

Greater exposure for local artists

ART works by local artists are to receive increased exposure as the result of a partnership between the Manawatu District Council and the Feilding and District Art Society.

Seven paintings are now on display in part of the foyer at the council's administration building in Manchester Street and open to public view for the next two to three months.

The paintings will rotate between the council foyer and the Feilding Public Library before a new set of works is selected.

Mr Limmer said the art works were in a good location - near Manawatu District Mayor Ian McKelvie's office and clearly visible for people attending meetings in the council chamber and committee rooms or visiting the nearby customer ser-

(The Mighty Manawatu and Kai Iwi Beach) and Michael Nidd (Spitfire Pilot). Feilding and District Art Centre Manager, Beverley Waugh, said the society was thrilled at the opportunity its members had been given to have their works given a wider showing.

"I'm blown away by the artistic talent in Feilding, but it doesn't get out there enough," she said. "Not



HANGING the art works in the council foyer are, from left, Community Services Group Manager, Brent Limmer; Feilding and District Art Society Deputy Chair, Helen Jewell; Art Centre Manager, Beverley Waugh, and FADAS Chairman, Michael Nidd.

Community Services Group Manager, Brent Limmer, said the opportunity to showcase the art works in the foyer space had resulted from the building's recent redevelopment.

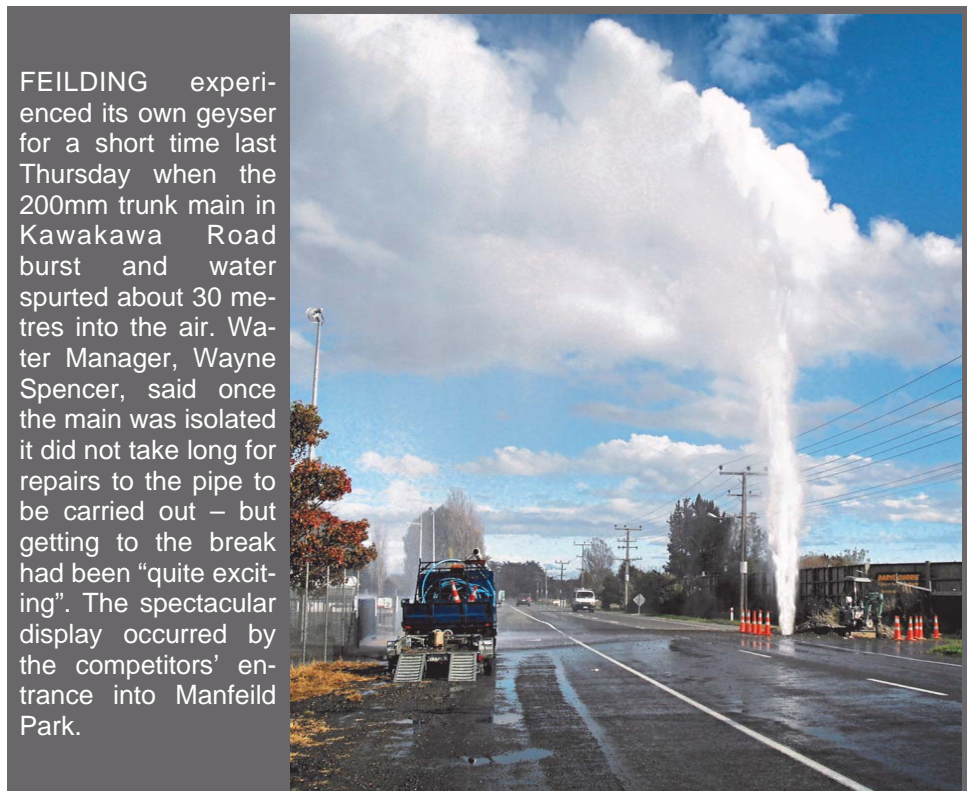
"We thought it a good idea to enter into an agreement with the society so local artists can present their works for possible display."

vices' reception area. He said the number of works on display at any one time would vary, depending on size and detail.

