

# Te Tohu a Toi

# STATE OF THE ARTS

South Taranaki Arts Bulletin # 45

Summer 2021/22

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## Haere mai

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

It's been a challenging time for our creative sector, navigating Covid restrictions and new systems to keep our communities safe. Many arts organisations and groups have had to make the difficult decision to cancel events and programmes.

The resilience demonstrated by our art community is admirable. Luckily, some events have still managed to go ahead, such as the Taranaki Arts Trail, and our established community galleries have worked hard to ensure they have fresh exhibitions for people to enjoy safely. Local theatre groups have forged ahead to present plays and shows. Hāwera Repertory are running the delayed season of 'Love begins at 50' and Ōpunakē Players currently performing the pantomime 'Peter Pan'. It's awesome to see both these shows are well supported and almost sold out, get in quick to get the last tickets!

Two new creative ventures spaces have emerged in South Taranaki in recent months. A gallery space in Manaia has been established by the Toi o Taranaki ki te Tonga collective, supporting Toi Māori artists from the region. Holding Space Studios has opened in Waverley, offering creative workshops and opportunities for local artists to sell and display work.



I have been working with Manaia School students to create a new mural at Manaia Community Pool. It's been a real buzz working with this group of young people and artists to create a meaningful design to enhance their public space. The photo left shows the beginning of the painting journey!

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. 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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## Arts in the Park - Online

For the first time ever, Hāwera's popular annual Arts in the Park event has been cancelled due to Covid restrictions for public events. The event has been run for over 20 years, usually hosting more than 90 stallholders, performers and thousands of people wandering through King Edward Park over the course of the day. This year, due to the cancellation, the event has moved online to enable people to access the work of artists and makers. Visit the weblink below to access images and information to directly support Aotearoa creatives this summer.

[www.southtaranaki.com/artsintheparkonline](http://www.southtaranaki.com/artsintheparkonline)

## 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 \$30,127.78 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 \$19,861.21 was allocated to the projects below:



- Shift - Unpacking your ideas and moving them around:** A 2-day professional workshops for South Taranaki artists - \$1000
- Kreative Kaupokonui Beach Kraft Workshop:** Creating and connecting with beach resources - sculpture, weaving, painting, and stone art. \$820
- Eltham and Districts Historical Society: 50 Year Celebration Exhibition:** An exhibition of paintings and photographs - \$440
- Ōpunakē Life Drawing Group:** Life drawing tuition over two weekends, and Tuesday nightclass for 10 weeks - \$505
- Everybody is a Treasure Charitable Trust: Visual Poetry Jam:** Youth students and home schoolers join together to learn cell phone photography, visual story telling skills and compete for scholarships - \$3300
- Kaponga Primary School Biennial School Production:** Supporting a school production of the Māori myth about the battle of the mountains - \$2300
- Waverley Chamber of Commerce - Waverley Summer Christmas Jam:** A music festival for the community - \$2,416
- DIY Comedy: A One Night Stand:** Bringing high quality stand-up comedy shows to South Taranaki - \$600
- Fusion & Flow Hip Hop Dance Workshops:** 32 free dance workshops in Pātea and Manaia for youth aged 5-17 - \$5480
- Paepae in the Park:** Celebrating Waitangi Day with a focus on education, community participation and wellbeing - \$2,000

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.

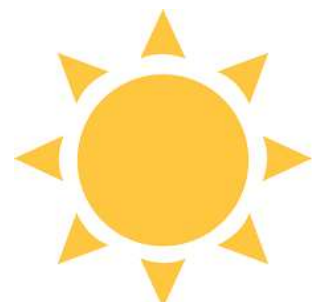
The next South Taranaki District Creative Communities application round will open in 2022 – dates to be announced in January.

For detailed information and forms, please visit the link [here](#)  
Any enquiries to discuss an application, email [funding@stdc.govt.nz](mailto: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: 15 January 2022**
- Movies in the Park – Soldiers Park, Eltham: 15 January 2022**
- Concert in the Park – King Edward Park, Hāwera: 13 February 2022**

Dates and details will be announced mid-December – check the STDC website or Facebook for details for these popular summer events, and for up-to-date Covid Regulations.



