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Govt earmarks \$12M for major events

MAJOR events have the potential to be a significant part of government's economic development strategy, announced in the Budget. Economic Development Minister Jim Anderton says: "New Zealand's ability to promote our skills and talents and raise our position in the global economy is enhanced by Budget 2004's investment, management and market development initiatives."

He adds: "Programmes like Brand New Zealand and a new major events fund will also support our work to promote New Zealand internationally as creative, diverse and technologically advanced." Major events can be used to promote us to new international markets - and vast new audiences who may know little or nothing about us. "Such events also contribute considerable financial and economic benefits to local economies. While the America's Cup 2000 generated economic activity worth \$640 million for Auckland, smaller events like the World Rally Championship still generated over \$50 million. The returns to New Zealand from these events are well worth working for," he adds.

The fund provides up to \$1.5 million in 2004-05 and up to \$3.5 million each year thereafter for a total of \$12 million over four years.

Sports Impact is 'finalist' in Tourism Awards

THE SBS ITU Triathlon World Championships 2003 has been selected as a "finalist" for the New Zealand Tourism Awards.

The major event was organised by Sports Impact on behalf of Triathlon New Zealand and attracted a record 1,770 competitors and 2,000 team management and supporters. The result was an economic impact of \$21,058,560, foreign exchange earnings of \$7,859,200 and 24,560 international bed nights for Queenstown.

* Sports Impact also ran the championships when they were last here, in 1994, in Wellington.

The company specialises in international events with high tourism and economic impact.

It was set up in 1987, and has since then organised more than 200 events including the New Zealand Masters' Games 1989-95, the Mountain Bike World Cup 1997 and the Snowboard Junior World Championships 2002.

It is also in the planning stages of the Mountain Running World Trophy 2005 to be held in Welling-

ton, and the Mountain Bike World Championships 2006 to be held in Rotorua.

Director Arthur Klap says he entered the awards to highlight the economic value such events can have.

"We are very proud that a two-person company is able to generate such a major economic and tourism impact for New Zealand," Mr Klap tells us. "Entering has also been a very reaffirming exercise for us!" Should the event be a winner, he hopes it will provide inspiration for others to attract and organise similar events for the benefit of New Zealand.

* The award winners will be announced on August 25 in Taupo at the annual New Zealand Tourism Conference

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Letter from London...

Just do it, Coutts tells industry

LIKE Nike's slogan: just do it! That's the advice of former Tourism Auckland manager major events Gavin Coutts to the industry here.

Mr Coutts now works for the London Development Agency helping design the city's first event tourism strategy as well as helping restructure the London Tourist Board - which has a \$60 million budget!

"In recent *NZEU*'s I've noticed things which seem to continue to go around in circles. However, one day my crystal ball may paint a picture that the fantastic work that early members of ESA - such as MacIntosh, Stubbs, Strong, Watkins, Clark, Burt, Lo Iacono and co - have done will result in a widely respected national organisation specifically for the events and entertainment venues sector.

Reorganise

"Why on earth are they still talking about 'needing a national body' when all they have to do is reorganise the existing one, make it more representative, more clearly focussed and agree a structure and resource base to actually do what it should ideally do?"

Mr Coutts applauds the working being done on a national events strategy.

"However, like the above, this is all stuff that has been talked about for far too long now and in the process we've obviously lost some big events when we should have been planning to develop existing and target new and appropriate events."

He adds: "I recall this issue has been chewed around since about 1998 when I was with the Millennium Office and the concern was that a long-term strategic approach needed to be aggressively pursued nationally, and in key regions, to capitalise upon events and New Zealand's exposure well beyond 2000, and more importantly, to ensure the careful assessment of what events to seriously develop or procure.

Question

"The obvious question is Why on earth does it take more than six years to write a simple strategy and in the process the industry still seems to be just talking about the issue and opportunities being lost?"

Mr Coutts, who worked for the Tourism Industry Association in Auckland for two years, as well as at the Queen's Wharf Events Centre, Wellington, says the more substantial National Tourism Strategy took only 15 months!

"The simple solution is sitting right on New Zealand's doorstep - copy the intent of what they have done in Victoria!"

Mr Coutts notes that while Auckland continues to talk about its major events strategy it lost the Volvo Ocean Race, dipped out on the BT Global Challenge, the Round the World solo race...the America's Cup is now gone, too.

"As we expected, there was no long term collaborative strategy in place to consider and plan for the loss of this and other major event opportunities.

"Lastly, dare I mention the Rugby World Cup debacle, which was unbelievable. If these are not clear examples of why sitting around talking for six years gets you nowhere then what is?"

City of Fails?

"In light of the sad America's Cup loss many are perplexed that Auckland could not even retain the Volvo and capitalise on all the infrastructure and ambiance investment made in the CBD over the years. Sure, there are infrastructure and logistics issues involved. But I would have assumed that over the years the powers that be would have been working frantically to secure a first right status on host port negotiations for at least the next three to five stopovers!

"Maybe that's wishful thinking. But Auckland losing such an event and associated economic benefit is almost criminal, especially if all stops weren't pulled out to start with. Coming second in these sorts of bids can't be any fun! Let's not win the bid for City of Fails!"

Festival started with \$100 - and a dream...

WHAT started as an idea and \$100 cash has grown into a week long festival attracting 15,000.

Four years ago Te Rangi Huata had a dream - to build an event to celebrate New Zealand's uniqueness.

Matariki - this year from June 9-16 - was traditionally celebrated by Maori as the end of harvest and the beginning of their new year, Te Rangi wanted to expand making the celebration not just of the Maori culture but one that the whole community could be involved in.

This month, the festival is complete with fireworks, hot-air balloons, vintage cars and plenty of Hawke's Bay food and hospitality. The festival has also spread through the Kahungunu tribal area to include celebrations in Wairoa, Waipukurau, Dannevirke and Masterton.

Journalists, photographers and film crews from the UK, Europe, Scandinavia and Asia are in Hawke's Bay to give the event unprecedented coverage. Details: www.hawkesbaynz.com/matariki.

\$30M for culture/heritage PM and Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage Helen Clark says this year's budget increases government funding for the culture and heritage sector by over \$30 million.

Auckland wins V8s, sort of

AUCKLAND'S got the Australian V8 Supercars. The city is to have a seven-year contract for a mid-city street race.

But that's dependent on being able to overcome opposition to the proposed 2.6km track, get the resource consent through and have it all done on time for April 2006. Because, as Avesco chairman Tony Cochrane says: There is no 'Plan B'."

