

Seasons Greetings from the Napier Pilot City Trust



Napier Pilot City Trust e-news

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Dear Friend / supporter of the Napier Pilot City Trust.

In many ways 2011 has been one of the best yet. Please find below a brief overview of the year just been and a sneak preview into 2012.

Pat Magill celebrates 85 and finally “retires”

One of the major highlights of the year would have to be Pats 85th birthday party held at the Maraenui Rugby clubrooms. This significant celebration was attended by several hundred people and included speeches, Waiata, Karakia and other tributes. There was of course lots of food and a cake!

While Pat stated he was also retiring at his party, he has remained pretty involved ever since (there really is no stopping the man!) Pat continues to support the Trust by providing regular court support on a Wednesday morning, by promoting the Robson Collection and other ad-hoc duties. Pat officially sits on our advisory committee. A more focused event marking Pat’s immense contribution will be planned at some point.

Talking of Pat, congratulations must go to him for being recently named as one of 10 semi-finalists for the 2012 Countdown Senior New Zealander of the year. The top 10 semi-finalists will be whittled down to 3 finalists in January – the winner will be announced at a gala ball in Auckland in mid-February. All we can say is the very best of luck Pat!

Patrons appointed

As part of Pat’s recent birthday celebrations the Trust appointed two patrons, Bev Barron (who co-authored a report which led to the formation of the Trust) and John Harre (former principal of the HB Community College; now EIT) who was also instrumental in the formation of

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Christmas / New Year hours

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24/12. The office will then be
closed until 13/1. Do feel free
to send us an email anytime.

the Trust. Congratulations to you both.

We are fortunate that Joe Broughton continues to lead us as our Trust Kaumatua.

To find out more about the Trust patrons and our Board members, click [here](#).

New people get involved

In addition at the August 2012 AGM a number of new Trustees joined us and several project committees set up. Currently we have committees to organise Unity Week, promote the Robson Collection (and oversee the annual Robson lecture / scholarship), to organise fundraising BBQ's, the Treaty of Waitangi workshops and the Arohata mentors programme. In addition the Trust plans to set up a committee to better support the Movement for Alternatives to Prison editor, Roger McNeil. Volunteer(s) are also sought to help update and maintain our database.

If you would like to join one of these committees, volunteer or find out more, do contact the office (contact details can be found in the top-right panel of this newsletter).

Treaty of Waitangi workshops

Many have described our Treaty of Waitangi workshops, run in conjunction with Waitangi Associates as one the "jewels in our crown". Two workshops were again held this year, taken as usual by Robert Consedine. Despite coping with a written off home as a result of the Christchurch earthquake, Robert as always did a great job.

Special thanks must go to Kerry Kitione who organises the workshops on the ground here in Hawke's Bay. Kerry, who has had her own battles and losses to face, has as ever continued to make an amazing contribution.

New programmes bring new life

During 2011 the Trust, after a period of consolidation during 2010, was able to extend and offer a range of new programmes / events. These include our new Arohata mentors programme and new ways to promote the Robson Collection.

The mentors programme came out of a hui held in June of this year, which was held to better look at ways to



**He ora to
whakapiri!**

**He mate te
whakataakiri!**

**Survival
is
sticking
together!**

**Separation
is disaster!**

**Unity
is strength!**

provide practical assistance for women in prison both pre-release and on release. Speakers included Arohata prison manager Anne Abraham and Bush Grannies co-ordinator Kathy Braddick from Pahiatua. As a result of this meeting a committee was formed to look at ways to better support women in this situation – which gave rise to the mentors programme.

Committee facilitator, Louise Ludlow has already visited Arohata to meet the women in prison who are from Napier.

Louise ran a soap making class as part of the early bonding process.

In addition, the Trust is supporting the women in jail by sending them local news (copies of *The Napier Mail* and *He Ngakau Hau*), visits and practical assistance – funds were raised towards a new pair of spectacles for one of the women.

The Trust is now offering a \$5,000 per annum scholarship based around the Robson Collection housed in the Napier library. Congratulations must go to the first recipient, Hannah Bentley who is a Victoria University Masters student in criminology. Hannah is using her scholarship to run a pilot study, looking at the needs and issues facing women on their release from prison.

Hannah spoke on her proposed study during the second annual Robson Collection lecture, held in November. Also speaking were Dr Trevor Bradley (lecturer in the School of Social and Cultural Studies, Victoria University) and Neil Swindells, Principal of St Johns College, Hastings. Notes from Dr Bradleys talk on *Crime in the Neighbourhood: Measuring Local Perceptions of Crime* can be found in the resources section of the Trust website.

During 2012 the Trust plans to think of other ways to better promote the collection and get every day people more aware of the collection as a resource for the city and beyond.

Hawke's Bay Chamber of Commerce finalist

The Trust was delighted to be named a finalist in the recent Hawke's Bay Chamber of Commerce Business awards – in the not for profit section. While we did not pick up the top prize, we were chuffed even to be named a finalist. The Trust found the process very useful, which included a rigorous interview with a panel of judges; we were presented with a very insightful report shortly after

the awards ceremony.

Cut backs become real

Like many community organisations we have been affected by the cutbacks currently impacting the sector. As a result we have been forced to cut our cloth – this has resulted in the Trust moving out of its rented office in the Napier Community House and moving it into the home of the facilitator.

At the same time he has had to cut back his paid hours. Will is determined to keep supplying the core admin the Trust needs to keep going. He feels that with so much new life in the Trust, his efforts are definitely worth-while. This has also meant that, as outlined above the Trust is now much more reliant on voluntary help. In some ways this has not been a bad thing, although the more restricted financial situation continues to bring its challenges.

Looking ahead to 2012

The Trust intends to continue to build on the momentum of recent years. Early in the New Year the Arohata mentoring group plans a further visit to Arohata; we currently aim to repeat these once every 6 to 8 weeks. At the same time the Trust will be gearing up to establish a Napier based mentoring programme to support any women coming out of prison and returning to the Bay to live.

If you interested in helping this programme in any way please do email the programme co-ordinator Louise, by clicking [here](#).

The dates for **Unity Week 2012** will run from Friday the 20th of April to Wednesday the 25th of April. The programme in brief is outlined below:

- 20th All age art classes (all day)
- 21st Unity walk: Theme - Community in Unity
- 22nd No programme
- 23^d Robson Lecture and Pilot City Awards, followed by afternoon tea
- 24th Lunchtime concert
- 25th ANZAC day celebrations and Unity Dinner

More details will be sent in the next edition of Napier Pilot City e-news (info will also be placed on our website). We are very pleased to announce, **Judge Andrew Becroft**

will be our 2012 Robson speaker. Judge Becroft always brings a message that is timely, insightful and inspiring. Eight or nine individuals have recently been selected to receive a Pilot City Award during next year's Unity Week celebrations – more details will be contained in the next edition of Pilot City e-news.

Throughout the rest of 2012 we will continue to run our other regular programmes including the Robson Collection lecture, offer a further Robson scholarship, Treaty of Waitangi workshops etc.

Thank you to you all

A big thank you to all of you for your support and ongoing encouragement. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas / New Year season.

Will Jenkins and the Trustees / advisers: Martin Williams, Pat Magill, Kerry Kitione, Caroline Lampp, Roger McNeill, Rosscoe Brown, Janet Paku, Louise Ludlow, Megan Rose, Lyn Edwards and Genesis Keefe.

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