For more information contact Tarin Hunt, Events Co-ordinator: 0800 111 323 or Email: [events@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:events@stdc.govt.nz)

## Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards 2021

The Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards were held on the evening of Thursday 21 October via the virtual platform Zoom. This year's judges, Eileen Merriman, Vaughan Rapatahana and Matt Rilkooff, shared their thoughts on the overall calibre of entries, along with comments about each winning piece of work. The judges noted the works were very grounded in the South Taranaki landscape and, in some instances, brought Morrieson right back into the room.



**Open Short Story:** 1<sup>st</sup> Roland McKellar, Okato; 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Finer, Hāwera; 3<sup>rd</sup> Bruce Finer, Hāwera.

**Open Poetry:** 1<sup>st</sup> Stuart Greenhill, Stratford; 2<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Greenhill, Stratford; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mikaela Nyman, New Plymouth

**Open Poetry - Commended:** Germana Lewis, Hāwera; Kate Byrne, New Plymouth; Rosemary Joyce, Manaia; Mikaela Nyman, New Plymouth; Dave Lee, Hāwera; Maakere Edwards, Hāwera; Willow Noir, Hāwera; Stuart Greenhill, Stratford; Koren Miller, Hāwera; Michaela Stoneman, Pātea.

**Secondary School Short Story:** 1<sup>st</sup> Krishay Lal, Hāwera High School; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan Dawson, Hāwera High School; 3<sup>rd</sup> Krishay Lal, Hāwera High School

**Secondary School Poetry:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Taylor, Hāwera High School; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lexi

McQuaig, Ōpunakē High School, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aria Brophy, Ōpunakē High School

**Secondary School Poetry - Commended:** Anne Larcom, Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls; Bethany Gyde, Hāwera High School.

**Secondary School Research Article:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thea Orys Lacanaria, Sacred Heart Girls' College; 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel Salisbury, New Plymouth Boys' High School; 3<sup>rd</sup> Neo Hatcher, New Plymouth Boys' High School.

A copy of the finalist's winning entries can be found in the 2021 *Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards Finalist Book*, available from any branch of South Taranaki LibraryPlus for \$5.

For more information visit website [here](#)

## West African Drum & Dance Weekend

4 & 5 December 2021

Eltham Presbyterian Campground, 30 Bridger Street, Eltham

Join amazing performer Koffie Fugah for a fun weekend learning West African Drumming and Dance. Experience something new with a welcoming group of people. Koffie Fugah is a master drummer, dancer and storyteller from Ghana. He has been performing and teaching traditional African songs, dance and drumming for over 20 years. In 2013 he migrated to New Zealand and founded the Kadodo West African Drum and Dance School. For the past 5 years, as Kadodo's Artistic Director, he has been facilitating drum and dance workshops for schools, community and corporate clients all over New Zealand. His life-long passion is sharing the love of his culture with people and encouraging them to use music to express themselves joyfully. Day attendance is \$30 per day per person or \$50 for two days. Drum hire is available for \$5. Camping is also available, please enquire directly to Nikki ASAP. Supported by South Taranaki Creative Communities. Open to all ages and experiences.



For more details register your interest contact Nikki Watson: Email: [art4thahart@hotmail.com](mailto:art4thahart@hotmail.com) or phone 021 242 4600

## Coastal Arts Trail

The new *Coastal Arts Trail* promotes art galleries, museums and open studios throughout the west coast of the central lower North Island. Venture Taranaki, along with the Whanganui and Manawatu regions, has partnered with marketing agency [HeyYou](#) to come up with an exciting and out-of-the-box concept that is sure to get people talking about the Coastal Arts Trail – this was unfortunately delayed due to Covid restrictions, but planning is in place for it to go ahead in January 2022.



For more information, contact the Taranaki Coastal Arts Trail Project Manager, Alyson Tapply Email: [alyson@venture.org.nz](mailto:alyson@venture.org.nz)

Website: [www.coastalartstrail.nz](http://www.coastalartstrail.nz)





## Manaia Community Pool Mural Project

STDC Arts Coordinator Michaela Stoneman initiated a project with Manaia School to create a new mural at their community pool. Site-specific designs were created by the students to reflect their identity and local environment. The project is supported by mural artists Jodi Naik and Sean Hill and local artist Bonita Bigham. Students learnt many new skills and helped paint the mural. Despite delays due to lockdowns, the mural will be completed by late December, to be enjoyed for the summer pool season starting on 8 January 2022. The project was funded by STDC and the Taranaki Coastal Community Board.