Meanwhile, the other main contender - Manfeild - is hoping to host a second New Zealand race from 2009.

Paramedics always in demand...

EVENT managers are increasingly aware of safety issues. So the new breed of paramedics at Specialist Paramedical Services Ltd are now familiar faces to many of them.

And operations manager Andrew Burt says many of the company's clients have been sourced from *NZEU!*

"Easily visible, in smart orange and blue uniforms our paramedics have assisted many competitors, supporters and spectators", says Mr Burt.

Qualified staff, adept at dealing with minor injuries through to life-threatening conditions have been at: Taupo Ironman 2004, the Furuno fishing competition, Masters' Games, and touch tournaments.

He adds: "Injuries/conditions successfully treated include dehydration, broken bones, strains, sprains, through to worsening chronic medical conditions, head and back injuries, and treatment and evacuation of patients with suspected heart problems.

"Unlike basic first aiders, our paramedics are skilled and equipped to diagnose life-threatening conditions, beginning essential treatment in the field."

Complex care

He says the ability to administer drugs and other complex care can greatly improve the odds of a successful outcome for the patient.

"Often access to hospital care is delayed, with many events being held long distances away from such facilities.

"Organisers are therefore reassured that this level of care is available should something go wrong."

Mr Burt says event staff and patients receiving care from the "orange and blue" have commented on their reliable, professional and friendly nature.

"Event organisers have been impressed with our ability to personalise care, meeting their individual event needs." Contact: 0800-347333, 021-427272, fax 09-4733907 or info@specialistparamedicalservices.com.

Eventuate up and running again

EVENTUATE Ltd has returned to the industry through organising the Gulf Island Real Estate Waiheke Island Challenge.

This multi sport event on May 1 attracted competitors from around New Zealand - and received favourable reviews. Next year it is on April 30 when up to 250 will kayak, mountain bike and run around Waiheke Island.

The company was formed in 1998 to organise the inaugural Sky Tower Vertical Challenge. It was also involved with North Harbour Rugby.

The company assisted with Carmen at North Harbour Stadium and organised Darrow's School Trips to Auckland.

Director, Peter Darrow studied event management at Massey University and created the Sky Tower event whilst at university.

He comments: "The events industry still does not appear to be unified in any way, with no national support for event organisers who are really left to their own devices. If there were more conferences and regional co-ordination for events it would provide more backbone to the industry."

Adds Mr Darrow: "A register of all event companies and associated industries with their contact details would be helpful. I am not aware of a national organisation, but it would seem logical to have one. This organisation would co-ordinate all information relating to events including calendar, research, courses etc.

"On a regional basis we could hypothetically have the Auckland Events Organisation which would provide information and support for event organizers. Rather than gathering information from various sources it could be co-ordinated from one group." Contact: 09-3726192 or pls@darrow@pl.net.

Making tracks for Rotax Max champs

ROTORUA is again aiming to grab worldwide attention by building a \$1.5 million international class karting track at Off Road NZ. Plans are underway for Rotorua to bid for the 2007 Rotax Max world championships, an international karting event that would, if the bid is successful, see thousands of competitors, crew and spectators flooding into the city.

The week-long event, which at present is hosted only by European countries, is expected to bring \$5 million into the local economy.

The new track at Mamaku will be the first purpose-built international kart racing venue in New Zealand and will allow the city to bid for national and international racing series meets every year.

The announcement follows Rotorua winning its bid to host the 2006 International Cycling Union Mountain Bike and Trials World Championships.

It is expected the events will attract more than 13,000 competitors, spectators, media and officials from 50 countries.

Rotorua's economy can expect to reap more than \$9 million from the event, which will be based in forest on the slopes of Mount Ngongotaha.

* Off Road NZ director Ian Tew, says it will be impossible for the city to stage world events without an international airport.

Mr Tew says the development of a trans Tasman service is crucial if the city wants to successfully bid for such events.

Real Good Bastards!

WORLD Cup winning netball captain Anna Rowberry and All Black Andrew Mehrtens have topped the latest Good Bastards Birthday Honours list.

Mehrtens has been awarded the Good Bastards Sportsperson of the Year award. He won huge support for staying with the Crusaders in Canterbury and resurrecting his career instead of going overseas. They join last year's recipients, who included Robbie Deans, and posthumously, Possum

DoC suggests mussel festival!

THE idea of an annual mussel festival has been suggested by Department of Conservation Havelock field base manager Maurice Brown.

Mr Brown has suggested to the Havelock Community Association that a one or two day mussel festival should be held, to showcase the local industry and raise funds to benefit Havelock.

His ideas include mussel opening and cooking competitions, guided mussel factory, harvester and mussel farm tours, children's contests, fun sports events, stalls, live music and cooking demonstrations with celebrity chefs. Mr Brown says Great Barrier Island had a mussel festival which "absolutely hummed" and he can see no reason why Havelock, the "Greenshell Mussel Capital of the World", could not do the same.

A New Year's Eve mussel mardi gras has been held in the past. But for a mussel festival to be a success, the Havelock community will have to buy into the idea, according to Mr Brown.

Clark to open Queenstown festival

PM Helen Clark is to open the Lindauer Queenstown Winter Festival and light the American Express Festival flame at the opening ceremony on June 25.

"This festival is billed as the southern hemisphere's ultimate winter party and this year there's even more reason to celebrate, as the festival marks its 30th anniversary. No-one needs an excuse to visit Queenstown and the surrounding lakes region!" the PM says.

Professional speakers form national association

PROFESSIONAL speakers have formed a national association called...Professional Speakers of NZ.

Founding member Richard Gee tells *NZEU*: "Being a top professional speaker carries a great deal of responsibility. Your message can help change individuals, change a business, and make positive affects within people's lives and businesses."

He believes that the gathering together of top speakers to form an association will not only help the speakers, who will focus on giving referrals to other top speakers, but it will also help business clients and conference and event organisers when they are looking for somebody who will always headline the conference, or deliver from experience messages that really work. Membership is by invitation only! Details: 0800 GEEWIZ, or richard@professionalspeakersnz.com.

Kites for kidz

THE Kites for Kidz Ball and Art Auction raised \$170,000 for the National Burns Centre when it was held at the SkyCity Auckland Convention Centre. Some 12 kites painted by top artists were auctioned. Details: Jo Mackie on 021-901705 or jo.mackie1@middlemore.co.nz.

42 Below sponsors Gay Ski Week

VODKA company 42 Below is a major sponsor of the Gay Ski Week in Queenstown from September 4-11.

