

NEW EXHIBITION SYNAPSE SHOWING AT TAUPŌ MUSEUM



DEEP DARK OCEANS, bright mysterious nebulas, the overgrown seduction of the jungle – all things brought together by Taupō artist Bode Klein in his new exhibition Synapse.

Synapse, consisting of 30 artworks on canvas, is currently showing in the Niven Room at Taupō Museum.

Bode, who has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Denver, Colorado, has had an eclectic life; from working as a master scuba diver in Honduras to commercial fisherman in Alaska. Over the last 40 years the Tūrangi-born artist has lived in 14 countries on five continents.

Bode originally worked mostly in black and white charcoal drawings but he became inspired by the ocean reef colours during his time in Honduras and switched to colour painting.

“I’m definitely inspired by the ocean, by the nebulas, the cosmos as well as the jungle.

“To me everything is connected and these are just like weaving this web of energy.”

His primary tools are acrylic paint, spray paint and fishing net.

“My technique is with a few different layers. The first layer, I use acrylic house paints and water, and then I go in from there with mostly spray paint. From there, I go in again sometimes with another layer of acrylic paint, it depends on the piece.

“With most of my pieces I use commercial fishing net and it creates a lot of the effects that I use. I use it almost like a masking technique.”

Synapse runs until 9 May and all the artworks are for sale. Taupō Museum is open seven days from 10am to 4.30pm (closed Good Friday). Entry is free to children and district residents with proof of address.

GRANT HELPS CLUB STEP UP



From left: Shania Moanaroo, Danica Bell, Mystique Moanaroo and Paul Edwards of Tūrangi Karate Club.

A COMMUNITY SPORTS grant from Taupō District Council has helped Tūrangi Karate Club’s junior members take their karate learning to a whole new level.

The club, which trains three times each week, challenges its students to be the best they can be in all facets of life. Club members are expected to be both students and teachers, to follow the guidance of their mentors and to model positive values.

Run by Shihan Mark Willis, the club is determined to make as many opportunities as possible available to its members, particularly juniors, at low or no cost to their families when there is funding available to make this possible.

Last April, the club applied for a Taupō District Council community sports grant of \$1500 to fund the cost for junior members to attend the annual Traditional Shoto-Kan Federation New Zealand’s seminar and championships. This provides an opportunity to meet members from other karate dojos and to train, compete and extend their skills. The grant meant junior members were able to experience national-level karate without putting financial strain on their families.

Club administrator Irena Wanikau said 14 Tūrangi Karate Club junior members attended and it was encouraging to see first-timers embracing the challenge and growing in confidence, skill and ability over the three-day intensive training and competition.

“Another highlight was having parents and caregivers come to watch their tamariki train and compete at a much higher level than weekly club trainings and express how proud they were of their tamariki stepping up to another level,” Irena said.

The council’s community sports grants last year covered a range of clubs and pursuits, from money for orienteering maps and compasses to BMX ramps, venue hire, equipment and travel to competitions.

The 2022 round of community sports grants funding is now open. Information and the online application form are at www.taupodc.govt.nz/communitysportsgrant. Applications close on Friday 29 April.

KIDS’ BOOK SALE AT TAUPŌ LIBRARY

PICK UP SOME exciting new titles for your children’s book collection with a book sale on at Taupō Library until May 1.

With more books arriving each year, we have some older publications that need a new home. The team has plenty of books covering a wide range of topics.

Library and museum operations team leader Moira Pereira is keen to clear some storage space.

“We have boxes and boxes of books we want to see go to good use,” she says.

“We’ve got plenty here and we’re looking forward to seeing them end up in the hands of some enthusiastic readers.”

Tables with the books will be set up in the library with new books added each day, so feel free to pop in more than once to get a deal or two!



EASTER FATIGUE STOP

AS WE HEAD into Easter, our Taupō District Council road safety team would like to encourage motorists to stop and take breaks on long journeys, slow down and be patient. Easter is notorious for road accidents and being the start of the school holidays, we can expect a lot more traffic.



If you’re on the road over Easter, keep an eye out for fatigue and driver reviver stops offering free coffee or hot drinks, food, fatigue information and windscreens cloths or plan some breaks into your journey if you’re travelling.

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

There are no changes to kerbside collection days over the Easter holiday period or ANZAC Day 2022.

That means kerbside collections of refuse and recycling will run as usual on Friday 15 April (Good Friday) and Monday 18 April (Easter Monday). Collection services will also run as usual on ANZAC Day, Monday 25 April.

Please have your rubbish and recycling kerbside by 7.30am on your usual collection day.

Opening hours of our Broadlands Road landfill and district transfer stations vary but all are closed on Good Friday.

Please check taupo.govt.nz/rubbish for details for each facility.



EASTER OPENING HOURS AT COUNCIL FACILITIES

Easter holidays have brought some changes to the normal opening hours of Taupō District Council facilities.

Customer Service Centres

Taupō & Turangi: Good Friday 10am-1pm, Saturday 10am-1pm, closed Easter Sunday, open Easter Monday 10am-1pm.

Mangakino: Closed from Good Friday to Easter Monday.

Taupō District Libraries: The libraries are closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

AC Baths: 7am-7pm daily over Easter.

Tūrangi Turtle Pools: Good Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday and Sunday 12 noon to 6pm, Easter Monday 8.30am to 6pm.

Taupō Museum: The museum is closed on Good Friday and open 10am to 4.30pm as normal on other days.

Indoor Rockwall at Taupō Events Centre: Closed Good Friday. Open Saturday, Sunday and Easter Monday 10am-2pm.