## South Taranaki Creative Space



South Taranaki Creative Space is a not-for-profit community-focused creative hub, providing a welcoming space 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. 12 students per class.

**Mon:** 12 - 13+ years. **Tues:** 10 - 11 years.

**Weds:** 8 - 10 years. **Thurs:** 5 - 8 years.

*Pictured left: Painting by adult student Ann McKay*

### Creative Adult Art - 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.

### Creative Adults Art - 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. Includes professional practice, documenting your work, getting your art on the internet, presentation, entering art competitions and contemporary and traditional art history. 12 students per class.

### South Taranaki Creative Space Cash & Carry Student Exhibition

2.00pm – 4.00pm Sunday 19 December 2021

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

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

## Hip Hop Dance Classes – South Taranaki

Fusion & Flow are inspired by the art elements of Hip Hop Dance and Culture and are creating opportunities for young people to engage, express and evolve through dance. Family and community-focused, Fusion & Flow offer a safe environment for youth to have the freedom to express in an active learning environment, movement and growth in the arts. Help spread the word to young people that love to dance or just want to try something new in South Taranaki. For ages 5-17 years. Registrations open in January 2022. Free classes in Pātea and Manaia - supported by South Taranaki Creative Communities.



### HĀWERA - TERM 1, 2 & 3 2022

Fridays 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Tawhiti School Hall, 16 Galt Street, Hāwera

### PĀTEA - TERM 2 2022

Wednesdays 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Whare Pukeko/ Pātea Youth Trust, 31 Cambridge Street, Pātea

### MANAIA - TERM 1 & 3 2022

Thursdays 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Manaia School Hall, 36 Karaka Street, Manaia

For more information, 2022 updates or to register, visit the [Website](#)

Facebook: [Fusion & Flow – Taranaki](#)

## Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki

Aotea Utanganui has now released the mini-documentaries from their Pouaka Kōrero-Talking Box project. There are 20 films in all, which have an emphasis on people from the South Taranaki region, their passions, interests and projects. The series was filmed and edited over the past year by Keith Finnerty of Cat and Mouse Productions, with the assistance of museum staff. The films are being shown at the museum and can also be viewed online at: <https://vimeo.com/aoteautanganuimuseum> This project was funded by Taranaki Regional Council.



### Zoomed In

**December 2021 - May 2022**

This exhibition consists of photographs and items from the collection. What happens when you zoom in on old photographs? What is going on behind the scenes that are not immediately visible in the original image? What extra details can be picked up? Who is doing what outside of immediate view? There will also be a display of all things lens-orientated: cameras, binoculars and telescopes. Come and explore all things teeny-tiny in our collection with the assistance of a magnifying glass - a great children's activity whether for your own child or inner-child.

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



## New Community Mural – Waverley

A new mural in Waverley by local artist Jenni Corbett and local youth reflects our natural environment. The mural is situated at the public toilet building at Aotea Park. Jenni runs youth art classes in Pātea and Waverley and has also forged a connection with Waitotara School students for this project. The mural project offered an opportunity for her to work with youth who were interested in art, by teaching new skills and create pride in making a difference in the community. Youth artists involved are Ava, Macey, Nick and Caprice from Waverley and Anna, Ava, Honour and Meka from Waitotara School. The project was supported by funding from Resene Paints.

## Holding Space Studios – Waverley

Holding Space Studios is a new creative venture based in Waverley, run by Jenna Wakeling and Gemma Comrie. They stock a wide range of handcrafted products in the shop, alongside an event styling studio and a hub for creative studio workshops. The Studio has signed up for the popular Whanganui Artist's Open Studios event in March 2022 and would love to hear from any artists who are interested in joining in. If you're interested in taking this opportunity to showcase your work, please email [jenna.holdingspace@gmail.com](mailto:jenna.holdingspace@gmail.com)



**Youth Arts Circle** An opportunity for young people to join a group of like-minded students to learn how to use a variety of mediums, share new skills and techniques and grow to express their art style in a safe and fun environment. Some spaces are still available - registrations are open until January 2022.

This programme is supported by South Taranaki Creative Communities.

