

Taranaki Community Update

Special Len Lye Edition & Community Invite Issue 9, July 2015



Welcome to Len Lye

July marks a special occasion where the region is being recognised internationally with another wonderful community asset, adding to the strong arts and culture experience we can all enjoy in New Plymouth. During the construction of the Len Lye Centre, I've enjoyed watching peoples interest in Len Lye grow and the community becoming appraised of his creative approach.

Len Lye has been a major part of the Todd Energy sponsorship programme over the last 3 years and we are proud to be a founding partner. I hope you find the information included in this special Len Lye community newsletter interesting and take the opportunity to participate in some of the opening activities.

At the June consultation forum, some local Tikorangi residents expressed an interest in a Len Lye experience and the group discussed having the Todd Energy mid-year open meeting at the Len Lye centre. With the positive feedback received from residents who attended, it was decided to host the August open meeting at the Len Lye centre.

The meeting date is Tuesday 25 August and will begin at 6:45pm. We have arranged a coach to depart from outside the Clifton Rugby Club at 6pm. The evening will consist of a guided tour, a presentation update of Todd Energy operations, including drinks and nibbles. After the presentation residents

will have an opportunity to experience the centre at their own leisure, with the bus departing for home at 9:00pm. Of course, residents can make their own way into town and join us from 6:45pm.

All residents are welcome and if you are interested in attending, please rsvp to Louise Hamerton on lhamerton@toddenergy.co.nz or 06 759 5549. Please indicate whether you require a spot on the coach or will be just attending the meeting at the Len Lye Centre.

On another community note, Todd Energy was proud to support the recent Children's Mid-Winter Christmas Party at the TSB Stadium. The party provided hundreds of children with an extraordinary day. The children came from various backgrounds, each with individually challenging circumstances from life threatening illnesses, disadvantaged situations or a particular impediment. They are nominated through various community, charity and Government organisations that support them on a daily or weekly basis.

The party was kicked off with three fun filled hours including a star studded stage featuring local and national artists. During this time the children enjoyed various activities such as face painting, jumping castles, hoop shooting and pony rides. It's fair to say the children were very enthusiastic about the burgers, chips, lollies and ice creams. Finally Santa attended with gifts including educational lap top computers, slot car racing sets and many more. It was a very unique day and great to see all the children enjoying themselves and taking their gifts home.

Please join us all on Tuesday 25 August at the Len Lye Centre.

Best wishes



Jane
Manager HR and Community Relations

New Zealand's foremost contemporary art museum

Aotearoa New Zealand is about to open the doors to its first and only museum of contemporary art. The Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre, with its curved exterior walls of mirror-like stainless steel, will be the country's first example of destination architecture linked to contemporary art.

The latest addition to the Govett-Brewster – the Len Lye Centre – is New Zealand's first institution dedicated to a single artist, the pioneering filmmaker and kinetic sculptor, Len Lye.

Within reach of the Taranaki community, the centre will open on 25 July, 2015.

Govett-Brewster and Len Lye

Len Lye (b.1901-d.1980) exhibited at the Govett-Brewster in 1977 and falling in love with the energy and landscape of New Plymouth, he chose the contemporary art museum to be the *home of Len Lye*. Just months before his death in 1980, Lye established the Len Lye Foundation to continue his artistic vision, gifting his entire collection of more than 18,000 items to be cared for by the Govett-Brewster.

The Len Lye Centre

'Great architecture goes fifty-fifty with great art' LEN LYE 1964

The Len Lye Centre building, adjoining the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, is an example of innovative thinking in both engineering and architecture.

The external stainless steel façade echoes the artist's use of the metal in many of his kinetic sculptures, and the futuristic style of the building acts as a counterfoil to the neighbouring Govett-Brewster's more traditional lines.

The architects are Pattersons, one of New Zealand's most internationally recognised architectural firms.

A temple for art, the space creates a sensory experience of light that Len's legacy inspires.

The new building – the Len Lye Centre – will feature Lye's work in kinetic sculpture, film, painting, drawing, photography, batik and writing, as well as related work by contemporary and historical artists. It also houses a state-of-the-art 62-seat cinema – a welcoming environment for audiences to experience Len Lye's films, local and international cinema, arthouse and experimental films, and regular film festival programming.

Len Lye – The Artist

A visionary New Zealander, an inspirational artist, a pioneer of film; Len Lye is one of the most important and influential artists to emerge from New Zealand.

We have all enjoyed the iconic Wind Wand on the New Plymouth walkway since 1999.

The *Wind Wand* that glows red at night, is the first large outdoor sculpture to be built posthumously from his plans and drawings.

Len Lye – Todd Energy Learning Centre

The Todd Energy Learning centre will engage students to the vivid, original artworks in the various exhibitions, helping them explore the artistic concepts, and educating them about the artists behind the works.

The education programmes are designed to inspire and inform your students through access to contemporary art experiences and the work of Len Lye. Centre staff will tailor programmes to make use of the current exhibitions and to fit with classroom learning objectives and national curriculum standards – in English and Te Reo – from preschool to tertiary.

Saturday 25 July

10am – 6pm Museum open to the community

8pm – late Art After Dark party, The Mayfair

Activity update

A Site

- No planned activity.

C Site

- Maintenance and repair on MHW12 well through July and August. MHW14 repair planned to follow.
- Well testing to commence programme in October and continue through November.

D Site

- Well Testing on new wells MHW21 – MHW24. Planning for demob beginning of October.

E Site

- No planned activity.

G Site

- Pre works anticipated to commence in Q3 2015
- Site construction work planned to commence Q4 2015.



Open Community meeting at the

Len Lye Centre New Plymouth, Tuesday 25 August at 6:45pm – Coach departing Clifton Rugby Club at 6pm for those who want a ride to town.

Please RSVP to Louise Hamerton
lhamerton@toddenery.co.nz
by Sunday 16 August.

Sunday 26 July

10am – 6pm Community spirited day



Todd Energy is proud to be supporting our local community

