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Karen puts saints in local settings



Geraldine artist Karen Lloyd with works from *Saints of South Canterbury*. Photo: Jan Finlayson.

Long-time associate at artisan co-operative Country Rumours, artist Karen Lloyd is holding a special Easter exhibition, *Saints of South Canterbury*. The series of paintings marries her interest in local subjects with her love of vibrantly colourful mediaeval Christian art.

The oil works depict saints George, Francis, Christopher, Andrew, Anne, Mary and Joan of Arc, "in local, contemporary settings: for example, St Francis at Peel Forest", Karen says. "And each painting has a story."

"One of my favourite stories is the one of

Saint George and the dragon – the imagery of the white horse and the knight in shining armour; so, let's put him in a local scene."

That local scene is Woodbury, with its backdrop peaks and landmark buildings, including St Thomas' church, "but the aesthetic is of Russian icons and the imagery of religious art, naive art to a point, but amazing: the way the artists make the colours sing, the way it all goes together".

It's the blend of the far-flung and the very familiar that draws the viewer: haloed saints posing amid the natural and cultural features of well-known settings. The concentrated

colour is a hallmark of the artistic style and is in keeping with Aotearoa's light and landscape.

Karen is a self-taught painter with 20 years' experience. Her pen-and-ink works and oil paintings, depicting native animals and architectural and historic subjects are on ongoing display at Country Rumours.

Saints of South Canterbury will be exhibited at Country Rumours from Saturday 31 March. It is open 9am to 5pm weekdays and 10am to 4pm weekends at 11 Talbot Street. For further information, call 693 7957.

Jan Finlayson

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Submitted by
Geraldine Four Peaks Seido Karate Club

Tievoli expands; opens new gallery

Before opening Tievoli Trading two years ago, Michelle Baker and her partner spent a lot of time researching and planning.

They knew that Geraldine was known for its boutique shopping and they wanted to add to that and offer something with a point of difference. They decided on homeware and garden art, combining the old with the new, and the upcycled with the reproduced. They planned to make and upcycle many of the products themselves.

Two years ago there was little retail space available in Geraldine. Tievoli opened in the Four Peaks Plaza. They knew that the site was good but that the space was very small. And, as they expected, response was such that they very quickly outgrew the site.

Late last year Michelle and her partner found the perfect site for business expansion: 3 Talbot Street. After a total repaint, a second Tievoli opened in early December. On

Tuesday 20 February, the final part of the new store will open with the Tievoli Gallery.

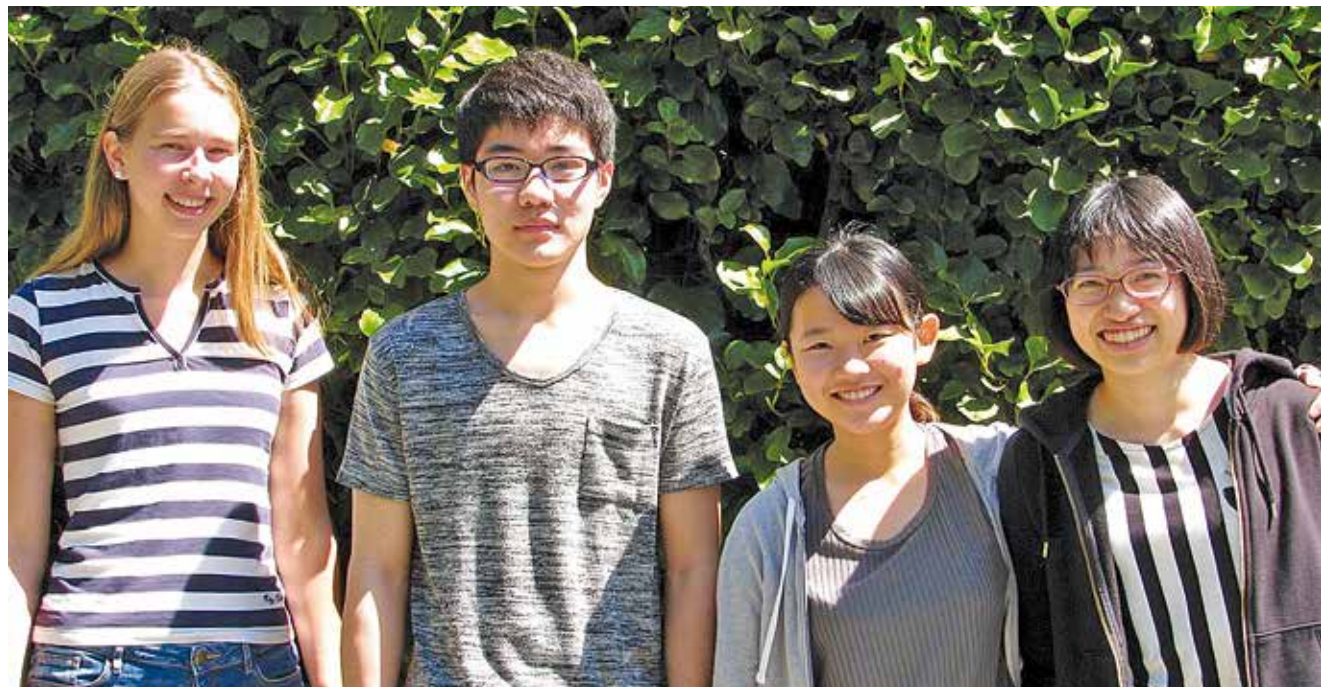
The opening exhibition will feature recent works by Geraldine artist Ferne McIntosh, photographs by Fairlie photographer Rebecca Dwyer, and mixed media works by Hamish Southcott of Christchurch. Michelle says that the new shop already features works by local artisans Charlie's Workshop and Tony Pigeon, and Ashburton wire artist Sandra McLintock.

