

Te Tohu a Toi

STATE OF THE ARTS

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Chris Fuller and his dog Tahi beside new mural in Ōpunakē.

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

Two new public murals have been completed in the district recently, bringing vibrant artworks to our communities. Local artist Chris Fuller painted a pair of humpback whales on the wall of a new STDC toilet block outside Sinclair Events Centre in Ōpunakē, reflecting our ocean environment. Lotte Hawley from Auckland was commissioned to design and paint a large-scale mural in Hāwera in collaboration with the local business association, Bizlink. Both of these projects are great examples of the benefits of collaboration, and the opportunity for growth and vibrancy that art projects bring to our communities.

Our regional arts group, Creative Taranaki are bringing their **Funding Applications 101 Workshop** to Hāwera soon, in partnership with South Taranaki District Council. Facilitated by Valerie Barraclough, the workshops offer information and practical guidance for artists and groups to gain funding for creative projects. One-on-one sessions are also being offered, to support individuals or groups to achieve their goals.

I was stoked to hear that **Pātea artist Jonny de Painter** won the Supreme Award at the prestigious Cleveland Art Awards in Dunedin recently. Jonny is a highly creative artist who works in many different mediums, including painting and sculpture. He has been a committed artist for most of his life, so it's great to see him awarded this recognition and support.

June signals the start of the Māori New Year period, named **Puanga** in the Taranaki/Whanganui regions due to the stars that are visible from our specific viewpoint in Aotearoa. There is a wide range of opportunities to learn and celebrate, including Puanga-themed creative school holiday programmes and exhibitions, and the annual *Puanga Kai Rau Festival* at Parihaka Papakāinga. There are also some great workshops offered in South Taranaki to learn new skills – including new pottery workshops at Māwhero Studio in Ōpunakē.

Please continue to support and be a part of our galleries, groups, projects and events – thanks for your positivity, commitment and vision to keep the arts alive and thriving. 😊

Ngā mihi,

Michaela

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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 \$32,837 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 \$20,247 was allocated to these projects:



- Sue Baker – Creative Inclusion:** To provide creativity workshops for people with disabilities and special needs - \$4,200.
- Luke Galley – Hip Hop Dance School Holiday Program:** Free One Day Hip Hop Dance Workshops for Beginners - \$1,151.
- Helen Cook – Taranaki Arts Trail Exhibition 2023:** Hosting the TAT preview Exhibition in South Taranaki - \$800.
- Rosanne Oaks – Hidden Talents:** To provide a platform for emerging young talents across the performing and visual arts in Pātea, by mentoring young artists and providing a vehicle to display their talents. - \$562.
- Erryn Willcox & Carl Fairweather – Painting and Mixed Media Workshops:** Acrylic/Watercolour Painting + Neurographic and Mixed Media Workshops - \$3,874.
- Natalie Ropiha – Vivid Rhythm Workshops:** Workshops in different arts/dance related areas - \$1,500.
- Maata Wharehoka – Whiria Taranaki Weaving Symposium:** A celebration and public presentation of raranga - \$3,500.
- Glenn C. Anderson – Hāwera Brass Learners and Junior Performance Band:** To continue to develop the gains made by the establishment of the Hāwera Brass Junior Performance Band - \$4,400.
- Angela Quinn – Arts Fest South Taranaki:** Ōhawe creatives bringing a mix of arts and crafts to people during Taranaki Fringe Festival - \$260.

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

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

The next South Taranaki District Creative Communities application round will open on 1 August 2022, and close on 2 September 2022. If you have an idea for a project or would like support with your application, you can email STDC Arts Coordinator Michaela for support – michaela.stoneman@stdc.govt.nz

For detailed information and forms, please visit the link [here](#)
Any enquiries to discuss an application, email funding@stdc.govt.nz or phone 0800 111 323 or 06 278 0555



Creative New Zealand – Conference

27 - 29 September 2023
New Plymouth International Hotel, Ngāmotu-New Plymouth

Creative New Zealand's arts leadership conference, Nui te Kōrero, is back with a kanohi-ki-te-kanohi hui this year. This National arts conference will be held in Taranaki, Ngāmotu-New Plymouth at the end of September 2023. Like previous hui, Nui te Kōrero will be an important opportunity for the arts community to gather and kōrero about what the future looks like,

what is required of us as leaders and how we can ensure the arts sector is well positioned collectively to respond to change. The theme for 2023 is *Brave New World – A new level and a new way of thinking, He reanga hou, he whakaaro hou*. CNZ are looking forward to collectively finding the courage to do things differently outside our traditional models of arts leadership, practice and engagement. As we respond to our changing environment, what world do we want to create? What are the conditions for success that need to change? And how will we achieve transformational change together?