Comments "chief vodka bloke" Geoff Ross: "Gay Ski Week fitted perfectly with our brand's "out there" marketing strategy. The gay market overseas were quick to take a liking to our Vodka."

Event organiser Mike Sandford says many of the world's largest companies realised years ago about the potential that the homosexual market had. "After the success of last year's Gay Ski Week there has been a lot of interest from corporate agencies in Australia and New Zealand wanting to be involved, with more sponsorships being announced soon." Destination Queenstown is helping with seed funding. CEO David Kennedy: "Last year's event was such a great success, and Destination Queenstown truly believes in the growth potential of this event. We are committed to growing high yielding niche tourism sectors to the benefit of the local economy, and Gay Ski Week fits this bill perfectly."

DQ gives events \$33,000

DESTINATION Queenstown (DQ) has announced that its event development fund has awarded \$33,000 in total to four events as part of its events and festivals strategy for the spring season. The remaining \$7,000 will be allocated to coordinating, marketing and distributing a spring carnival programme.

As well as money already allocated for Gay Ski Week, Adventure Quest Queenstown, The Outrageous Arts and Fashion Awards and the National Fashion Design Competition and Show have also received development money.

Mr Kennedy says that the long-term vision of the events and festival strategy for Queenstown is to create four seasonal event "umbrellas".

"The strategy is effective by making the shoulder events increasingly attractive to event managers who might have previously staged their events in peak season only - when they could be assured of high numbers of visitors to the region," he adds.

Challenge expands its horizon...

THE Monteith's Wild Food Challenge returns for its seventh year - stretching further and aiming higher. Reputedly the pre-eminent beer and food matching competition in New Zealand, The Challenge is back, providing diners with unique local wild food dishes expertly paired with a craft Monteith's brew.

This year, The Challenge includes Queenstown, Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and the West Coast.

The national title for best over-all restaurant remains part of the competition, with last year's winner Bouquet Garni, from Wellington, returning to defend its title. Some 126 restaurants are competing this year.

Rally NZ helps local communities

COMMUNITY groups in Kaipara and Whangarei have received around \$60,000 from Propecia Rally New Zealand organisers.

Rally New Zealand officials say support from local communities was a key to the successful running of New Zealand's biggest annual international sporting event. Organisers have paid out more than \$500,000 to community groups over the years.

"This is on top of the considerable economic benefit that local businesses receive from the influx of spectators, officials and media to their area during the rally," says rally co-ordinator Willard Martin.

"This partnership has a benefit for both groups. We get the safety marshals we need to hold the event, and the local community groups get some needed funding. The good thing about this funding is that it is new money to the community rather than coming out of the pockets of local residents."

Mr Martin says the support from rural communities is also pivotal in the successful running of the event.

Nelsonian to lead Prada in Cup!

FORMER Nelsonian Anthony Romano is to be the next GM of the Prada syndicate preparing for the America's Cup. Mr Romano has been the European MD and GM of Calvin Klein for the past five years!

Bay venue for major conferences

THE Bay of Plenty is developing a reputation as New Zealand's preferred conference destination.

Tourism Bay of Plenty has been working hard over the past year to increase the awareness of the conference and meetings facilities available in the region.

They have just completed a successful three-tiered direct marketing campaign targeting 1,250 businesses, associations, meeting planners and professional conference organisers throughout the North Island.

The campaign has resulted in a large amount of enquiries including numerous email and telephone contacts. With 30 unique meeting venues and a variety of accommodation and attractions, Tourism Bay of Plenty CEO Jim Little says Tauranga has all the ingredients to build its reputation as a dream conference destination.

"Previously there has been limited outside interest...due to the perception that there are not the facilities available," he tells us. "The aim of our campaign was to dispel this myth and profile the multitude of venues choices, outdoor activities and nightlife available."

Visiting Stewart Island?

There's plenty of accommodation at Beach House and Kereru House. Bookings: Brenda and Roger Hicks on phone/fax

03-2191348

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Nude golf, anyone?

THE Mackenzie Muster Naturist Festival from January 7-10 next year, will include a fun run, highland games and nude golf! Details: www.naturist.co.nz.

Experimental music bomb

NEW Zealand's only major experimental music festival called Bomb The Space 4, is planned for Wellington from July 6-10.

It will bring together some of the most adventurous musicians from around the world for five nights of destruction and reconstruction of music and noise. The festival features practitioners of innovative music in all kinds of genres: electronic, turntablism, free jazz, contemporary classical, improvised music, laptop sounds, noise, rock, and amalgamations of the above. Festival director Jeff Henderson: "We have programmed a festival that celebrates the unique, the extremists, those who are pushing music forward. Every night is a new take on music, a fresh perspective." Details: 021-1563759 or nzimct@paradise.net.nz.

Christchurch industry busy

MORE than 250 events involving more than 100,000 people are being held at the Christchurch Convention Centre, Town Hall and Westpac Centre between now and October. Conferences range in size from 80 to 1,000 delegates. Several trade expos, trade shows and exhibitions are being held, including two major shows with global buyers: TRENZ in May catering for tourism buyers, and MEETINGS in July, providing for the meetings industry.

Awards ceremonies include Sport Canterbury Awards and Motor Sport Awards. Sports fixtures include Canterbury Rams, Canterbury Flames, Christchurch City Marathon, Netball New Zealand and the Tall Blacks.

Ellerslie to be biggest yet

NEW owners of the Ellerslie Flower Show have guaranteed the show will go on from November 24-28 as planned - and promise the "biggest and best event yet."

Spokesman for new owners SMC Consortium Dave Mee says: "We're pulling out all the stops for the 10th anniversary celebration show."

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After watching and learning - Rotorua is ready!

IN recent years, Rotorua has sat and watched as other destinations have created their event portfolios, developing event-specific funding streams to support, and more importantly it has seemed, attracted new events.

There has been many an envious moment when Rotorua's marketing and event staff have heard of other destinations and their budgets and available resources!

But, according to Event Venues Rotorua manager Steve Gibling, whilst Rotorua was watching, staff were also learning from those centres, their mistakes and successes. As a result the city is now poised to start building on the current portfolio of annual and special one-off events and is setting itself up to become a recognised event destination for organisers and participants.

Strategy

"The main reason for this progress - to where Rotorua can now truly start being "proactive with its event support - has been the creation and adoption of an event strategy by the Rotorua District Council," Mr Gibling tells *NZEU*.

The rationale underpinning this support, and to an extent the strategy itself, has been "the development and growing awareness of the economic impact of events," he adds.

"The development of an in-house set of tools to determine such impact has enabled the events team to argue, with reasonable success, for further funding and support from council. This support could increase to new levels - if a proposed targeted rate is adopted for the new financial year!"