"We have an exciting lineup of artists exhibiting over the coming months and we will be promoting local people where possible".

And the future for little Tievoli in the Four Peaks Plaza? Michelle says they have no plans to close it; there are very good reasons for keeping both sites. But she adds: "We have had a good laugh though at all the rumours!"

Submitted by Tievoli Trading

High school's international students



Astrid Olsson (Sweden), Hayato Kimura (Japan), Yukina Kawakami (Japan), Mako Higuchi (Japan). Photo: Submitted.

Six long-term international students have made plans to join the Geraldine High School community in 2018. Four of them have arrived and say they are settling into New Zealand life.

Hayato, Yukina and Mako join us from Japan, and Astrid is visiting from Sweden. Later in the year, two Thai students, Nunnapat and Phurinut, will arrive, as well as some Korean and Argentinian students. "It's great to be able to welcome these students to our school and our community, as they

provide a multicultural perspective to our students' lives," says Kerri Doi, who oversees exchanges in her role as head of English for Speaker of Other Languages at the high school.

"We would not be able to host these students without the warm and hospitable host families within our community who open their doors and share their families."

Host families spoken to confirm that offering a home to an exchange student from a different culture is a very satisfying experience.

Jordyn Te Rahui-Hobbs

New police officer for Geraldine

Constable Matt Blakemore has been on the beat in Geraldine for two months and he says he's feeling at home.

"It's a fantastic little rural town with great spirit," he says. "I like the style of policing here – it's community policing, not response policing. And the town's got a buzz. People are happy; they're out doing stuff."

Pleasant Point "born, bred and educated", Matt spent more than a decade as a builder before entering the police force to work in Timaru on the tactical crime squad and frontline policing, and at the Temuka station.

He says he enjoys being at the forefront of neighbourhood safety and "having a high presence".

"Traffic – preventing road trauma – and search and rescue, and pub checks, as well as some response, which is mostly car crashes and alcohol-related stuff at nights." He says he is looking forward to liaising with the Geraldine Community Patrol.

Geraldine officers are part of the wider policing environment that provides for response anywhere at any time. The quid-pro-quo situation ensures local coverage. "We merge a bit with Methven and Rakaia, Temuka, Pleasant Point,



New Geraldine police constable Matt Blakemore. Photo: Jan Finlayson.

Fairlie... even Mackenzie. Police get deployed and respond according to need. There's 24-7 response from police."

Mostly, he's on the ground in Geraldine, however, and he's keen to meet more locals. "I like to pop into businesses to say giddyay...

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Jan Finlayson




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Emergency exposes defib shortcomings

Letter to editor

The following letter was submitted on 23 January, but *The Geraldine News* held back printing it until we had replies from both St John and Westpac.

Avoidable emergency delays

On Sunday 21 January, we were walking with friends near the pedestrian bridge over the Waihi River when we were hailed by a woman whose companion had suffered a seizure and collapsed, further injuring herself (head knock) on the stony riverbank. Having run to her aid we found the ill woman was unresponsive and suffering from seizures. We learned from her companion that she had had a previous episode, and had suffered a heart attack and minor stroke on that occasion.

Whilst we endeavoured to get ambulance response and despatch (no small or quick task when dealing with a remote operator who could not despatch unless we gave her a street address (and where was Geraldine, anyway?) we endeavoured to get the number code for the defibrillator lock box at the Westpac site as we thought that would be a sensible precaution under the circumstances. Eventually we rang 111 on a second phone and found it was effectively impossible to get a prompt response to our request.