The first group of artists to be represented are Judy Johnstone (Pines on the Hill and Bad Weather Desert Road), Ruth Champion (The Glass Bowl and The Back Door), Gael Gamble

enough members of the public see it and that's one of the reasons why we are hanging in the council foyer and library. It's wonderful."

She said it was a great initiative, not only for the artists, but also the community, as many of the works carried a local flavour.



FEILDING experienced its own geyser for a short time last Thursday when the 200mm trunk main in Kawakawa Road burst and water spurted about 30 metres into the air. Water Manager, Wayne Spencer, said once the main was isolated it did not take long for repairs to the pipe to be carried out - but getting to the break had been "quite exciting". The spectacular display occurred by the competitors' entrance into Manfeild Park.

Beef week vital for industry

BEEF Week came to Manfeild Park over the past few days and took a markedly different form than it had previously.

There was a real emphasis on young people in the industry and the science behind better breeding, while a small but high quality line-up of bulls sold on the same day.

It is extremely important for the beef industry, Manfeild Park and our region that this event retains its high profile in the agricultural calendar.

Manfeild Park also hosted the six-hour teams' endurance cycle competition at the weekend. It was an excellent event, well hosted by the Manawatu Masters Cycle Club, and enjoyed by 26 teams and many individuals.

It proved a great place to cycle without threat from those people in cars who

enjoy terrorising cyclists by sneaking up on them at great pace and in close proximity. How ironic it is that cyclists found sanctuary in a car fanatics' paradise!

the future of the Makino Aquatic Centre and on the wish to retain the 50 metre outdoor pool.

Once the planning process for the Makino kicks in after the DAP hearings we will be enlisting a focus group to assist. I am sure a solution will be reached that is well understood by our community and caters for the learn-to-swims and the fitness classes who are currently creating the space issues.

The Makino is one of the big cost centres council has from a rates perspective and we will certainly be considering this as the plan evolves.

One last thing: Congratulations to all who graduated last week either from Massey University (more than 1300), trades courses, UCOL or the Ag ITO here in Feilding. A great effort by you all!



MAYORAL COMMENT
by Ian McKelvie

Submissions have closed for the Draft Annual Plan and we received 103 comments on a range of topics, with most interest by far on

District briefs

Sculpture competition still open

SCULPTURE designers have 11 more days to submit entries in a Feilding Promotion Inc. -Manawatu District Council competition to find an appropriate eye-catching feature in Fergusson Street. The sculpture, part of the Feilding Townscape programme, aims to link Manfeild Park and Kowhai Park precincts to the Feilding CBD to encourage increased visitor numbers to the town centre. Any member of the public can enter the competition that closes on May 31 with a \$1000 cash prize for the winning design. Full details are available from the Feilding and District Information Centre or email to manager@feilding.co.nz

Himatangi Beach water supply clear

HIMATANGI Beach's water supply is back to normal after an electrical fault with the bore pump at the town's water treatment plant resulted in an overdose of chlorine entering the system late last week and creating a strong smell. Water Manager, Wayne Spencer, said the water was still safe to drink but the high dosage did affect some people in different ways. "We have now put some processes in place that will minimise the risk of it happening again," he said.

Rates: Final day tomorrow

THE last day for payment of the third and final instalment of the Manawatu District Council's 2009-10 rates is tomorrow (May 21). A 10 percent penalty will apply to the outstanding balance of the instalment as at Saturday (May 22) unless a prior direct debit arrangement has been made with council. Anyone paying by automatic payment is urged to ensure their payments are sufficient to clear the remaining balance due by tomorrow.



Council and Committee Meetings

Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, notice is given that the following meetings are scheduled for June:

Tuesday, June 1

8.30am Community Wellbeing Subcommittee

Tuesday, June 8

7.30pm Marae Consultative Standing Committee

Thursday, June 10

12.00pm Joint MDC and PNCC Strategic Planning Committee - to be held in the Mis-soula Room, Palmerston North City Council

Wednesday, June 16

9.00am Hearings Committee

Thursday, June 17

8.30am Council. Public forum prior to meeting available - contact Customer Services and Democracy Manager for arrangements
8.45am Strategic Planning and Policy Committee

Unless specified, the above meetings will be held in the District Council Building, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding, and are open to the public.

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