



# CANVASTOWN Community Association



## COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The project is progressing well, and attached is an updated draft main plan of the village green area. A letter from Adi at MCD states "After the consultation with the Community and the Marae we have made a few changes to the Preliminary Design in the attached plan and comments. The main changes are to the pathway around the Village Green, pathway along the SH on the Marae side, a more accessible path to the river, including the Māori history of the area and native flora and Fauna in the area of the path down to the river and the possible location of a waka launching site."

The Canvastown Memorial restoration has been planned and scoped and includes strengthening, stabilisation, cleaning & repainting and rust protection.

**At our next Canvastown Community Association meeting we'll have more information about the process so far and other projects. The meeting will be at 7.00pm in the Canvastown Hall on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September and will be an opportunity to discuss the vision and development of the Canvastown area. Come along to hear what's going on.**

**CHARLIE  
AND THE  
QCD JAMMERS**  
ARE PLAYING AT THE  
**CANVASTOWN  
COMMUNITY  
DANCE**

**CANVASTOWN HALL  
SATURDAY 24 AUGUST  
7PM - TIL LATE**

**TICKETS - \$20 available  
at No.17 The Canvastown  
Store & Canvastown  
School**

**Or \$25 on the door**

**BYO food & drink**

**BBQ Sausage Sizzle \$2  
& Raffle Draw \$2**

**The Canvastown Community Association thanks everyone for their contributions toward keeping the Newsletter going.**

**Donations can be made by direct debit to :  
03 0599 0292635 00, Canvastown Community Association,  
please note Newsletter in your payment reference.**

### CANVASTOWN LADIES

The next shared lunch at my place, with the aim of ladies meeting other ladies and sharing ideas skills etc. will be on **Tuesday 3rd September**. We will have a shared lunch about **12.30**. Any queries, please phone or email me. If you have knitting etc, maybe a good time to do some or anything else you'd like to share.

*Ruth Watson - 490 Tapps Road  
ph 5742413 - ruthwatson@wnation.net.nz*

**Did you know that  
there is an AED  
Defibrillator located  
at the Trout?**

**AED**

## MDC & Marlborough Roads – Speed Limit Review

MDC will be conducting a speed limit review on local roads across the region starting on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, through it's local road agency, Marlborough Roads.



**60** It is important to have your say, so please take the time to complete a short online survey before the consultation period ends on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019. You will find the survey by visiting :

<http://bit.ly/MDCSpeedLimitReview>

Alternatively if you would like to complete a paper copy of the survey, please visit your local library or Council office for more information.



**Thank you!**

Canvastown Community Association offer sincere thanks to Sharon & Tony Watt for the very kind donation of 12 round tables for use in the Hall.

## MENZSHED HAVELOCK, NEW ZEALAND NOTICE OF AGM

The Havelock Menzshed will hold its AGM at our Shed (No 67 Havelock Marina) on **Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 9:00 pm.**

**Nomination of Committee members:** Nominations for Committee members close at 5.00 pm on Monday 9th September 2019. Nomination forms are available from Secretary or from the Shed.

I.C.Cameron, Secretary.

## Canvastown School

Canvastown School is updating New Entrants list. If your family is new to the area and your child is turning 5 in the next few years please ring Bridget in the office and give us your details, 03 574 2103.

The **World Famous Canvastown School Cross Country** is held this year on 30th August in the usual place. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event please ring the school. We require help in the kitchen and with the BBQ.

## WHAT'S ON IN CANVASTOWN

**1st Tuesday each month—Canvastown Ladies, 490 Tapps Rd, 12.30 pm**

**2nd Tuesday each month—Canvastown Community Assoc. Meeting, 7.00 pm in the Hall**

**Every Wednesday—Bugger Night, The Trout Hotel**

**Every Friday—Social Club Raffles—The Trout Hotel**

**1st Saturday each month—Music Jam Night, Canvastown Hall, 7.00 pm**

**Saturday August 24th Canvastown Community Dance—tickets \$20 available from No.17 & Canvastown School or \$25 on the door. Cash only—Sausage Sizzle & Raffle \$2.00**

## A Piece of History Floods in the Wakamarina (in gold mining times)

*Contributed by Linden Armstrong (nee Rush)*

On 21<sup>st</sup> January 1865 it was reported in the last edition of **Havelock Mail** "During the flood in the Wakamarina a man named Nicholas was drowned in an attempt to save a sluice box". Another party lost 27 fluming boxes, another party 17 and another 13 respectively. There was also a lot of sickness among the miners due to all the wet weather.

In August 1871 the Wakamarina was swollen with rain and melted snow, miners were washed out of their claims by the flooded side streams.

Early in 1884 the Nelson Colonist reported a flood in the Wakamarina River and that the Gorge Co. and the 'Homeward Bound' claims had suffered slight damage. The flood was stated to be the highest known.

In August 1890 there was a big flood and the river was reported to be 19'5" above normal by the Gorge Co. In October 1897 the Gorge claim was flooded and prospects did not look very bright, then the flood of 1903 played havoc with all claims on the river and was the end of the Gorge Co.

The greatest flood to inundate the township (Canvastown) was on the 17th March 1904. After 3 days heavy rain over the north of the South Island, the Pelorus rose to record heights, 2 m above previous levels. The Pelorus and Wakamarina road bridges along with four of Brownlee's tramway bridges including one over the Wakamarina River were swept away. The houses on the east side of the river had up to a metre through them and several families had to seek refuge in their attics as the flood waters flowed through the settlement, carrying all manner of debris.

The Pelorus Hotel remained dry but the Victoria Hall was flooded and only major damage was to the piano. The Golden Point Dredge, the only major venture on the Wakamarina River survived due to the efforts of the Murray Family of Canvastown.

Reference: Canvas & Gold, Norm Brayshaw, Gold in a Tin Dish, Mike Johnston