It was abundantly clear that the emergency operators did not have access to the necessary information – they tried to ring Westpac (to no avail) and refused to listen to our insistence that they were community-owned units and that they should have the number listed as publicly available in emergencies.

Eventually they found a number for the lock box at Geraldine High School and wouldn't give me that as it would not be the correct one. When I insisted they let me try that number we managed to access the defibrillator.

Accessing the defibrillator took approximately 15 minutes instead of the five or so minutes otherwise, which left us with the view that there was no point in having this equipment if it could not be promptly accessed. Fortunately, in this case the patient did not have a further cardiac event – clearly if she had, the delay and lack of information could have proven fatal under the circumstances.

The ambulance arrived some 50 very tense minutes later having been dispatched from Timaru (instead of Waimate as originally proposed). We were also fortunate that there were three other women who came to help who had some medical training.

It seems that a weekend in Geraldine could very easily become a fatal occasion should some emergency medical event befall one.

What can be done to:

1. Ensure that prompt access to the defibrillators is available?
2. Ensure that prompt ambulance assistance is available in Geraldine?

John Shirtcliff



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Response from St John Clinical Control Services assistant director of operations Adrian Haigh:

St John encourages the use of community-placed Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). When used in conjunction with CPR, AEDs more than double the chances of survival for somebody in cardiac arrest.

When the AED is stored in a locked box, the box must have clear signage instructing callers to state the exact address. This is vital because, without having the specific address the lock box is attached to, 111 emergency ambulance call handlers cannot access the unlock code for the caller.

For some communities, an AED inside a lock box presents a balanced risk – on the one hand, there is a risk of a delay in obtaining the unlock code and accessing the AED, but on the other hand, an unlocked AED presents the risk of potential damage and/or vandalism.

St John encourages communities and businesses to contact the ambulance service when they install an AED to ensure that the device is entered into the organisation's database.

In the incident you refer to, the caller and two subsequent passers-by were unable to initially establish the exact location of the lock box and incident for ambulance dispatch. St John received the 111 call at 2.51pm, an ambulance was dispatched at 3.02pm and arrived on scene at 3.25pm.

Response from Westpac NZ, head of Consumer Bank Southern Robert Hill:

As its custodian of the defibrillator on the outside of our Geraldine branch, we were concerned to hear of Mr Shirtcliff's experience and want to make sure it isn't repeated.


Having investigated, it appears the emergency operator was unable to use the information supplied by the callers to look up the combination for the defibrillator lockbox.

We wish to make sure this does not happen again, and therefore will be working with St John Ambulance to make sure the records held by the 111 operator are accurate and complete.

We will also be adding a sign to the defibrillator to make sure any 111 caller knows exactly what to say to the operator in order that the combination may easily be retrieved.

We are grateful to Mr Shirtcliff for bringing this incident to our attention, and hope the patient's recovery is a swift one.

The Geraldine News welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be emailed to us, or printed/typed, and must include the writer's full name, home address and daytime phone number. Letters will be printed over the name of the writer; names are withheld only when compelling reasons can be established. Letters should not exceed 250 words. All correspondence is at the discretion of the manager, who reserves the right to decline, edit, or abridge letters without explanation.



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E-Type Jags being restored in Geraldine



Restorer Simon Keeley with the pile of E-Type mechanical innards. Photo: Drew Brown.

Enzo Ferrari reportedly called the E-Type Jaguar the most beautiful car in the world. Soon after the Series 1 debuted in Geneva in 1961, it was installed in the Museum of Modern Art and is still part of its collection.

Over 72,520 were made, 83 per cent sold abroad, 43,700 of them went to America. Two of the Series 1 E-Types were bought by Kiwis and are now in Geraldine for restoration.

Geraldine Auto Restoration Ltd was contracted to bring them back to life. To an untrained eye both tasks look overwhelming, if not seemingly impossible. But company owner Wayne O'Donnell and his team have had a great deal of experience and success in restoring even the most difficult of projects. The walls of the workshops and offices are lined with pictures of restored international beauties, including Porsches, Jailbar Pickups, Chevrolets and Bentleys.

"Over the last eight years we've been restoring vehicles and our reputation has really grown," says Wayne. "It's entirely down to our wonderful staff, who have incredible skills and dedication."

"We have become a growth industry really, employing five staff from the community: that shows what can be achieved in a small but vibrant town. It's amazing the amount of talent out there in our area."

Geraldine Auto Restoration employees Paul Glasier, Rod Wills, Simon Keeley and Paul Morland are working on both tasks.



An E-Type having its bodywork brought back to its original form. Photo: Drew Brown.

"Paul Glasier is a master of his craft," says Simon. "Just look at the skill that's needed to bring that bodywork back to original form and shape. It's incredible what he can do. All of those curves and details need to be crafted to exactly the right dimension and contour."