Register your interest via [this link](#). First programme announcement and tickets go on sale in early June.

Creative Taranaki News

Funding Applications 101 Workshop

5:30pm Wednesday 28 June 2023

Hall Lounge, Hāwera Community Centre, 66 Albion Street, Hāwera



Following on from the successful workshop in New Plymouth back in March, Creative Taranaki, with support from South Taranaki District Council are bringing funding guru Valerie Barraclough's *Funding Applications 101 Workshop* to South Taranaki. Valerie has over 15 years experience in this area, having worked in the UK for the National Foundation for Youth Music before moving to Taranaki a few years ago. Having been on both sides of the application process, as applicant and assessor, Valerie is in the unique position of being able to write applications while maintaining the lens of how funders think.

This workshop is for beginners and mid-level grant-seekers, to find out more about:

- Different types of funders that are out there
- Criteria for funding, why these exist and how to establish a good fit for your work
- What to consider in the overall funding process
- Planning your application
- How to use the right language when talking about needs and outcomes, and how to measure the impact

Light refreshments provided. 30 spaces available. Tickets \$10 - book [here](#) Or contact Michaela Stoneman, STDC Arts Coordinator.

Funding Application Clinics

Valerie will also be holding a series of funding application clinics in South Taranaki beginning early August, when applications are open for the STDC's next round of Creative Communities Scheme funding. At these clinics, you can bring in your application-in-progress for one-on-one advice and assistance.

For more information and updates - Facebook: [Creative Taranaki](#) | Website: www.creativetaranaki.org

Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards 2023



Free Adult Writing Workshops

Saturday 17 June 2023

Short Story: 9.00 am – 12 noon / Poetry: 1.00pm – 4.00 pm

Te W'anake - The Foundry, 130 High Street, Hāwera

Entries Open: Thursday 15 June 2022

Taranaki writers will benefit from the skills of leading contemporary writers for this year's annual Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards. Award organiser, South Taranaki District Council community outreach librarian Katherine Bosworth said it was exciting that all of this year's judges are living in Taranaki. "We are so proud of the calibre of judges we've been able to attract to these awards over the last 36 years," she says. "This year is no exception, and it's so cool that they're all locals too – it's a wonderful thing to be able to showcase some of our local literary superstars."

Emma Hislop (Kāi Tahu) is this year's Short Story judge. She has an MA with Distinction from the IIML. Awards and residencies include the Louis Johnson New Writers Bursary, NZSA Mentorship, Pihuhia Awards shortlist and Emerging Māori Writer (Michael King Centre in 2021). Her work has been published in Action Spectacle, Newsroom, Sport, Verb, Takahē, Ika 4 and Ora Nui. Her debut collection of short fiction, titled *Ruin*, was published with Te Herenga Waka in March, 2023. Emma is part of Te Hā Taranaki, a collective for Māori writers, established in 2019.

Mikaela Nyman is this year's judge for the Poetry sections. Mikaela writes poetry, fiction and non-fiction in English and Swedish. Her work has been widely anthologised and published in the US, the UK, Nepal, Vanuatu, Australia, Spain and in the Nordic countries. She was the 2021 Writer in Residence for Massey University. Her second poetry collection is forthcoming in August. Her debut novel *SADO* ('*Shadow/Shadows*') was published by Te Herenga Waka Press in 2020 and she works in collaboration with writers in Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands.

Taranaki Daily News editor **Matt Rilkoff** is the judge for the True Story section (previously known as the research section).

Workshops are being held during the week for secondary school students and open workshops in Hāwera. Award winners will be announced on Wednesday 19 October 2023 at an Awards Ceremony at The Hub, Hāwera

Registrations for free writing workshops are now open. Phone 0800 111 323 or email entries@stdc.govt.nz to register. Visit the website here - [Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards - South Taranaki District Council](#)



Lysaght Watt Trust Art Awards 2023 - Results

The Lysaght Watt Trust Art Awards 2023 attracted 85 exhibitors from all over Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Awards evening was held on 6 May 2023. Judge was Susanna Shadbolt, Chief Executive at Te Manawa, Te Papaioea Palmerston North (pictured here with Gallery Curator Libby Hogg and Chairperson Selwyn Metcalfe).

Supreme Winner - Rosalind Fitzpatrick, '*Reactive Glow*', Whanganui

Winner 2D - Mark Raymer, '*Fault*', Ōkato

Highly Commended 2D - Riihari Warnock, '*Ngā manu i te pō*', Waiheke Island

Winner 3D - Rosalind Fitzpatrick, '*Reactive Glow*', Whanganui

Highly Commended 3D - Ian Key, '*Yin Yang #7*', Eltham

Winner Local Artist - Merv Turner, '*Majestic Tongapōrutu*', Ōpunakē

Visit Lysaght Watt Gallery in Hāwera to view artworks and vote for the Peoples Choice Award, until 17 June 2023.

