 951 816 | Facebook: [Kete Aronui Gallery](https://www.facebook.com/KeteAronuiGallery)**



## Life Drawing Group: Ōpūnake

**7.00 – 9.00pm Tuesday Evenings**

**Kete Aronui Studio, 86 Tasman Street, Ōpūnake**

Regular open sessions of life drawing with a model, with structured drawing time sequences. All welcome to join this small group of artists. Please bring paper and drawing equipment.

\$10 waged/\$5 unwaged per session. All welcome

**For more information contact: Marianne or Roger 06 274 5713**

## Taranaki National Art Awards

**AGM: 1.00pm Tuesday 12 March 2019**

**Sandfords Events Centre, Tasman Street, Ōpūnake**

Are you keen to get involved in this annual art event? There are many ways you could join the team and help out. Meetings are once a month and the group has good systems in place for volunteers to participate. All welcome.



*TSB Painting Award winner MiSun Kim with sponsor representative Te Aroha Hohaia*

**Visit the website for more information or to contact: [www.taranakiartawards.co.nz](http://www.taranakiartawards.co.nz)**



## Everybody's Theatre

**Boutique Nights - First Sunday of the Month:**

Need a break and a laugh? Get some friends together and enjoy a wine or beer with some tasty treats at our Boutique Nights. Check the website for upcoming screenings. \$28 per person. Ticket includes movie, one complimentary drink and snacks. Bar facilities available, no BYO.

Tickets available from Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Ltd, Ōpūnake

**Everybody's Theatre, 72 Tasman Street, Ōpūnake**

**Website: [www.everybodystheatre.co.nz](http://www.everybodystheatre.co.nz) | Email [everybodystheatre@gmail.com](mailto:everybodystheatre@gmail.com)**



## Taranaki Arts Trail 2019

8, 9 & 10 June 2019

Established in 2014, the Taranaki Arts Trail provides the public with the unique opportunity to meet with over 60 artists in their studio/workshops. Ultimately, the aim of the Taranaki Arts Trail is to build a greater understanding in the community of the processes involved and the skills required in creating a work of art. Admission and brochures are free for visitors. All artists feature one work in an exhibition at Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford.

Contact Taranaki Arts Trail Co-ordinator: 021 0236 8709 or Email: [taranakiartstrail@gmail.com](mailto:taranakiartstrail@gmail.com)

Website: [www.taranakiartstrail.co.nz](http://www.taranakiartstrail.co.nz) | Facebook: Taranaki Arts Trail

### Percy Thomson Gallery - Autumn Exhibitions

#### ***A Songless Land - Sue Cooke (NZ premiere)***

1 – 24 March 2019

Opening Event: 7.00 pm Friday 1 March 2019

Conversation with the Artist: 11.00 am Saturday 2 March 2019

In 2015 Sue Cooke, a Whanganui-based landscape artist, received a year-long grant from the Pollack Krasner Foundation in New York that funded drawing, research and development of proposals for artwork based on the past and current deforestation of New Zealand's indigenous forests. This exhibition is one of the proposals that grew out of drawing in Northland's Kauri Forests and Southland's Beech Forests. *A Songless Land* immerses viewers through the mediums of ink, canvas and paper, highlighting natural beauty in order to focus the audience's attention on protecting New Zealand's small and ever-diminishing indigenous forest stock.



*Sue Cooke in the studio (Photo: Matt Smith)*



#### ***Purely Pastel - National exhibition by PANZ members***

29 March – 21 April 2019

Opening Event: 7.00 pm Friday 29 March 2019

This exhibition comprises a selection of artwork by members of the Pastel Association of New Zealand. Pastel arts groups are spread throughout NZ and the bi-annual conference of PANZ will be held in Stratford. New Plymouth Pastel Association artist Judith White has recently received life membership. More than a hundred works will be on display.

#### ***Stratford Art Society***

26 April – 19 May 2019

Opening Event: 7.00 pm Friday 26 April 2019

This exhibition highlights the talents of Stratford's Art Society's diverse membership and is testament to the group's longevity and continuing popularity.

**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](http://www.percythomsongallery.org.nz) | Facebook: Percy Thomson Gallery**



*Painting by Joni Murphy*

### Mōkau Museum & Gallery - Autumn Exhibitions

#### ***North Coast – Mark Bellringer***

Until 21 March 2019

Eltham photographer Mark Bellringer's work will be recognisable to the locals coming in to view his show. This Exhibition "North Coast" explores the coast and inlets of North Taranaki.

#### ***Untamed – Joni Murphy***

22 March – 25 April 2019

Semi-abstract paintings of New Zealand flora. This series of works explores memories of childhood and a narrative of motherhood/womanhood/Mother Earth and tending to wild gardens weaved through these paintings. Joni's intention is to evoke nostalgic memories of childhood gardens and native bush, wild and untamed and to bring to attention the dependency we have on our environment, for physical and spiritual well-being.