Simon will reassemble all the mechanical innards, which are piled in an organised heap in the bay next to Paul's workspace.

The former Geraldine High School teacher says, "I describe myself as an 'automotive restoration specialist engineer', which as an acronym is not that complimentary I suppose. But I've spent years doing this work on many types of cars, especially the E-Type. Well, I may not be the best speller in the world, but I know where every bit of that pile of parts goes. It's all in my head. It's my skill set, and I'm really looking forward to the process."

He adds, "I'm hoping that we can have this finished by September."

The owner of the 1962 Fixed Head Coupe (FHC) E-Type, Neil McDonald from Queenstown, says, "Geraldine Auto Restoration has a very good reputation and I was very happy to send it up for these guys to restore it".

When Neil brought the vehicle back from America, it was a left-hand drive, virtually rust free and had been on blocks for 10 years. It is one of the most collectable E-Types as it is an early series with a 3.8L engine with an all-

round independent suspension, disc brakes and rack-and-pinion steering. In its prime, its top speed was 241kmph and it could reach 100kmph in 7 seconds.

Dean Hyde of Christchurch, who owns the other E-Type, bought his car off Trade Me and sent it down to the Geraldine team. His car had considerable rust and quite a few replacement components have been ordered from Britain. It is also a Series 1, FHC, 1962, 3.8L and a left-hand drive.

"I was delighted to find that under the previous coats of paint the original colour was opalescent dark blue, and since that is my favourite colour for an E-Type, I can't wait to see the result. I have also asked the team to remodel it as a flat floor as per original."

Dean explains, "The original flat floor was a bit uncomfortable for taller guys, but I'm a bit shorter so it will be great to get the original design purring again".

Wayne estimates that each car will require over 1,500 man-hours of dedicated expertise. "The company does all the restorative elements itself, apart from the upholstery work. We even have a paint booth which has a bake oven to finish the job." The team and the cars' owners are happy for *The Geraldine News* to revisit and update our readers on the progress of the restoration of both cars.

Drew Brown

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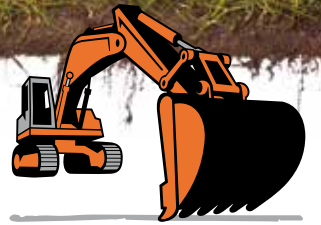
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UPCOMING EVENTS / Mea pakiri haere

GERALDINE NETBALL CENTRE INC AGM. Monday 5 March, 7.30pm, Geraldine Resource Centre, Peel Street, Geraldine. New committee members always welcome

GERALDINE NEWS deadline, noon on Mondays at Geraldine Resource Centre or email: admin@geraldinenews.co.nz.

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Marissa Grant: 693 9724 or 027 422 326

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Any volunteers that are available to help at the courts on a
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Helping levy payers to get involved in the Zone Implementation Plan Addendum

You might have heard – the Zone Implementation Plan Addendum (ZIPA) is open for feedback. It's a bit of a mouthful and sounds a bit dry – we know. But it's critically important that you get involved. The ZIPA tells Ecan what the community thinks, and Ecan will use the ZIPA to create a sub-regional plan. You're the community and the future sub-regional plan could affect how you farm – so you need to make sure the ZIPA accurately speaks for you!

Help is here – B+LNZ is running a workshop to help you get your feedback on the ZIPA ready. We will:

- help you to hone in and understand the parts of the ZIPA that are most relevant to you;
- give you time to test and discuss your ideas with your neighbours; and
- teach you how to write down your feedback in a way that speaks volumes.

22 February, 5.45pm - 8:30pm | Cave Hall, Cave

We'll serve a light dinner part way through, to help keep the brain going.

For more info, contact Laura Gray on **027 553 1226** and to register for the workshop please email Theresa Laws at Theresa.laws@beeflambnz.com

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A tiny mite with a big challenge

It may only be 2 mm long but the gall mite is helping stop the spread of invasive Scotch broom in South Canterbury.

The mite, which only feeds on broom, is being used as a bio-control method by Environment Canterbury in some properties in the upper reaches of the Orari River, in collaboration with landowners.

The mites feed inside the buds of broom stems and stunt the development of the plant. Landcare Research introduced the broom gall mite a decade ago and has had good results in heavily infested areas of broom in Marlborough, North Canterbury and Kaikōura.



Branches with gall mite are attached onto invasive Scotch broom.

It is not a quick fix though – it can take around 10 years to have a significant impact and is only suitable for larger-scale properties that are not required to spray Scotch broom under the Regional Pest Management rules.

Controlling invasive species to protect native biodiversity is a key focus for the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committee.