**12 years + Youth Art Circle:** Held on the last Thursday of the month.

**8-11 years Youth Art Circle:** Held on the last Friday of the month.

**Holding Space Studios, 69 Weraroa Road, Waverley | Email: [holdingspace2021@gmail.com](mailto:holdingspace2021@gmail.com)**  
**Facebook: Holding Space Studios | [www.holdingspacestudios.co.nz](http://www.holdingspacestudios.co.nz)**  
**Open: 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Wednesday – Friday. 9.00 am – 1.00 pm Saturdays**



## Gallery Pātea News

### **Small Treasures**

**1 - 24 December 2021**

Artists and craftspeople present handcrafted work suitable for a range of gifts, from painting, hand-pulled prints, stonework, adornment, pottery and a variety of other works.

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. Thanks to all our supporters and sponsors. The Gallery will reopen on 5 January 2022. Gallery Pātea is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers. If you're keen to help out, please get in touch.

**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](mailto:gallerypatea@gmail.com)**



## Theatre Trust Singers - Hāwera

The Theatre Trust Singers is a community choir with no auditions required to join. All genders and ages from 15+ are welcome to come along. An ability to read music is not essential, but a small amount of knowledge is helpful. The group has a musical director and a pianist who provides accompaniment, progressing onto backing tracks in preparation for performance. The group performs at Hāwera Memorial Theatre Trust performing fundraising concerts and providing entertainment for the community. They welcome all singers and people who enjoy music, especially males or women who can sing in the tenor range. Meetings: Every Tuesday, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm, Hall Lounge at the Hāwera Community Centre.

**For further information, please contact Judy Brown 027 278 5834 or email [judy-brown@xtra.co.nz](mailto:judy-brown@xtra.co.nz)**

## Lysaght Watt Gallery – Summer Exhibitions



### **Masters of the Mask: Jordon Quinnell**

**6 – 24 December 2021**

**Opening Event: 5.00pm Sunday 5 December 2021**

An exhibition of graphic works exploring themes of mental health and wellbeing for men in Aotearoa. 'Initially, I struggled with the idea of creating self-portraits and putting the spotlight on my own experience with mental health. However, recourse to text and the symbolism of the surgical "covid" mask provided a prop for navigating the issue. A year later, the kaupapa (theme) remains the same, but now the self-portrait speaks for itself.' (pictured left: Artwork by Jordon Quinnell)

### **Te Kauae Ki Runga: Bonita Bigham**

**10 January - 5 February 2022**

*Te Kauae Ki Runga* is a site-specific installation focused exhibition chronicling Bonita Bigham's lifelong journey to receiving her moko kauae and exposes some of the self-imposed or societal barriers and challenges faced by wāhine Māori on the same important journey. Comprising of works previously exhibited at Waiokura Marae for Bonita's final project for her Masters of Māori Visual Arts degree through Massey University, and numerous new works which speak to process and context.

### **Through the Eye of Taranaki**

**7 February – 5 March 2022**

A group of young Taranaki students explore climate change and environmental issues through the lens of a camera. They workshopped climate issues with leading Earth Systems Scientist Prof. Tim Naish then spent a week with professional photographers Auckland-based Raymond Sagapolutele and Taranaki-local Tania Niwa. Toured by TAFT, created with support from partners Sustainable Taranaki and EnviroSchools.

### **Playful: Narratives of Three Glass Artists - Karin Barr, Graeme Hitchcock, Carmen Simmonds**

**Monday 7 March – Saturday 2 April 2022**

Three contemporary artists showcasing their diverse practices. Formulating their ideas through their love of kiln formed glass and the opportunity for playful experimentation. These artists have produced three individual narratives that demonstrate: the immense versatility of cast glass, the artist's freedom to 'mix it up', and their accumulated skills, from years of experience within the discipline of glass art.

**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**



## The Village Gallery – Summer Exhibitions



### **Sharing Shots: Members of the Stratford Camera Club Until 17 December 2021**

Photography exhibition by Members of the Stratford Camera Club, curated by Sue Morton, Club President. Members have produced a range of images, both digital and prints, showcasing impressions of the world around them.

The Club meets at the Baptist Church Hall in Stratford on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7.00 pm, all welcome. The Club provides education and inspiration for members, with more experienced members assisting those who need help in any aspect of their photography. The Club also hosts workshops and field trips periodically. An opportunity for photographers to develop skills and have fun.

