



Wonderfish concert at Victoria Theatre

Wonderfish are back in Devonport for two shows on July 1 and 2 at The Victoria Theatre, Devonport.

Wonderfish will be expanding from a six piece band, this time to a 15 piece musical collective. The line-up this year includes percussion, banjo, accordion, violin, horns, guest guitarists, backing vocalists, guest lead vocalists and even the humble melodica.

Band leader Nick Edgar says this years show will be a little different from past events. "We're at the beautiful Victoria Theatre this year so it'll be a slightly more downbeat show compared to recent years but we'll certainly be looking to get people out of their seats towards the end".

Edgar says this will be the group's most challenging show. "I get a bit carried away and so it has turned into a bit of a chaotic monster to get off the ground – but we've got such talented musicians involved so we should pull it off." Guests include seasoned stage perform-

ers to some secondary school students from both sides of the bridge and Devonport's own concert pianist Paddy Cornfield.

The seven piece ukulele group Marmaduke will open the night with a short set of quirky covers with a twist. "We try and put unusual spins on anything we do – like a punk song done in a bossanova style" says Geoff Brogan from Marmaduke.

The Wonderfish Collective will perform two sets including original tunes and covers of artists as diverse as Eric Clapton, Sade, Mumford and Sons and as well as New Zealand's own The Veils, Fly my Pretties, Greg Johnson and Gareth Thomas.

The sound desk will once again be in the capable hands of Rikki Morris. The July 2 gig has sold out but Tickets are available for the Saturday show from <http://www.iconiccinemas.co.nz/movies/4939.php>

All proceeds are being donated to CanTeen – supporting young people living with cancer.



Helping to build eco awareness

Students from Kapiti College have been busy building a live 'eco hut', completing a unit for their building construction, technology course.

Otaki Gorge put on the perfect conditions for the build, with damp, easy ground for planting the locally sourced willow poles, and clear skies for the group to work under.

In less than two hours, the team of 10 Year 12 students rammed holes, planted the willow in a circle, wedged it in at the base, wove the poles together, then tied them at intersections to create a stable, attractive hut with diamond lattice walls and a canopy.

"Getting the weaving right is the most difficult technical aspect," explained 17-year-old Sarah Simpson.

"But over time, the joins will grow together and make it strong."

"Yes, it will grow thicker as it spreads shoots, and will get leafier in the spring," said Joshua-James Healey, 16.

"As it grows, it will create its own shower-proof protection."

The eco hut build is a fundraiser for CanTeen, and a gift for the family who live on the property.

The hut is intended as a meditation and creative space for former Paraparamu College student, Andrew Walmsley.

Now 25, Andrew is in cancer remission and works part-time for CanTeen, while



GREEN HOUSE: Sarah Simpson, 17, works on an eco hut.
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studying at Victoria University.

"The hut looks out at the waterfall and stream. In time, it's going to look gorgeous," said a satisfied Joshua-James.

Teacher Kerie Holmes was pleased with her team's efforts, expressing surprise at how quickly the hut was built.

"Last year, it took us a whole day as the ground was very hard."

"Now that we know how easy it can be, we'll look at creating a trail of eco huts for various purposes, throughout the Kapiti Coast."

— **Nicola Easthope**
 Kapiti Enviroschools facilitator

■ The eco hut will be a fundraiser for CanTeen, a charity that provides support and services for young people with cancer and their families. For more information, visit www.can-teen.org.nz.



'We're so humbled and proud'

Jason Richards' parents support racing fundraiser

Jason Richards doesn't play a very good victim. But the amount of support the Aussie V8 supercar driver has attracted – from every top Formula One driver to three local mates – has humbled him and the entire family, say his parents. Thirty five year-old Jason, a born and bred Nelsonian, is fighting an extremely rare and aggressive form of cancer that “gets worse every

day”. His medical expenses are skyrocketing as he scrambles to find a cure amongst a list of experimental drugs, one injection he had cost \$2000 alone. Fundraisers are being held around the globe, including donations from Formula One and V8 Supercar drivers, to this Saturday's fundraiser held at ProKarts in Tahunanui. The fundraiser is being organised

by Jason's childhood friend Tony Dyer, along with mates Brendan Gridley and Nick Fowler and includes a Bathurst style race on the ProKarts track, with live commentary. The day will also feature a car show and various other activities including a never-before seen video of Jason, thanks to Channel Seven

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RARING TO GO: Dave and Pauline Richards say they are “so happy” the local community is getting in behind their son, cancer-stricken V8 supercar driver Jason Richards. Taking part in this weekend's fundraiser is at back from left; Henry Ford, Becky Morgan, Shaun Campbell and Liam Campbell. *Photo: Andrew Board.*



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in Australia, bouncy castles for kids and a sausage sizzle.

Jason grew up in Nelson and comes back often to visit his parents who live in Richmond. Dave and Pauline Richards say they are humbled that locals would put so much into helping their son. "It's just something we never expected; there are no words for it. To me it's just amazing. I think the fortunate thing for us is that Jason doesn't have enemies and people like him so want to help him," says Pauline.

Dave says his son, a husband and father of two young girls, is somewhat embarrassed by the attention after being more used to spending time and money giv-

ing to charities, including a role as an ambassador for Canteen, a youth cancer charity, but is grateful for the support.

Dave says he won't be able to make the fundraiser because he will be in Darwin, working as part of the pit crew for Jason as he prepares to race this weekend, an incredible achievement with his illness. "He wants to race, when he does his head is off cancer, he is just doing something he loves and has fun."

The fundraiser starts at 9.30am this Saturday at ProKarts in Tahunanui, next to the bumper boats, and will run most of the morning. If wet, it will be held on Sunday at the same time. To donate money to Jason's fight visit NBS branches and ask to donate to the Race4Jace.