Taranaki National Art Awards 2023

Sinclairs Event Centre, Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

Entries Close: Friday 15 September 2023

Awards Ceremony: 7.00 pm Friday 27 October 2023

Exhibition: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, 28 October – 5 November 2023

Entries are now open for this annual national visual arts competition – the 21st year of this iconic annual event, held in Ōpunakē. Cash prizes are offered in seven categories: Painting, Taranaki Artists, 3D, Works on Paper, Fibre Art, Tō Taranakitanga and Photography.

Entry is \$25 per artwork; artists can only enter each category once but can enter up to three categories. This long-standing event would not be possible without the generous support of sponsors and the Ōpunakē community. All entries are displayed in the exhibition and most works are for sale, offering a unique opportunity to purchase original artworks. The exhibition coincides with the region's garden festivals and the Taranaki Arts Trail. Artists can enter online.

Check for updates and news on Facebook.



Winner of 2022 Painting Award, Kris Donaldson

Facebook: Taranaki National Art Awards

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

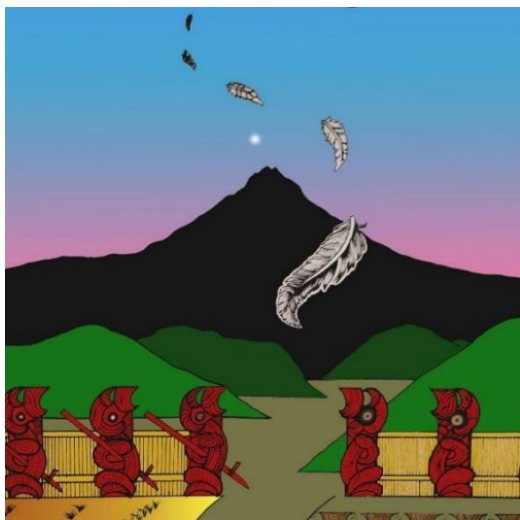


New Hāwera Mural

A new mural named *The Walk Home* by artist Lotte Hawley was commissioned by Bizlink Hāwera for a heritage building on Riddiford Street.

Project facilitator Nikki Watson from Bizlink says “Even with a receptive building owner, an organised artist and an enthusiastic committee, the project took over a year in planning and execution - keeping all parties happy with fine-tuning the concept drawings. Lotte nailed the brief perfectly, which included unique South Taranaki-specific content. It was important to portray relatable content, a timeless memory and a type of storytelling - a boy wearing an iconic Swanni walks home from school with his backpack, enjoying an

Andersons’ pie. He walks past paddocks with haystacks and a rural fence. Bizlink has three murals in its long-term plan. The first mural, also by Lotte Hawley, gave life to our town square in 2020 with ‘A Secret World’, featuring a girl pushing back a giant bookcase to reveal our greatest treasure, Te Maunga. The bookcase features book titles referencing community groups and people integral to Hāwera’. Keep an eye out for the third mural in the future.



Parihaka Puanga Kai Rau Festival 2023

6.00 am - 10.00 pm Saturday 10 June 2023

Parihaka Papakāinga, 249 Mid Parihaka Road, Parihaka Pā

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

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

Winter Fest – Hāwera

5.00 pm - 8.00 pm, Thursday 13 July 2023

Hāwera CBD, Hāwera

Bizlink Hāwera presents their Annual Winter Fest, on the night prior to the Matariki Public Holiday. Braziers will be placed throughout High Street encouraging children to roast marshmallows under the watchful eyes of Lions Club members. *Roots Provider* from Whanganui will play in the Hāwera Town Square. Hailing from the wind-swept sand dunes of Castlecliff, the band have been playing raw roots reggae for more than 25 years. Connected by a shared love for old school Jamaican roots and Māoritanga, the band have a sound that's classic yet original. Led by a heavyweight rhythm section, their songs are filled with deep basslines, beautiful vocal harmonies and lyrics that are not afraid to deal with real issues facing Aotearoa.

Local musicians will perform along High Street and Matua Lewis Domb will organise Kapa Haka and Mau Rākau performances. Late night shopping and stalls make the event fun for the whole family.



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



Taranaki Arts Trail 2023

Taranaki Arts Trail Event: 27/28/29 October & 3/4/5 November 2023

Taranaki Arts Trail Exhibitions:

Percy Thomson Gallery, Startford : 22 September - 15 October 2023

Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hāwera : 16 October - 11 November 2023

Gover St Gallery, New Plymouth: 20 October - 10 November 2023

The Taranaki Arts Trail 2023 is celebrating its tenth trail this year, with 119 artists opening their studios for visitors in Spring. Look out for brochures from August or pre-book one to be sent directly to you. Over two weekends, with many artists' studios open during the week in between. Check out listings on the website to see who is taking part this year, and start planning who to visit. Free Admission to all artists' locations.