### **WORKSHOP: Guest Tutor Adam Buckle - Saturday 11 December 2021**

This will be offered to Camera Club members first, then open to others if spaces allow. To attend workshops or join the Club, contact President, Sue Morton - Email [huinga@gmail.com](mailto:huinga@gmail.com) or phone 027 873 2335.

### **Members' New Year Exhibition**

**17 January - 11 February 2022**

### **Creative Clearance**

**14 February – 11 March 2022**

The Gallery will be closed from 18 December - 16 January for volunteers to take a well-earned break. There is an opportunity for an artist or creative group to use the Gallery as a workspace during this time. Ideal for anyone needing space for a particularly large project or for a pop-up shop for a few weeks. Please enquire before 15 December. Phone/text Donna on 027 348 6826, or email: [postiehitchcock@gmail.com](mailto:postiehitchcock@gmail.com)

**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**

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

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



## Forbes & Flay Studio

### **Botanical Drawing Art Club**

**5 December 2021, 16 January 2022, 6 February 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: \$80 per class - Includes all materials. Discounts are offered to returning students.

### **Plantgirl & Co: POP-UP Shop & Exhibition**

**10 - 24 December 2021, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm**

During December the gallery will be full of botanical works, fine art prints and a POP-UP shop selling locally made flora and fauna themed

products, including Plantgirl & Co cards, Darling Starling limited edition hand-painted t-shirts, plants, pots and more.

### **Nature Journal Weekend**

**29 & 30 January 2022, 10.00 am - 3.00 pm**

For those who love nature, art, gardens and travel, keeping a nature journal is a wonderful and therapeutic art practice that includes drawing, mixed media and writing/note-taking. The workshop includes a walk to collect the weekend drawing material around Ōpunakē Lake (weather permitting).

Cost: \$180 - 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](mailto:botanicalartclass@gmail.com)

**Forbes & Flay Studio, 40 Tasman St, Ōpunakē | Email: [botanicalartclass@gmail.com](mailto:botanicalartclass@gmail.com) | Facebook: Forbes and Flay**

# Everybody's Theatre

## Boutique Night: Sunday 5 December 2021 – The Rescue

Everybody's Theatre in Ōpunakē is an elegant historic theatre in 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](http://www.everybodystheatre.co.nz) | Email [everybodystheatre@gmail.com](mailto:everybodystheatre@gmail.com)



## from out of the blue studio gallery

### Jeanette Verster: *I Havn't Lost My Marcles (Yet)*

Until 20 December 2021

Award-winning artist Jeanette Verster is becoming well-recognised in the Taranaki scene and this large body of work highlights why. Every letter of the alphabet has been used to create a work about aging and how we are affected by the process. *(pictured left)*

### Artist in Residence - Christine Kellar, *The Loom Room Dunedin*

1 – 13 December 2021

Christine is running a workshop and offering weaving and loom 'clinics' to anyone in the community who would like to benefit from her experience. Please contact the gallery for details. Supported by South Taranaki Creative Communities.

### For The Home

23 December 2021 – 17 January 2022

A curated group of New Zealand artists and makers present a range of items created from natural, renewable and sustainable materials.

### Aotearoa - Land of The Long White Cloud - Annual Invitational Exhibition, NZ Surface Design Association

20 January - 28 February 2022

This year, artist's will be creating work about what it means to be an island nation, how are we affected by being surrounded by large bodies of water? Does this impact on how we practice our art and on our psyche?

### WORKSHOP: Shift - Unpacking your Ideas and Moving them around, with Deborah Crowe.

26 & 27 February 2022

A two-day professional development workshop for art practitioners who are interested in refocusing their practice in a supportive and stimulating environment. Spaces limited to 10 participants. Supported by South Taranaki Creative Communities (South Taranaki participants). For more details and to register, visit the gallery website.

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

Website: [www.fromoutofthebluestudiogallery.com](http://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](mailto:silktangles@me.com)



## Taranaki National Art Awards 2021/22

The Taranaki National Art Awards was cancelled this year, due to Covid restrictions.

The Committee is looking forward to being able to celebrate 20 years of this iconic Ōpunakē event in Spring 2022, presenting over 300 artworks from all over New Zealand.