Mr Gibling adds that alongside an already strong accommodation and activity sector and an airport undergoing development, to increase its carrying capacity, events can only but take off in success and impact.

"The promotion and marketing traditionally based around attractions and activities, both relaxing and for the adrenaline junkies, will now also feature event opportunities. This will further assist partnerships with event organisers to grow their events and develop the economic and social returns to the city." Mr Gibling says: "Basically - watch this space! "

Global trend towards shorter lead times

THERE'S a global trend towards short lead times for organising events. And it's a long-term trend not expected to go away, believes Convention Industry Council executive director Mary Power. The council's figures show that, for smaller meetings, US planners are booking 15-60 days ahead rather than the customary 90-160 days. The lead-time for large meetings has shrunk from three to six years to one to three years.

Industry analysis say this adds even greater pressure in the booking process because there is less time available to assess needs and go back and forth, negotiating the details of the contract.

For suppliers, this means that information must be much more thorough and complete before the booking process begins, and response time is critical. But, despite the prevalence of last-minute booking, most buyers are, nevertheless, looking for venues and suppliers with imagination and creativity, who can overcome the constraints imposed by the short lead times.

As a response to this trend, many suppliers have proposed a solution to planners' reluctance to plan far ahead. A growing number of hotels and conference centres are waiving cancellation fees and attrition fees for the meetings they host.

As cost-conscious organisations continue to insist that planners squeeze every last penny out of reduced meeting budgets and secure the best bargains available, a major challenge for buyers and suppliers will be to demonstrate the strategic value of the events they organise or host, and show a tangible ROI.

Wanganui Arts Festival success

THE fourth Wanganui Arts Festival was the most successful to date with a higher attendance than in previous years and with all accounts paid - there's even a little in the kitty for 2006!

Festival director Yvonne M O'Connor says about 23 percent of tickets were sold in the preferential booking period.

Overall, ticket sales to paid events averaged 65 percent, an increase of 15 percent on 2002.

The festival hosted 12 events, complemented by eight community events, resulting in an estimated attendance of 16,300 overall.

Adds Ms O'Connor: "The weather over the opening weekend resulted in a lesser number visiting the outdoor floral art exhibition at Virginia Lake, now a renowned aspect of the biennial festival, but still enjoyed by 3,000 - 3,500 people."

McCormack killed by truck

DR Michelle McCormack, 34, a key organiser of the 2004 New Zealand International Science Festival, Dunedin, died after being struck by a truck-and-trailer in the CBD. Her sudden death has shocked colleagues.

Don't tell anyone:

Taupo had a wine festival

THE inaugural Harvest Lake Taupo last month was very hushhush...Deliberately!

Destination Lake Taupo GM Paul Yeo explains: "Lake Taupo is virtually unknown as a wine producing region - but we are confident that is about to end with the release of our first major pinot noir vintage. "The event was intended to be low key in its first year.

"But we are confident it will expand as more wineries come on-line over the next few years.

"To expand on this we will have a regional presence at the Food Show in Wellington and Auckland later this year," Mr Yeo tells us.

OSH is the reason why we need more sponsorship support

INCREASING OSH requirements is just one way in which the cost of running events has to be recouped through increased sponsorship, points out Napier Art Deco Trust events manager Peter Mooney.

He says the Astrid Andersen case affects the Art Deco Weekend, Deco Decanted, the city's guided walks and even the Art Deco shop.

"It illustrates clearly the need for precise attention to detail when it comes to the health and safety of our staff."

Mr Mooney says OSH documents and procedures have been developed to cover all possible hazards and threats to the health and safety of customers, staff and contractors. They have to be checked regularly.

Methods

Methods have to be developed in order to remove, isolate or minimise the hazard and document them so all staff and contractors are aware of them. There must also be an accident reporting system so all accidents and near-misses can be reviewed and new procedures put in place, if needed.

Too, there must be a system which allows staff or customers who discover new hazards to report them.

Systems, documents and hazards have to be regularly reviewed.

Mr Mooney adds that while volunteers are exempt from much of the legal responsibility for accidents and injuries, they are obliged to take part in the process. "It's the paid managers who end up going to jail!"

He says it sounds like a bureaucratic nightmare. "To be truthful, it is a weighty paper war we are conducting. However if it saves one person's life then it is worth it. If it keeps one event manager out of jail it will have been doubly worth it!"

Pirie confident Taupo will make the big time

TAUPO could become the motor tourism capital of New Zealand when the \$12 million redevelopment of Centennial Park racing circuit is finished, says CEO Brent Pirie. Plans for the complex now include a 4WD area, a go-kart circuit and an ATV track.

50,000 Lions supporters heading this way...

UP to 50,000 British sports fan are now expected to arrive in New Zealand next year for the Lions tour which opens with a match against the Bay of Plenty on June 4 and ends with the third test in Auckland on July 9.

\$52,000 asked for kapa haka

MANAWATU'S Rangitaane iwi are asking Palmerston North City Council to give \$52,000 towards the staging of the national kapa haka competitions next year. It's the first time they have been held in the region. Event co-ordinator Lorene Fitzgerald says up to 50,000 people are expected to visit the city for the three day event.

Wellington eyes big names

THE Eagles, Elton John, Neil Diamond, Rod Stewart and Sting are among the names being touted as possible acts to follow UB40 in playing Wellington this summer. UB40 are booked for The Events Centre which is to double its seating to 7,000. Now there is speculation that after the success of the David Bowie concert on February 14 - which sold 24,000 tickets - other big acts will be booked for November and March.

Bluff Oyster Festival gets a home

THE Bluff Oyster Festival has a permanent home! Two big warehouses full of dross from the Tiwai Point aluminium smelter have been cleaned out. No longer will festival goers have to face the elements. In future, the event will be held inside.

Quote, unquote

LARGE scale, international events will play an increasingly important part in Tourism New Zealand's events and marketing programme "as we seek to create a distinct international presence," says TNZ chairman Wally Stone.

Request for information...

KNOW any sports or recreation events that have been cancelled or changed since the Astrid Andersen case? Dr Pip Lynch, senior lecturer at Lincoln University's Environment, Society and Design Division would like to hear from you!

"If you know of any events - of any sort - that have been affected, I would be grateful if you would send me the details," she says.

Dr Lynch wants the information to prepare material to support a possible future approach to change the law so gross negligence will be required before a conviction can occur - rather than ordinary negligence as in the Le Race case.

Contact: 03-3252811, fax 3253857 or lynchp@lincoln.ac.nz.