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



South Taranaki Creative Space

South Taranaki Creative Space is a community-focused creative hub in the Hāwera CBD, providing a welcoming space to meet, interact, learn new skills and network with other creative people. The *Community Unity Gallery* has exhibitions changing monthly. Up to two artworks per artist, \$5 koha hanging fee, no commission taken on sales. All welcome - please get in touch to exhibit, join a class or book a workshop.

Creative After-School Kids Art Classes:

Weekly, Tuesday - Thursday during school terms.

Classes cover a wide range of mediums to help young creatives with their artistic development by exploring different ideas and techniques. Designed for students who have a genuine interest to learn art and creativity and attend regularly.

Teens Art Classes: With tutor Carl Fairweather. A great opportunity to create while learning about artists and art history.

Creative Holiday Programmes: Run for children and families during the school holidays.

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

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

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS & FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES: A great variety of regular workshops and programmes are fun for families. Check out Facebook updates for details. Full details and the registration process will be posted on the South Taranaki Creative Space Facebook page.

The Creative Space community have been working hard on a three section plywood mural over the past four months, which will be displayed on the construction wall of the new Te Ramanui building on High Street, Hāwera. The mural has some stunning details, reflecting our natural environment. It will be installed in June.

Facilitators: Carl Fairweather and Erryn Willcox | 41 Princes Street, Hāwera | Phone or text: 027 361 6930
Facebook: South Taranaki Creative Space | Email: southtaranakicreativespace@gmail.com

Hāwera Repertory News

Aladdin – A Family Pantomime

7 - 15 July 2023

Hāwera Memorial Theatre, 66 Albion Street, Hāwera

Join Aladdin for a fun filled magical adventure as he bids to save the beautiful Princess Jasmine from the clutches of the wicked Abanazar! Expect all the traditional panto ingredients – toe tapping tunes with a live band, a laundry full of laughs, loads of audience participation, local references – and a very badly behaved panda!

We invite you to join all your favourites in Peking this July where all your wishes come true. Written by Ben Crocker. Directed by Samantha Turner. Vocal Director, Richard Baylis: Choreographer, Mel Henshilwood; Band Director, Shaun Campbell. Tickets at iTICKET – [Aladdin \(iticket.co.nz\)](http://Aladdin(iticket.co.nz)) or South Taranaki i.SITE, Hāwera.



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



South Taranaki Writing Groups

Poetry Get-Together - Eltham

Meet: 10.00 am Last Friday of the month, Eltham LibraryPlus

An informal monthly opportunity for writers and poets to meet and connect with others. Come along for a cuppa, share poetry, or just listen. Contact Helen Pickford. Email: pickson@xtra.co.nz.

Hāwera Writers Monthly Zoom Hui

A small group of Hāwera writers have an early morning Zoom hui on the second Tuesday morning of the month. If anyone is interested to join this, please contact Pip Harrison. Email: pip.harrison@slingshot.co.nz

Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki – News and Exhibitions

Aotea Utanganui - Museum of South Taranaki will be temporarily closed to the public on Mondays and Tuesdays while staff make preparations to shift part of its social history collection into its new, architecturally-designed building located at 4 Richmond Street, Pātea (pictured right). The recently completed facility was built by the South Taranaki District Museum Trust to display large collection items including the Pātea Freezing Works fire engine and fire tender and other machinery from the District's past currently held at the Museum. In line with best practice for the long-term storage of heritage collections, the building is fitted with a fire protection system that includes smoke detectors and a sprinkler system. The closure will run until November 2023, so the team can prepare and move the collection from current storage areas to the new site. The Museum will continue to be open from Wednesday to Saturday every week.



Waterways: Ngā Awa o Taranaki ki te Tonga Runs to April 2024

Maunga Taranaki is the well-spring of our region. From his majestic slopes and the surrounding ranges, flow rivers and streams that stretch across the district into the Tasman Sea. *Waterways – Ngā Awa o Taranaki ki te Tonga* will explore the effects human activity has had on the environment; especially as water is an important resource for industry, agriculture and recreation in South Taranaki. Funded by Taranaki Regional Council.