Facebook: [Taranaki National Art Awards](https://www.facebook.com/taranakiartawards) | Website: [www.taranakiartawards.co.nz](http://www.taranakiartawards.co.nz)

## Hāwera Art Club

Meet: 1.00 pm, first Friday of each month

Salvation Army Hall, 19 - 23 Regent street, Hāwera

A group of creatives who meet each month to share ideas, discuss our various and varied art practices, plan events and generally socialize. The club has an extensive library of books and DVD's for members use. New members are welcome.

For more information, contact Cherol Filbee: Phone 027 244 4953







## Taranaki Arts Trail 2021

82 artists at 64 locations were involved this year, in this popular, self-drive, region-wide annual celebration of our artistic community. 'What an amazing 10 days that was. The weather held up for most of it, with visitors from all around NZ. Wellington, Hawkes Bay, Christchurch and from as far as Invercargill to name a few. Our visitors and artists were thrilled the event could still go ahead with the luxury of time and space on our side. It was a different year this year but just as successful. Do get in touch if you would like to be involved in 2022' Event. Chair, Heidi Griffin.

*Left: Wall sculptures by Ōpunakē artist Claire Jensen*

For more information visit: [www.taranakiartstrail.co.nz](http://www.taranakiartstrail.co.nz)



## New Gallery – Toi Manaia

Toi o Taranaki Ki Te Tonga, a collective of Māori artists led by local artist Bonita Bigham, has recently opened their own permanent gallery in Manaia. The group members all whakapapa to an iwi of Taranaki or are Māori and live in Taranaki. This is the seventh exhibition by the collective artists, who formed in 2018 and have also held six wananga. "It's awesome to see work from all ages and stages of artistic output exhibiting together and supporting each other," Bigham says. The gallery is open for eight days during the Taranaki Garden Festivals and is planning for more in the future – look for the large 'art' sign by the band rotunda.

*Left: Ceramic artwork by Maria Brockhill*

Toi Manaia - 46b South Road, Manaia  
Contact Bonita Bigham – Email [bonitab@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bonitab@xtra.co.nz)

## Fibre Arts New Zealand

### Five Day Residential Fibre Arts Retreat, Whanganui Girls College 24 April - 30 April 2022

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 retreat with five 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, courses and to register, visit the website.



Website: [www.fibreartsnz.co.nz](http://www.fibreartsnz.co.nz)



## Quirky Fox – Art + Framing

### **Chrysalis**

Portraits with a surrealism twist by Riccarton artist Anna Kathleen. Runs throughout December

### **Gone to the Birds**

Quirky Fox's first exhibition of 2022 features a mixture of emerging and established New Zealand artists brought together by their love of New Zealand native birds. The exhibition will feature a range of mediums including sculptural works.

Opens 19 January 2022.

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](http://www.quirkyfox.co.nz)



## 26 February 2022 - Waverley Showgrounds

The Waverley Chamber of Commerce are excited to host this event, hosted by Frankie Stevens and featuring a wide range of local entertainment – fun for all the family

Email: [wavsumjam@gmail.com](mailto:wavsumjam@gmail.com) | Facebook: [Waverley Summer Jam 2022](#)



## Percy Thomson Gallery - Summer Exhibitions

### ***The Art of Resilience: 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Exhibition***

**18 December 2021 – 30 January 2022**

**Opening Event: 6.30 pm Friday 17 December 2021**

Percy Thomson Gallery celebrates 20 years with an energetic, eclectic and thought-provoking exhibition showcasing 68 well-known Taranaki artists who have stayed true to their calling and, through good times and bad, have continued to do what they love... create art! Percy Thomson Gallery director and curator of the exhibition Rhonda Bunyan says she has invited 'senior seasoned' artists to create a new artwork that epitomises their creative journey, while, at the same time, exploring 'the art of resilience' as it pertains to them. 'An artist's creative process is one of the most intriguing aspects behind an artwork, as each artist has their own unique

way of approaching their art practice. Where does creativity come from? How does it grow and develop? Creativity is subjective, deeply personal, and sometimes difficult to be captured on a consistent basis. How do artists stay motivated? Do they experience artist's block? Do they stay true to themselves or ply their trade for those who buy? How do life experiences change the way they work and what they create?