\$50,000 sought for Wings

WINGS over Wairarapa promoters are asking Masterton District Council for money to help them run the event next year after it lost \$50,000 in 2003. But Mayor Bob Francis says that banking rolling such events is not a council responsibility.

The Wairarapa International Balloon Fiesta cost \$190,000 to stage and council's contribution was only \$7,000.

Add an air of mystery!

DO you find people don't often return your call when you leave a message on their voicemail?

US consultant Sylvia Allen suggests:

adding urgency - and having an angle with four points to ponder; feel their pain; don't sell; sound important; and add an air of mystery.

What's on, when - and where

EVENTS added since last issue are in bold

SEPTEMBER

1/ November 30 - SCAPE Urban Arts Biennial, Christchurch. Deborah McCormick 03-3657990, fax 3657994 or artandindustry@xtra.co.nz.
2/15 - International Film Festival, New Plymouth. Pam Smith 06-7599077.
3/5 - Visionary Living, Auckland Showgrounds. www.visionaryliving.co.nz
4 - Gallagher Boathouse 8s, Waikato University v Cambridge University rowing race, Hamilton. Jill Olbberson 07-8384462, fax 8384153 or jillill@waikato.ac.nz, www.thegreatrace.co.nz.
4/5 - Daffodil North Island National Show, Palmerston North. 06-3678160.
4 (or 5) - Chatham Cup Soccer Final, North Harbour Stadium. stadium@stadium.co.nz.
4/11 - Gay Ski Week, Queenstown. gayskiweeknz.com.
10/12 - Woodskills Festival, Kawerau. 07-3237550.
10/12 - ASG Parent and Child Show, Queen's Wharf Events Centre, Wellington. www.parentandchildshow.co.nz
10/12 - Triennial Festival of New Zealand Male Choirs, Founder's Memorial Theatre, Hamilton. Graeme Burberry 07-8274062, fax 8536945 or secsav@xtra.co.nz.
10/12 - Montana World of WearableArt Awards, Nelson. Donna Ching 03-5489299 or www.worldofwearableart.com.
10/12 - Golden Oldie Rugby Festival, Taradale. 06-8448359 or hbdrain@xtra.co.nz.
10/19 - Hastings Blossom Festival. 06-8789447, fax 8788945 or artcentre@clear.net.nz.
10/25 - Annual Nelson Arts Festival. Annabel Norman 025-2729361.
11 - Dynastar NZ Sii Masters, Wanaka.
11 - Annual Mac's Gold Abel Tasman Coastal Classic. Averil West 021-1325388.
11 - Lakes Express Multi Sport Event, Taupo, Tony Jensen 07-3789200 or www.lakesexpress.co.nz.
11/12 - Ultimate Frisbee Nationals, Palmerston North. Jacob Tapiata. 06-356999.
11/19 - Spring Carnival, Remarkables, Queenstown. 03-4424615 or www.nzski.com.
12 - Paeroa to Thames 32k road race and relay, Coromandel. thamesharriers@yahoo.co.nz
12 - Carterton Daffodil Carnival. Local tradition since 1920.
15/19 - Auckland Home Show, Greenlane, Auckland. www.aucklandhomeshow.co.nz.
16/19 - Montana World of WearableArt Awards, Nelson. Donna Ching 03-5489299 or www.worldofwearableart.com.
16/26 - The Body Festival, Christchurch. Hilaire Carmody 03-3664009, fax 3662430 or thebody@paradise.net.nz.
17/19 - The Great New Zealand Craft Show, Addington Raceway, Christchurch. Fiona Dunkley 03-3484835 or fiona@dunkleys.co.nz.
17/ October 3 - Alexandra Blossom Festival. Ingrid Temple 021-375047, ingrid@eventmanagement.co.nz or www.blossom.co.nz.
18 - Drambuie NZ Snowboard Masters, Wanaka.
18/19 - Taekwondo Nationals, Palmerston North. Matt Ransome 06-3555946.
25 - Military Ball, Invercargill. Geoff Hazlett 03-2111177 or geoff@swain.co.nz.

25 - New Zealand Country Music Awards, Gisborne. Flo Pahuru 06-8677637.
25/26 - Women's Lifestyle Expo, Christchurch. Christine Woodhouse 06-3540498, fax 3540497 or christine@peacock.co.nz.
26 - The Kauri Run - Offroad Marathon, Coromandel.
28/October 10 - Otago Festival of the Arts, Dunedin. www.otagofestival.co.nz.
30/ October 3 - 20th Waikato Home and Garden Show, Hamilton. Graham Hannan 07-8381621, fax 8382165 or info@exhibitions.co.nz.

OCTOBER

2- Seafest, Kaikoura.
2 - *Powerade* Day-Night Thriller, Taupo. Ingrid and Murray Fleming 07-3780455, fax 3782028 or murray@eventpromotions.co.nz.
2 - Duck Day races in Waipawa River, Hawke's Bay. 06-8578138.
8/17 - New Zealand Business Games, Wellington. Jill Ford 04-3864992 or jill@fordwardthinking.co.nz.
8/10 - Tauranga Festival of Woodcrafting, Baycourt Exhibition Hall. 07-5779574.
8/22 - 27th Masterton International Film Festival. 06-3775479.
9 - Rally of Northland. John Coker 09-5372561.
9/17 - South Island Masters Games. Chris Thomas 027-2979643.
14/16 - Gisborne A and P Show. Derek Allan 06-8686084.
15/30 - Wellington International Jazz Festival.
16 - Motu Challenge, Opotiki. 07-3085959.
17 - Fagan Motors Wairarapa Country Marathon.
17 - Te Rauparaha's Revenge, Nelson to Havelock. Averil West 021-1325388.
19 - BP Technology Challenge. Jacquie Hughes 07-3084098.
20/22 - Hawke's Bay Show, Hastings. 06-8783123 or hbaandpsociety@xtra.co.nz.
21 - Hawke's Bay A and P Mercedes-Benz Wine Awards, Waikoko Gardens, Hastings. 06-8783123 or info@hawkesbaywineawards.co.nz.
22/24 - 18th Annual Wairarapa Country Music Awards. wairarapa.countrymusic.net.nz
22/25 - 2004 BP Coffee Festival, Taupo. Christine Heapey at christine.ian@xtra.co.nz
22/25 - Gardenz - the Garden Show, Christchurch. Fiona Dunkley 03-3480572, fax 3484835 or fiona@dunkleys.co.nz.
22/25 - Glistening Waters Festival of Storytelling, Wairarapa. www.glisteningwaters.co.nz.
23/ November 7 - Gladstone Scarecrow Festival, Wairarapa.
24 The Annual Musselman Picton to Nelson Multisport Adventure and Cycle Odyssey. Chris James 03-5451666.
24 - McCulloch's Gisborne Wine and Food Festival. 0800-442627.
25 - Paeroa Highland Games and tattoo, Coromandel Town. 07-8627320.
25/26 - 17th annual Wairarapa Country Music Awards, Masterton.
25/27 - VisitBritain U19 Youth Championships soccer, Napier. 06-8445846 or www.cityrovers.co.nz.
25/27 - NZ Mustang Convention/Car Show, New Plymouth. Noel King 06-7568582
25/November 9 - Gladstone Scarecrow Festival.