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: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Wednesday – Saturday

Gallery Pātea News

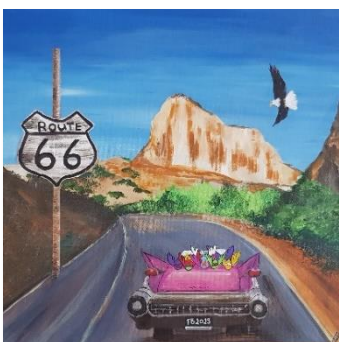
Gallery Pātea congratulates local artist Jonny de Painter for his recent win of the Supreme Art Award at the Cleveland Art Awards, run by the Otago Art Society. Judge Scott Eady commented on Jonny's winning work, titled *Please Like Me* - "The work is contemporary, fresh, colourful, critical, imperfect, engaging, tactile and fun. It is overtly and unashamedly handmade and, complete with googly eyes, provides a light-hearted but no-holds-barred cure for the wounds of advertising. A hilarious piece of psychosocial commentary". Jonny's work can be seen regularly in Gallery Pātea.

Hidden Talents – Upcoming Exhibition

The Gallery has received funding from Creative Communities to encourage young emerging artists in all forms of the arts. Expressions of interest from locals with hidden talents to promote are welcome – please contact the gallery. The exhibition and performances are scheduled for October 2023.



Gallery Pātea, 56a Egmont Street, Pātea | Open: 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Wednesday - Saturday or by appointment
For more information text Gabrielle Belz 021 0813 8355 | Facebook: Gallery Pātea | Email gallerypatea@gmail.com



Exhibition – Waverley Artist in Whanganui

The Tourist Birds

1 - 10 June 2023 - Whanganui Arts at the Centre, 19 Taupo Quay, Whanganui

Waverley artist Jenni Corbett presents an exhibition of paintings, featuring her characters called *The Tourist Birds* – a troupe of birds who love to travel and explore new destinations. Their journey takes them to the Phillipines, China, Turkey, Peru and Route 66. A kids art teacher and mural artist, Jenni shares this exhibition with abstract artist Bob Wilson.

Lysaght Watt Gallery – Winter Exhibitions

2023 Lysaght Watt Trust Art Awards Exhibition

Until 24 June 2023

Featuring 2D & 3D artworks by artists from around Aotearoa/New Zealand who entered this national art award, judged by Susanna Shadbolt, Chief Executive at Te Manawa, Te Papaioea Palmerston North. Visitors to the gallery can view all 85 artworks in the Awards exhibition and are encouraged to vote for their favourite artwork to go into the draw for the People's Choice Award to be announced on the final day of the exhibition.



Reclamation II / Puanga: Regeneration, Rebirth and Change

26 June – 22 July 2023

Linda Evangaline Smith (*work pictured left*) and Joanne Sim team together with a series of vibrant new works, including printmaking, screenprinting and monotype. Both are associated with the Learning Connection in Tāita, Lower Hutt, where Linda is a tutor and Joanne a student. Linda is 'fortunate to have a place in the Wairarapa by the lake to work' and is exploring with 'symbols and ideas that come from my natural world'. Joanne enjoys experimentation and says 'a lot of my printmaking plays with the relationship between shapes and colours'. This is the second exhibition they have collaborated on together.

Students and staff of Te Paepae o Aotea are excited to present their creative passions and learnings during the period of Puanga. The exhibition will showcase students work collaboratively and individually and for many akonga this will be for the first time. "As a kura it is acknowledged how we became established and now look towards the future with students at the centre of all we do. Our school identity is being reborn as we navigate change within our community. Artwork will reflect the diversity of learners, change students experience and hope shared through the regeneration of schooling in Hāwera".

Kāinga: Home

25 July – 19 August 2023

Curated by STDC Arts Co-ordinator, an exhibition to showcase the diversity of artists in South Taranaki. The exhibition will feature works in a wide variety of mediums by around 50 artists from Waitōtara to Pūniho. The exhibition will feature a mix of established and emerging artists from our arts community and offer a platform for connection, future collaborations and celebration. The theme, 'Kāinga: Home can be interpreted in any way the artist wants to, and asks the question: *What does 'home' mean to you?*

On a Creative Journey / Creative Inclusion

21 August – 16 September 2023

Artist Sue Baker presents a solo exhibition of her mixed media artwork, alongside artworks by adults with specific learning needs from Hāwera's Creative Space enterprise where Sue is a tutor. The joint exhibition will showcase a range of mediums and include printmaking, screenprinting, collage and painting. Sue's passion for art aims to make sure that artistic expression is available and accessible to people from all walks of life in the South Taranaki region.