**Mōkau Museum & Gallery, 33 North Street, Mōkau | Phone: 06 752 9072**

**Open: 10.00am – 4.00pm daily, Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day**

**Website: [www.mokaumuseum.nz](http://www.mokaumuseum.nz)**

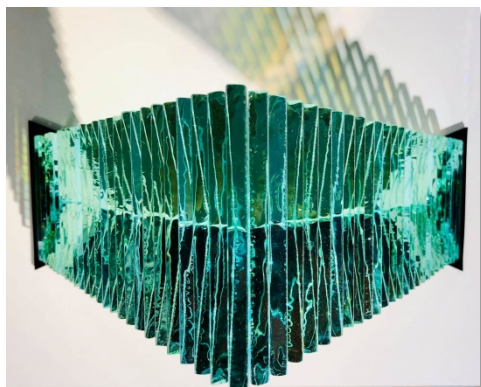
## Fenton Street Art Collective

Fenton Street Art Collective is a gallery space that offers great coffee and boutique small batch gin. The old Egmont Chambers building was restored by owners Jo Stallard and Stuart Greenhill. Jo is a painter, working mainly in portraiture and Stuart is a writer. Offering good food, diverse artworks by New Zealand artists and a professional service. Friday night platters and gin tasting, studio tours and commissions welcome.



**11 Fenton Street, Stratford | Facebook: Fenton Street Art Collective | Phone: 021 0299 2839**  
**Open: 8.00am – 3.00pm Mon – Thurs, 8.00am – 9.00pm Friday, 9.00am – 3.00pm Weekends |**

## Puke Ariki - Autumn Exhibitions



### **Hāpai: Celebrating Taranaki Artists** **Ground Floor Entrance, Puke Ariki Library**

Hāpai is an ongoing series that showcases artists living in Taranaki. Watch this space change every four months, as Taranaki artists display their latest creations. Puke Ariki invites artists living in Taranaki to submit one artwork for consideration in each of the three intakes during the year. Artworks are judged blind by our Puke Ariki Hāpai team. If successful the artwork will be on display for the following time periods:

**Intake Two 2019: Late July to November 2019**

**Intake Three 2019: Late November to March 2020**

For full terms of conditions, submission information and all contact details, please follow this [link](#).

*Glass sculpture by Taranaki artist, Richard Landers*

### **Whare Kahurangi: 100 Years of Collecting** **6 April 2019 – 6 October 2019**

In August 1919 the Taranaki Museum opened its doors for the first time. *Whare Kahurangi* celebrates 100 years of collecting our region's history, from the foundation gift of Māori taonga by William Henry Skinner through to the present day. Meaning 'house of treasured possessions', *Whare Kahurangi* reflects both the precious objects on display and Puke Ariki as a place of community, education and wonder.

#### **Guided historical walks**

##### **Available daily (with 24 hours notice)**

Join us for a 90 minute historical walk where an experienced local guide will take you on a walk back in time through the central city area relating events, developments and anecdotes. \$15 per person (under 16s are free), wheelchair accessible. For a full list of lectures, school holiday programmes, events, workshops and regular groups, please visit the website.

**Puke Ariki, 1 Ariki Street, New Plymouth | Phone: 06 759 6060**

**Website: [www.pukeariki.com](http://www.pukeariki.com) | Facebook: Puke Ariki: Museum-Library-Visitor Information**

## North Taranaki Arts Society Exhibition



**Artists Choice**  
**7 April to 19 May 2019**

**Gables Gallery, Brooklands Park Drive, New Plymouth**  
**Open: 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays**

## WOMAD (World of Music & Dance) 2019

**15 – 17 March 2019**

Once again set in the stunning 55-acre Brooklands Park and the TSB Bowl of Brooklands, amongst the trees and the lake, and under the watch of the mighty mount Taranaki WOMAD New Zealand 2019 will see the festival celebrate its 16th anniversary in New Plymouth. Celebrate and enjoy cultures, identities and heritage via a mixture of traditional and modern performances. WOMAD is a dizzying cocktail of exhilarating experiences for all. Enjoy music, workshops, kidszone, site performances and installations, sustainable village and more.



**Visit the website for information and ticket sales: [www.womad.co.nz](http://www.womad.co.nz)**



Len Lye, Universe. 1976 – 1998 reconstruction

## Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre News

**Len Lye: No Trouble - Runs to 21 July 2019**

**6 April 2019 - Ongoing**

**Len Lye: Art That Moves**

**Mikala Dwyer: Earthcraft**

**Nicolás Paris: what connects us – lo que nos une – ko ngā herenga kei waenga i a tātou**

**Open Collection: He Rere Ke – Different Pathways**

**Projection Series #13: Suspended Agency, An Installation by Peter Wareing**

Admission: Free for New Plymouth District residents, Gallery Friends and Under 16's  
Seniors \$10 | Everyone else \$15. Sign up to be a Gallery Friend at [govettbrewster.com/support/friends](http://govettbrewster.com/support/friends)

**Govett-Brewster Art Gallery and Len Lye Centre, Queen Street, New Plymouth | Phone: 06 759 6060**  
**Open: Seven days 10.00 am - 5.00 pm. Closed Christmas Day. Late night cinema 7.00 pm Thursdays**  
**Website: [www.govettbrewster.com](http://www.govettbrewster.com) | Facebook: Govett-Brewster Art Gallery**



## 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. With over 50,000 members; 1.4 million page views, over 26,000 social media followers and 1.8 million email newsletters sent each year they are the largest, and the leading online resource for the arts in New Zealand and the most effective place to advertise opportunities.

**Website: [www.thebigidea.nz](http://www.thebigidea.nz)**



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