What's on, when - and where

27/31 - Pan Pacific Barbershop Convention, Christchurch. Tim Armitage at tim@armi.co.nz.
28 - World's Most Beautiful Melodies, Dalewood Auckland Brass, St Matthews-in-the-City. www.nzbrass.com.
28/31 - Pak n'Save Eastland Garden Festival. Lee Cresell 06-8686139 or info@gisbornenz.com
28/31 - Dunedin Rhododendron Festival. 021-1647997 or www.rhododunedin.com.
29/31 - Trampoline and Tumbling National Championships, Invercargill. Annmarie Tinnock 03-2160074 or tinnockclan@e3.net.nz.
29/31 - ASG Parent and Child Show, Auckland Showgrounds. www.parentandchildshow.co.nz
29/31 - Waikato's World, Hamilton. Jim Keyte 07-8554776.
29/31 - Tauranga Moana Maori Arts Festival. Reina Dickson 07-5795005 or reinad@xtra.co.nz.
30 - Mount Edgecumbe running race and festival, Kawerau. 07-3237550.
30 - K2 Cycle Race, New Zealand's most challenging one day cycle race. assay@xtra.co.nz or www.sportshub.co.nz.
30/31 - Outrageous Arts and Fashion Awards, Queenstown. John and Ann Mann 021-338744 or events@mannbro.co.nz
30/November 7 - Southland's Festival of Gardens. Ruth Peddie 03-21111424 or ruth@venturesouthland.co.nz

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3/7 - Hunter's Garden Marlborough. 03-5775500, fax 5775501 or www.garden-marlborough.co.nz.
5/7 - The Moth - Wine, Art and Jazz Festival, Mandeville, Southland. Shannon Wilson the.moth@xtra.co.nz.
5/10 - Garden and Artfest Tauranga. Sue Clarke fax 07-5526148 or info@gardenandartfest.co.nz.
6 - World Long Track Speedway, Pukekura Raceway, New Plymouth (to be confirmed).
10/12 - Canterbury A and P Show, Christchurch. Amanda Plumridge 03-3433033, fax 3652414 or amanda@theshow.co.nz.
10/12 - International Screwcap Symposium, Marlborough. Christine Shelton 03-5729084 or forrestwines@xtra.co.nz.
11/14 - Victorian Heritage Celebrations, Oamaru. www.historicoamaru.co.nz.
12/14 - Pacific Rose Bowl Festival, Hamilton. 07-8563200 or www.hamiltongardens.co.nz.
20 - IDSF Asian Pacific DanceSport Championships, Christchurch Town Hall. Beverley Dubar 03-3278092, fax 3278042 or kdubar@xtra.co.nz.
20/21 - Wine and Food Safari, Napier. 06-8343917 or cbdevents@inhb.co.nz.
21 - Toast Martinborough, Wairarapa. www.toastmartinborough.co.nz.
21 - New Balance Queenstown Marathon. www.queenstown-marathon.com.
24-28 Ellerslie Flower Show, Auckland.
26-28 Timaru Festival of Roses. Chris Thomas 027-2979643.
27 - Kapa Haka Super 12, Gisborne. Tama Brown 06-8678109.
27 - Wattyl Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge, Taupo. Phone/fax 07-3781546 or ray@cyclechallenge.org.nz
27/December 12 - Coromandel Pohutukawa Festival.
28 - Kaiapoi Classic Multisport Event, North Canterbury. Chris Plows 021-2235732 or fax 03-3274389.

28 - Smokefree Marlborough Women's Triathlon, Anchor Stadium 2000. 03-5778855.

DECEMBER

1 - Turntablism/DJing, Christchurch Polytechnic. Steve Kerr 03-9808191 or kerrs@cpit.ac.nz.
3/5 - Horizon Event Ltd Christchurch Craft Show. Robert Bryson phone/fax 03-4536678 brysonrj@es.co.nz.
3/5 - New Zealand Secondary Schools' Cricket Gillette Cup finals, Palmerston North. Martin How 06-3575349.
4 - Kaiapoi Market Day and River Carnival. 03-3273134 or karapoipromo@xtra.co.nz.
8/12 - 10th International Heritage Roses Conference, Dunedin. Fran Rawlings 03-4883988 or wylde.willow@clear.net.nz.
11/January 8 - Fiesta of Lights, Waikoko Gardens, Hastings. 06-8730041 or terangi.huata@takitimu.ac.nz.
11 - Annual Kahurangi Endurance Triathlon. Ron Wastney 025-2013561.
27/ January 1 - Nelson Jazz Festival. Rupert Winter 025-838058.

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JANUARY

1 - Tuia River of Lights Festival, Gisborne (to be confirmed).
1/9 - Caroline Bay Carnival, Timaru. Kevin Fahey 03-6862136 or www.carolinebay.org.nz
2 - World Jetsprint Championships, Gisborne (to be confirmed).
2/3 - North Island All Breeds Horse Show, Hamilton. Jim Keyte 07-8554776 or keytejb@xtra.co.nz.
3 - New Zealand National Singing School, Taradale. 06-8354584, infosinging@clear.net.nz or www.singsingschool.org.nz.
3/ February 6 - Global Challenge yachts lay-over, Wellington.
7/10 - Mackenzie Muster Naturist Festival www.naturist.co.nz
8/9 - International Motor racing V8 touring cars, Timaru. Karen Paddon 03-6868321.
9 - International Motor Racing V8s, Timaru. Karen Paddon 03-6888321.
9 - Caroline Bay Carnival, Timaru. Kevin Fahey 03-6862136 or www.carolinebay.org.nz.
9/February 11 - Tareitanga Sculpture Symposium, Frank Kitts' Park, Wellington, 04-9736390 or bbsst@actrix.co.nz.
10 - Tolaga Bay Beach Races. Sianne Williams 06-8645783 (to be confirmed)
11/13 - Royal New Zealand Pipe Band Championships, Invercargill. Jane Harrington 03-2111423, 021-281241 or jane@venturesouthland.co.nz.
13 - Brightstone Blues Brews and BBQs, Bay of Plenty.
14/16 - Colgate Athletic Games, Timaru. Sylvia Irvine 03-6938594.
15 - Whangamomona Independence Day, Taranaki.. 06-7625815
20/30 - CPIT World Buskers' Festival, Christchurch. Jodi Wright 03-3772365, fax 3772576 or www.worldbuskersfestival.com.
20/ February 5 - Bi-Annual Adam New Zealand Festival of Chamber Music, Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough. Karen Matthews 021-1215286.