Lysaght Watt Gallery 4 - 6 Union Street, Hāwera

Website: www.lysaghtwattgallery.co.nz | Facebook: Lysaght Watt Gallery

Hours: Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Saturday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm | Phone 06 278 7611

Quirky Fox – Art + Framing

June: Sean Duffell

Sean Duffell's distinctive symmetrical styled pattern work is derived from studying the macro worlds of nature. Sean began his art career as an active Street Artist 15 years ago in Dunedin using a three eyed character nicknamed Ghostie which lead Sean to painting murals all across Aotearoa as well as Australia, Brasil, Cambodia, Thailand and Europe. Sean teaches art workshops and paints commissioned murals for a wide variety of corporate clients and arts festivals. *Left - Artwork by Sean Duffell*

Figure it Out - Opens 12 July 2023

Fifteen national and international artists join us in a group show celebrating 11 years of Quirky Fox. Each artist has created between one and five sculptures in this mixed media and mixed style exhibition. The exhibition celebrates nature, art and individual journeys.



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

The Village Gallery – Winter Exhibitions

At the Gallery AGM in May, Lorna Davies stepped down from her role as Chairperson. Lorna has been a willing and dedicated member, helping to run the gallery since its inception over 20 years ago and serving 9 years as Chairperson. She has organised over 100 exhibitions during her time, always with pride and unstinting professional attention to detail. Lorna will still be a part of the gallery, as an artist and supporter. Faye Thomas was elected to the role of Chairperson.

Elements of Nature – Until 2 June 2023 - An exhibition by three well-known nature-loving Taranaki artists.



Mid Winter Madness

5 - 30 June 2023

New works presenting an eclectic mix of different media - painting, drawing, mixed media, pottery, mosaics, fibre art, photography and more. A great opportunity for Gallery members to display and sell their work.

Work from the Heart - Robyn Fairbrother (pictured left)

4 - 28 July 2023

Fairbrother has returned to Taranaki after living in the South Island for 30 years, where she studied Fine Arts at Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology. 'This body of work is about the things that make my heart sing. It is a study of the beautiful things that surround us that we often forget to take the time to stop and enjoy. It's my take on 'stop and smell the roses'. I am planning to run weekly art classes for children and adults to share my passion.'

Now! - Melanie Fleet

1 - 25 August 2023

Recently becoming a full-time artist, Fleet presents four different collections of work, including photography, assemblage art, painting, pop-art and collage. Self-awareness, raw emotion and quirky playfulness are explored. (pictured right)



His & Hers – Mahi from their Studios: Mark Bellringer & Dimphy de Vaan

28 August - 22 September 2023.

Opening Event: 3.00 pm, Sunday 27 August 2023

Explore the creative world of two artists who have recently joined the Gallery committee. Showcasing a diverse collection of artworks spanning various mediums. The Artists talks and workshop details will be announced at the opening event.

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 invites new Friends of the Gallery members, volunteers and supporters to join our community art gallery in the heart of Eltham.

The Village Gallery, 166 High Street, Eltham

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

Tuesday – Friday 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Saturday 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.

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

National Flash Fiction Day 2023 - Taranaki

Gover St Gallery, 19 Gover St, New Plymouth

6.00 pm – 8.00 pm Thursday 22 June 2023

Celebrating National Flash Fiction Day with hundreds of writers across the motu and offshore. Talented local writers will share flash fiction and micro-fiction. Open mic for keen poets and micro-fiction writers afterwards. Winners of this year's NFFD (Flash Fiction and Micro Madness) will be announced by 8.00 pm. Free event, all welcome! Wheelchair access to gallery.

New Plymouth-based writer Mikaela Nyman is the NFFD Chair of Taranaki and the 2023 Micro Madness judge, together with US writer Kathy Fish. This year's Flash Fiction judges are David Eggleton and Airini Beauvais.



**THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF AUTHORS
TE PUNI KAITUHI O AOTEAROA (PEN NZ INC)**

**Check the website for updates on speakers and zoom panels: <https://nationalflash.org/events/>
Contact: Mikaela Nyman - community@accessradiotaranaki.com with "NFFD" in the subject line**

from out of the blue studio gallery - Exhibitions



With A 'Flour-ish!' - Anne Garvey

1 June - 10 July 2023

"NZ flour bags, with their distinctive labels, are a link to early flour mills that 'flourished' across NZ, where today there are few still functioning. My main body of work is to highlight the printed labels using thread a technique of freeform stitching or thread painting. Symbolic additions are made to the background. The idea is to celebrate the original designs as a work of art, and give them a new life to allow them to "flour-ish" again!" *Anne Garvey*

He Korowai Mahana. To Be Cloaked In the Comfort Of Whakapapa: Donna Dinsdale

13 July - 14 August 2023

Opening Event & Artist Talk: 2.00 pm Friday 14 July 2023

Meet Donna, a multi-award-winning artist to see both retrospective and new works created for this exhibition. (pictured left) More details [on the gallery website](#).