'Art builds resilience when we make creative choices, even if we don't know what the outcome might look like. It is why humankind has continually returned to art-making as a way to repair and recover from the inescapable physical, emotional and spiritual challenges of life.' Bunyan invited established artists who have a strong relationship with Percy Thomson Gallery, and who have exhibited here before. Bunyan has produced a 56-page commemoration book featuring all 68 Taranaki artists.

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

## Fenton Street Art Collective – Summer shows



### ***Capture Connection: Rhiannon Higgs & Friends***

**3 December 2021 – 14 January 2022**

Formed by a group of friends and upcoming designers, this exhibition is not only a symbol of personal connection but of the threads that link us together – how the memories we make and share, become rooted in who we are, both individually and together. *Pictured left: Nadir by Maddy Thompson*

### ***What a Wonderful World: Ben Naughton Photographs***

See yourself in the place, enjoy the fine detail in a tiny bird or simply appreciate a view for what it is. 'Photography for me is a passion and it is based on chasing the light. This is a passion of trial and error. Lots and lots of error!'

### ***The things that bind us: Sally Laing and Sons***

**11 February – 17 March 2022**

A family's creative responses to the connection and disconnection of the last few years through the pandemic. Sally is connected to her children through creativity and a deep love for New Zealand nature and continues to make jewellery that notices and shares the beauty around us.

**11 Fenton Street, Stratford | Facebook: [Fenton Street Art Collective](#) | Email: [fentonartscollective@gmail.com](mailto:fentonartscollective@gmail.com)**

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



## Creative Taranaki

Creative Taranaki aims to support the creative communities in Taranaki to develop opportunities for regional collaboration to see growth, enablement and support for the vibrant arts sector. Artists and creatives are welcome and encouraged to sign up for email updates and follow the Facebook page to get involved in this kaupapa - lots of new developments are happening behind the scenes.

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

### Puke Ariki - Summer Exhibitions



#### **Map It! - 4 December 2021 - 27 January 2022**

Undertake a quest across land, sea, and space to explore the role of mapping and navigation in everyday life. Visitors will find the seven 'quest' stations to solve puzzles and collect different parts of their own map, which can then be viewed and brought to life through augmented reality. Throughout *Map It!* visitors will be captivated and surprised in the quest to explore cities, oceans, and the night sky, and develop their own mapping skills as they complete the quest map and uncover hidden layers of information.

#### **Reef Alive!**

*Critical Drifters* is an installation by artist Jacqui Elley (pictured left) that focuses on plankton, the incredible microscopic creatures at the start of the oceanic food chain who release 50% of the oxygen we breathe into the atmosphere. This highlights the care and responsibility we have to the ocean as acidification and warming continue to destabilise our marine ecosystem. *Reef Alive!* is a rich and interactive experience, ideal for families, children and anyone curious about the fascinating biodiversity in Taranaki's watery backyard. Dive in and check it out.

#### **This is Our World - Until 6 March 2022**

*This is Our World* explores the everyday experiences of Taranaki's young people, revealing unique viewpoints on the local urban environment as seen by them. Over 2020 and 2021, rangatahi participating in photography courses at ZEAL Taranaki documented their surroundings while experimenting with composition, light and shadow, contrast and exposure. ZEAL is dedicated to helping youth across Aotearoa discover, express and develop their unique creativity.

#### **Home Work Taranaki Art 2020 – Virtual Tour**

Take a virtual journey featuring 57 artworks from established and emerging local talent through the gallery and explore the artists and artworks, with interactive features. Access via the Exhibitions page of website.

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](http://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.

#### **DECEMBER:**

**Have a Go!:** Open to anyone to take part with the same sized canvas.

**Painted Moments:** Artwork by Sonja Reynolds

**Ahed Rajjoub & Ferial Hafez:** Exquisite miniatures and colourful fabric collages presented in this first NZ exhibition for two Syrian artists.

**Doing Our Bit!** - Foodbank collection point until 20 December.

Gover Street Gallery will close at 2.00 pm 24 December 2021 and reopen in the new year on 7 January 2022.

**FEBRUARY: Summer** theme. Open to everyone to submit their artwork for this exhibition.

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](mailto:goverstgallery@gmail.com)



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](http://www.thebigidea.nz)

## [Ōpunakē Open Studios & Galleries](#) – *click to follow link*



### 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](http://www.theemporiumnz.com)

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