What's on, when - and where

22 - Collingwood Street Supervalu Trolley Derby, Nelson. Annabel Norman 025-2768074.
22/23 - Nelson Summer Kite Festival/ Great New Zealand Kite Tour. Ted Howard 03-5488707.
22/27 - Biennial Pre 56 MG Car Rally, Napier. 06-8700945 or R.C.Morrish@xtra.co.nz.
22/30 - 8th FIMBA World Maxibasketball Championship, Christchurch. Neil Blanchfield 03-3771700, 021-315007 or wwg@greatevents.co.nz.
24/25 - 14th Annual Gisborne Country Music Award. Flo Pahuru 06-8677637 (to be confirmed).
27/30 - Buskers' Festival, Nelson. Annabel Norman 025-2729361.
28 - Around The Mountain Cycle Challenge, Taranaki. Selwyn Brown cyclechallenge@clear.net.nz.
28/29 - Central Otago Pinot Noir.
29 - Wairarapa Dragon Boat Festival, Henley Lake, Masterton.
30 - Taste Gisborne, Waiohika Vineyard, Gisborne.

FEBRUARY

4/5 - New Zealand International Sevens, Wellington.
5/13 - Southland's Festival of Gardens. Ruth Peddie 03-21111424 or ruth@venturesouthland.co.nz
5 - Martinborough Country Fair. www.martinboroughfair.org.nz.
5 - 6th Annual Coromandel Flavours Festival, Coromandel Town. www.coromandelflavours.com.
5/13 (To be confirmed) - New Zealand Masters Games, Wanganui. destinationwanganui@xtra.co.nz.
5/6 - Harvest Hawke's Bay.
11/13 - 15th National HOG (Harley Owners' Group) Rally, Waikato Stadium. Mike Lingard 021-356024.
11/20 - Flowers and Romance Festival, Christchurch. www.festivalofflowers.co.nz
12 - Multi Cultural Festival, Great Lake Centre, Taupo. Val Hoogerbrugge 07-3788853, fax 3784249 or esol@reap.org.nz
12/13 The Big Coast two day cycle ride from Wellington into Wairarapa and return. info@thebigcoast.wellington.net.nz.
12/21 - Another Horse Trek of a Lifetime, Gisborne. Syd Clarke 06-8683283.
12/ April 2 - Antarctica Cup, Auckland-Auckland via Cape Horn, Cape of Good Hope and Cape Leeuwin. Chairman Bob Williams 021-463261, rwilliams@antarcticacup.com or www.antarcticacup.com.
17/20 - Brebner Print Art Deco Weekend, Napier. Peter Mooney 06-8351191 or weekend@artdeconapier.com.
19 - Adidas Great Lake Relay, Taupo. Ingrid and Murray Fleming 07-3780455, fax 3782028, ingrid@relay.co.nz or www.relay.co.nz.
19 - BMW Gala Evening with Kiri Te Kanawa, Regent on Broadway, Palmerston North.
25/27- Aotearoa Traditional Maori Performing Arts Festival, Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North. 4-4996158 or admin@atmpas.org.nz.
26 - Annual Maungatapu Gold Murderers' Trail, Pelorus Bridge to Nelson. Averil West 021-1325388.
26/27- Annual Festival of Opportunities (Health and Lifestyle), Nelson. Maureen McKain 025-6221878.

MARCH

TBA Genesis Tongariro Mountain Classic, Taupo. Greg Carlyon 027-4855397, info@nzwildplaces.com or www.sportzhub.com.
TBA - Touch New Zealand Masters and Open Grade National Tournament, Christchurch. 03-3579053, fax 3579057 or nztouch@xtra.co.nz.
3/5 - Golden Shears International Shearing Competition, Masterton. 06-3788008 or officesolutions@xtra.co.nz.
4/6 - Sun City Country Music Awards, Nelson. Ro Douglas 03-5418421.
4/8 - Inaugural Plymouths of the World Convention, New Plymouth. scownk@npdc.govt.nz.
5 - Bonita Ironman New Zealand Triathlon, Taupo www.ironman.co.nz.
5 - Martinborough Country Fair, Wairarapa. www.martinboroughfair.org.nz.
5/6 - Seresin Estate Antique and Classic Boatshow, Lake Rotoiti. Pete Rainey 021-747383.
5/6 - TEVA Bullerfest, Murchison. Tim Marshall 03-5239899.
5/6 - Asia 2000 Chinese New Year Lantern Festival, Christchurch. Jennifer King 04-4708704, 025-2089422, fax 4712330 or jking@asia2000.org.nz
6 - Tauranga Boutique Food and Wine Festival. Anne Pankhurst 07-5441812, 027-2415206.
6/9 - RSA National Bowling Tournament, Hawke's Bay. Eric Rogers 06-8357629 or rsa@inhb.co.nz
11/13 - WOMAD - World of Music, Art and Dance, New Plymouth. www.womad.co.nz.
11/13 - New Zealand Pipe Band Championships, Invercargill. Judy Ward 021-2610336 or jaw_kirmat@xtra.co.nz.
12 - Colville Connection, 70km mountainbike ride, Coromandel. www.eventscoromandel.com.
12/13 - Wanganui Heritage Weekend. Yvonne M. O'Connor yvonne.arts@xtra.co.nz.
13 - The Adplus Great Long Lunch, Napier. 06-8343917 or cbdevents@inhb.co.nz.
12/13 - Women's Lifestyle Expo, Hamilton. Renee Woodhouse 06-3540498.
15/19 - Annual One Fly New Zealand, Nelson region. Terry Duval 021-994399.
19 - Rainbow Rage, Hanmer. Mike Gane 025-2874414.
19 - Ngaruawahia Regatta, Turangawaeware Marae. Rangimarama Broughton 07-8245189, fax 8245187.
24/27 - Montana National Jazz Festival, Tauranga.
24/27 - BMX New Zealand National Championships, Christchurch. Yvonne Lamond 03-3478842 or chcbmx@hotmail.com.
25/27 - Classic Fighters air show, Omaka Aerodrome, Blenheim.
25/28 - Gypsy Fair, Hagley Park, Christchurch. Jim Banks 027-2452948.
26/27 - Easter Dancesport Championship and Festival, Nelson. Sandra Maxfield 03-5479321.
30/April 3 - Genesis Wairarapa International Balloon Fiesta, Masterton.