Embroiderer Extraordinary : Cathy Jane Brickhill

17 August - 25 September 2023

Free Knit-In: Held weekly from 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm on Thursdays. If you have the desire to knit with others, learn to knit, get help with a tricky pattern or anything else to do with knitting, all are welcome to join this group.

WORKSHOPS: Check the gallery website and Facebook events.

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](#) | Instagram: [threadthinker](#) | Email: silktangles@me.com

Winter Workshops at Māwhero Studio Ōpunakē

Join artists Ruby and Ashleigh at their welcoming studio to learn and create something new.

WORKSHOP: Hand Building Pottery

Hand building is an ancient pottery medium that allows you to make anything using your hands and a few simple tools. In these two-hour sessions, you will learn techniques such as the pinch pot method, coil and slab building. Choose from our range of different clays and glazes – pieces will be glazed and fired to pick up in 4 - 6 weeks. \$65 per person per session – booking essential. Message via Instagram or email to book.

June: 7.00pm – 9.00pm Thursdays 1/15/29 June 2023

July: 7.00pm – 9.00pm Thursdays 13/27 July 2023

August: 7.00pm – 9.00pm Thursdays 10/14 August 2023

Private group bookings for 6 - 12 people are also welcome. Message via Instagram or email to book.



WORKSHOP: School Holiday Kids Pottery

Children can paint their own design onto a cup and bowl, to be glazed and fired by us. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. \$40 per child - booking essential. Message via Instagram or email to book.

Saturday 1 July 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm / Saturday 8 July 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm / Saturday 15 July 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

WORKSHOP: Wellness Candle Making

Learn how to make candles using our wheel thrown ceramic vessels as your candle container. In the first vessel you will make your own candle, creating your own scent blend of uplifting essential oils, fragrances and dried flowers. The second vessel is unglazed and is yours to paint your own design onto using our range of coloured underglazes. Once we have fired this second piece, it will be ready for you to pick up as a candle made for you. \$120 per person - includes a cup of organic herbal tea. **Saturday 10 June 3.00pm - 4.30 pm / Saturday 12 August 3.00pm - 4.30 pm**

1/78 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē | Website: www.mawherostudio.nz

Instagram: [mawherostudio](#) | Email: mawherostudio@gmail.com

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

Everybody's Theatre - Ōpunakē



Restored historic theatre. In addition to all the latest new releases, the theatre features a selection of classic, foreign and fringe films. Check the website for screening and special events. Bookings can now be made online. Enquiries for special events are welcome.

Boutique Nights: 7.00 pm, first Sunday of the month

Sunday 4 June: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*

Sunday 2 July: *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*

Sunday 6 August: *Chevalier*

Also in July are special screenings of the popular Disney movie 'Coco' in Te Reo Māori for private groups - bookings welcome.

Everybody's Theatre, 72 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē | Phone: 027 383 7926
Website: www.everybodystheatre.co.nz | Email everybodystheatre@gmail.com

Publication Launch – Ngā Pūrehu Kapohau

Book Launch function: 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm, Saturday 18 November 2023

Ngā Pūrehu Kapohau: a poetic homage to Pātea, Waverley and Waitōtara is due for launch in May 2023. The volume is co-edited by Dr Vaughan Rapatahana, Ngauru Rawiri and Trevor Landers.



Virtual TART - News

The Virtual Tart site, as well as being a showcase for 40 Taranaki artists, also has a new exhibition each month by an artist from anywhere in the world.

June: Philippe Lemaire - *Une nouvelle exposition de collages récents* - Collage work by French artist (*pictured left*)

July: Eva Dick - Paintings by Eva Dick from Auckland.

August: Israel Hughes – Collage artist from Portland, USA.

For more information and to view exhibitions, visit www.tart.co.nz

Coastal Arts Trail

Discover carefully curated works and timeless treasures, and meet the makers of some of New Zealand's most coveted works. The Coastal Arts Trail celebrates the Western North Island's creative pulse, connecting Taranaki, Whanganui, and Manawatū, where you can venture an easy, self-driving art-lovers tour between the three regions. You're always welcome on the Coastal Arts Trail, and this tour of art is on offer year-round. So, when it suits you to travel; our treasure chest of local gems; galleries, museums, off-the-beaten-track studios and creative rural communities will be ready to provide the creative inspiration you're after. Browse the galleries, open studios, and artist workshops on offer, and start planning your Coastal Arts Trail journey today.



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

Percy Thomson Gallery – Winter Exhibitions

Don't Judge A Book By Its' Cover; it may take you on another journey - Until 23 June 2023



National touring exhibition curated by Justin Morgan and Laura Campbell. Bringing together a diverse selection of artworks from the Wallace Arts Trust aims to lure the viewer beyond the cover of a book to reveal new pictorial narratives. Works by artists such as Bill Hammond, Ralph Hotere, Peter Trevelyan, Michael Smither, Milan Mrkusich and others from the collection. [Gallery view pictured left](#)

Kahui Mareikura - Indigenous Sisters

1 - 23 July 2023

Curated exhibition by Gabrielle Belz and Bonita Bigham. In the spirit of sisterhood, Toi o Taranaki Ki Te Tonga invited indigenous women artists to exhibit. The Māori name for Stratford – Whakaahurangi, meaning 'Look to the Heavens', acknowledges an event during the journey of the Ngāti Ruanui ariki (chieftainess), Rua-pū-tahanga, as she travelled from the Tainui area back home to Pātea in South Taranaki. On her long journey, she rested, gazing up at the starry night sky and fell asleep with her face still turned heavenward. The hope of this exhibition is to bring work from experienced women artists from diverse cultures and nations together, strengthening cooperation and the aspirations of future generations.

Threads of Time by Aotearoa Quilters Taranaki

28 July - 18 August 2023

Abroad: What's In The Suitcase by Morgan & Black

25 August - 18 September 2023

Within this invite-only touring exhibition, each artist presents a work that unpacks an element of their creative practice; with the suitcase being the support and carrier, marking its journey from the studio to the gallery.

Percy's Place is the gallery's boutique art shop, open 10.30 am - 3.30 pm on Weekdays, and 10.30 am - 2.30 pm on weekends. Time to renew Friends of the Gallery Memberships for 2023/24 from 1 July.

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

Open: Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Saturday - Sunday 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

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

Puke Ariki Museum – Winter Exhibitions

State of Nature: Picturing the Silent Forest

Until 5 November 2023

Explore the stories of our native forests through the botanical paintings of artist Fanny Bertha Good (1860-1950) and the experiences of her family in colonial Taranaki. Through her work and creative responses by four contemporary local artists – including South Taranaki artists Dr Tabatha Forbes and MB Stoneman - discover the role that art can play in bringing attention to the state of our natural environment. Follow a multi-sensory journey through the trees, learn what makes them so special, and discover how you can help protect and grow our native forests today.



50 Years of Clay

Until 30 June 2023

Celebrating New Plymouth Potters' 50th anniversary, featuring works by 24 artists. New Plymouth Potters provides a shared studio and exhibition space in Te Henui Vicarage for over 100 members, supporting them to develop and refine their skills. Each year the group has a shared exhibition and invites a well-known potter to judge the entries. The supreme award winners of these exhibitions, from 1989 through to 2003, were collected by the museum. The supreme award winners are all displayed in 50 years of clay, showing developments in style over time and recognising many integral past members of the club.

Pop-Up Festival of Words

15 – 18 June 2023

Literature comes to life in New Plymouth this winter, with a four-day programme that is filled with conversation, inspiration and workshops from some of Aotearoa's headline names of the literary arts. Check out the schedule and [book online](#) or at the [Puke Ariki i-SITE](#) today. [Events | Puke Ariki](#)

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

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



Fenton Street Art Collective – Winter Exhibitions

Bee My Vision - Melissa McCullough: June 2023

Melissa McCullough, openly obsessed with bees, highlights their decline using beeswax, resin and powder pigment.

His Icarus wings the hills: Landscapes - Stuart Greenhill: From 22 June 2023

A poetic interpretation of landscape with a palette knife and brush

Reclaimed - Becky Dawson: From 21 July 2023

Vintage monochrome moods complemented by vintage frames. Sustainability in photography has evolved in the digital age with less waste in chemical processing and my commitment to continuing this is displayed in the pre-used frames acquired from an archives source. *(pictured left)*

Landscapes from This and Other Planets - Karen Taylor: From 24 August 2023

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

Open: 10.00 am - 2.00 pm – Tuesday - Sunday, closed Mondays | Phone: 021 0299 2839

Gover Street Gallery News

22 June: Flash Fiction/Micro Fiction Day with Mikaela Nyman

Open event for local writers to read flash/micro fiction and poetry.

1st - 30th July: Margaret Scott - Secret Garden Exhibition

1st - 31st August : The Art of Poetry with Helen Griffiths

1st - 31st August : Andrew Doering Exhibition



19 Gover Street, New Plymouth | To exhibit, register, enquire, contact Heidi

on 06 757 4278

Open: Wednesday – Monday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, Sunday 12 noon – 4.00 pm. Closed Tuesday

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

[Sugar Loafing Arts Cast » Access Radio Taranaki 104.4FM – Local Arts Podcast](#)



The Big Idea

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

Website: www.thebigidea.nz

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