APRIL

TBA - Avanti Rotorua to Taupo 100k Flyer. 07-3780455, fax 3782028, murray@eventpromotions.co.nz or www.eventpromotions.co.nz.

What's on, when - and where

TBA - Jambalaya - New Zealand Festival of Latin Rhythm and Dance, Taupo. Heidi Hughes 025-6715848, jambalaya@paradise.net.nz or www.jambalaya.co.nz.

1 - Taranaki Home Expo, New Plymouth.

1/10 - Montana Christchurch International Jazz Festival. Jodi Wright 03-3772365 or www.chchjazzfestival.co.nz.

2 - Le Race, Christchurch to Akaroa. Astrid Andersen 03-3329797 or lerace@theeventscompany.co.nz.

3 - Taylors Footwear Nelson Women's Triathlon, Lake Rotoiti. Averil West 021-1325388.

9 - The Moehau Man Multisport, Coromandel Peninsula. www.sportshub.com/arc.

9 - The Moehau Man, "New Zealand's most spectacular multisport event", Coromandel Town. assay@xtra.co.nz or www.sportshub.co.nz/arc.

13/17 - Balloons Over Waikato, Hamilton. Karen Buysman 07-8396677, fax 8396676 or info@balloonoverwaikato.co.nz.

16 - Dame Malvina Major Concerts, Napier. 06-8359549 or encore.events@clear.net.nz

21/23 - Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology Centennial Weekend. Donna Schofield 03-5469175.

21/24 - New Zealand Pony Club 50th Jubilee Horse Trials Team Championships, Aokautere, Manawatu. Dianne Burke 06-3545017.

23 - Bluff Oyster and Southland Seafood Festival, Bluff. 03-2111414 or bluffoysterfestival.co.nz

29/May 1 - Whangamata Beach Hop, Coromandel. www.beachhop.whangamata.com.

30 - Waiheke Challenge. Peter and Lisa Darrow 09-3726192 or plsddarrow@pl.net.

MAY

6/8 - International Food and Wine Festival, Waikato Events Centre, Hamilton. www.ifwf.co.nz

7/8 - Savour New Zealand, Christchurch. Astrid Andersen 03-3329797, fax 3329799 or Astrid@savournewzealand.com.

13/15 - Bay of Islands Country Rock Festival. Shirley May maysplace@actrix.co.nz or www.country-rock.co.nz.

14 - Harvest Lake Taupo. Andrew Martin 0274-247982 or andrew@wishartwinery.co.nz

JUNE

4 - Lions v BOP Steamers, Rotorua Stadium.

13/16 - TRENZ, Christchurch. Kylie Archer 04-4990104 or kylie@tlanz.org.nz.

15 - British Lions v Wellington Lions, Westpac Stadium.

15/18 - National Agricultural Fieldays, Mystery Creek, Hamilton. Gary Bond 07-8434499, fax 8438572 or garyb@fieldays.co.nz.

JULY

9/22 - TV2 KidsFest, Christchurch. Phone/fax 03-9418255 or kidsfest@ccc.govt.nz.

20/August 6 - Christchurch Arts Festival. Guy Boyce 03-3652223.

AUGUST

12/15 - Bay of Islands Jazz and Blues Festival. Shirley May maysplace@actrix.co.nz or www.jazz-blues.co.nz.

27/28 - National Camellia Show and Convention, Whangarei. Betty Boswell phone/fax 09-4363160 or

bertandbetty@xtra.co.nz.

SEPTEMBER

1/4 - Orchids 2005 Expo, Waikato Events Centre, Hamilton. Ray Albiston 07-8561116 or fax 8568730.

3 - Gallagher Boathouse 8s, Hamilton: Waikato University v Cambridge University. www.thegreatrace.co.nz.

16/18 - Wanganui Blooming Artz Festival. Yvonne M. O'Connor yvonne.arts@xtra.co.nz.

21/23 - World Mountain Running Championships, Wellington. Arthur Klap 04-3864992 or Arthur@sportsimpact.co.nz.

OCTOBER

11/19 - South Island Masters Games, Christchurch. Dale Coulter 03-3483282, 021-725606, fax 3483281 or

info@simastersgames.co.nz.

DECEMBER

8/11 - 10th International Heritage Roses Conference, St David's Lecture Theatre, Dunedin. Fran Rawlings 03-4883988 or wylde.willow@clear.net.nz.

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JANUARY

1/31 - Oceania Veteran Track and Field Championships, QEII Park, Christchurch. Rod Syme 03-3489535.

14/21 - Masters Oceania Athletics Championships, Christchurch. Max Wood 03-3811961.

FEBRUARY

6-28 - (To be confirmed) National Stone Carving Symposium, Oamaru. Wendy Dean 025-2242280.

10/19 - Flowers and Romance Festival, Christchurch. www.festivalofflowers.co.nz.

16/19 - Brebner Print Art Deco Weekend, Napier. Peter Mooney 06-8351191 or weekend@artdeconapier.com.

24/March 19 - New Zealand International Arts Festival, Wellington. www.nzfestival.telecom.co.nz

MARCH

5 - Tauranga Boutique Food and Wine Festival. Anne Pankhurst 07-5441812, 027-2415206.

8/11 - 5th New Zealand Forest Industries International Exhibition and Conference, Arawa Park, Rotorua.

11/12 - Women's Lifestyle Expo, Hamilton. Renee Woodhouse 06-3540498.

17/27 - World Waka Ama Championships, Lake karapiro, Cambridge.

24/April 1 - Wanganui Arts Festival. Yvonne M. O'Connor yvonne.arts@xtra.co.nz.

25 - Le Race, Christchurch-Akaroa. Astrid Andersen 03-3329797, fax 3329799 or lerace@theeventscompany.co.nz

APRIL

7/9 - Nelson College 150th Jubilee reunion. Salvi Gargiulo 03-5483099.

14/16 - Christchurch Antique Bottle Show. 03-3722851.

22 - Bluff Oyster and Southland Seafood Festival, Bluff. 03-2111414 or bluffoysterfestival.co.nz.