



# Garden on show for festival

By **CATHERINE HEALY**

WHEN the owner of this Mission Bay property brought his Mexican wife to New Zealand she missed the dramatic colours of the architecture there.

The couple wanted to turn their backyard into an outdoor area that would reflect the vibrant environment she hankered for.

Working in conjunction with the couple's architect and tiler Chris Southern, Sue and Colin McLean of Creation NZ set to work as the project managers and garden designers.

The result is a colourful space their clients are very pleased with.

"The idea was to cre-

ate a really bright, zany garden with a keen focus around an outdoor cooking area. They wanted a proper wood-fired oven," Mrs McLean says.

"The site had overbearing retaining walls and a severe pool fence that was very prison-like. There was no indoor-outdoor flow. Opening up the back of the property was really quite challenging. A lot of excavation had to be done."

The garden is one of 24 of Auckland's finest and will feature in the Garden Design Festival on November 19 and 20. It is organised by the Rotary Club of Newmarket in conjunc-

tion with the Garden Design Society of New Zealand.

"It's the first festival in Auckland that's just for professional designers. We will be in the gardens to answer questions from the public and talk to them about garden design challenges."

Mrs McLean says the owners of the Mission Bay property were very happy for their garden to be used in the festival as the money raised is going to some good causes.

"They saw it as a way to contribute to the charities involved."

All proceeds from the two-day event will go to Newmarket Rotary's

charity partners KidsCan, Canteen and Ronald McDonald House Auckland.

The festival came about after the Garden Design Society's chair Rose Thodey saw a similar festival run by Kew Rotary Club in Melbourne.

■ Pre-purchased tickets are \$40 (or \$50 on the day) and allow entry to all of the gardens. Visitors may enter a single garden for \$5 at the gate. Limited seats are available on a bus tour of the event which includes lunch and ends with drinks at Highwic House. See [www.gardendesignfest.co.nz](http://www.gardendesignfest.co.nz).



**Bringing colour:** Tile artist Chris Southern worked on the Hundertwasser-designed toilets in Kawakawa.



**Outdoor chef:** Tile artist Chris Southern worked with garden designer Sue McLean to bring the colours of Mexico into this garden. The property owners wanted to be able to cook outdoors and were keen on a wood-fired oven.



# Runners ready for big run

By **CARALISE MOORE**

Thousands of Aucklanders will be counting down the hours to the start of the Adidas Auckland Marathon this Sunday.

The annual event which attracts more than 10,000 runners includes a marathon, half marathon, quarter marathon, 5km run and walk, and a kids marathon option.

The full 42km marathon starts from 6.10am at Devonport and the track includes an Auckland Harbour Bridge crossing.

Hundreds of Hibiscus Coast and Rodney

residents traditionally enter the competition, this year the half marathon sold out in two weeks, and the full marathon event sold out in just over five weeks.

Many people enter the event to fundraise for charitable causes, those supported this year include CanTeen, The Heart Foundation, the Neonatal Trust, Kidney Health, and Oxfam. Runners finish at Victoria Park in Auckland city.

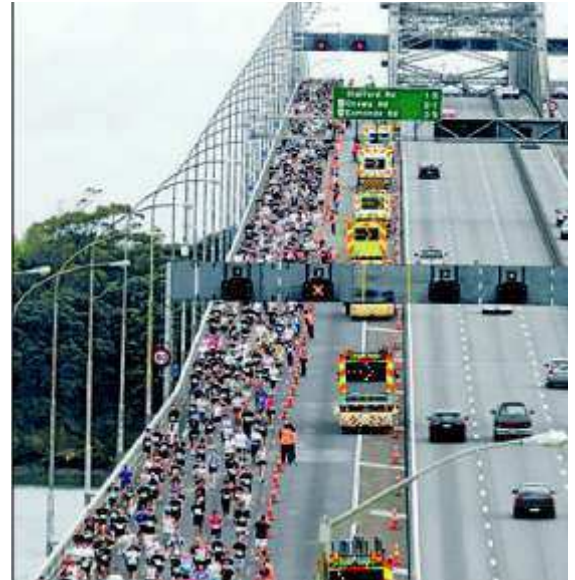
The course runs from Devonport, around the North Shore shopping district crossing the northern motorway before turning south to

the harbour bridge.

Following Westhaven Marina, and the Viaduct, runners will head along the waterfront out to St Heliers Bay before returning to Victoria Park.

Competing categories include male and female open, and year groups divided into five-year lots from 35 to 75 years and older.

The Auckland Harbour Bridge will remain open to traffic at the same time as participants will be crossing the bridge. Only the western/right hand clip-on lanes have been reserved for the event.



**Gearing up:** Adidas Auckland Marathon runners are preparing for the big event this Sunday where they will cross the Auckland Harbour Bridge on foot as part of the 42km course.  
**Photo: SHANE WENZLICK**



# Organ donors give best gift of all

Recipients share remarkable stories of hope and love as they get a new lease in life, with reporter, Virginia Winder

By **VIRGINIA WINDER**  
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Before Kat Turner got a double lung transplant in April last year, she was confined to a wheelchair and attached to an oxygen machine.

On November 11 and 12, the coastal woman with cystic fibrosis will join the Beaters and Breathers team for the Taranaki Steelformers Round the Mountain Relay.

"My whole life has changed," she says.

"Before it was even a struggle to go to the bathroom and now I'm going to be walking 8 kilometres around the mountain."

The 26-year-old explains why she's doing it: "Because I can."

After a life-time suffering from the genetic disease that gums up lungs and digestive systems with a thick, sticky, mucus, Kat no longer needs to cough, has worn a bikini for the first time in her life and can now to every-day tasks without thinking.

Quite literally, her lungs no longer have cystic fibrosis, but she is still immune suppressed and needs to take care to avoid upper respiratory tract infections.

Before the transplant, her husband Lucas quit his job for two years to look after her.

"Now we are a partnership again."

The Opunake woman is also starting to think about what she wants to do with her life – all thanks to a new pair of lungs.

The person who donated those lungs to Kat saved her life. Sadly, they had to lose to their own life to do so.

"I think it's a very, very important thing to be a donor if you can," she says.

"It's quite a surreal thing to know somebody else has done that for you. It's such an amazing thing."

Another transplant recipient is New Plymouth man Ross Southee, who got a new heart in 2005.

He won't be in the team this year, but he'll still have a presence via the reflector vests and T-shirts he's donated to the team.

His heart was irreparably damaged from having rheumatic fever three times as a child.

An aorta valve transplant in 1989 gave him another great 10 years of life, but then his health started failing.

He was on the transplant list for three years before getting a phone call one Saturday morning while at work. An aircraft was flown to New Plymouth to pick him up and within five hours he was on the operating table in Auckland.

After his heart transplant, the first thing Ross noticed was how warm his feet and hands were.

"My extremities were so cold before that. It made you feel alive."

Although Ross had always worked fulltime leading up to getting his new heart, he had never been able to play sport with his son.

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Beaters and Breathers team

organiser Julie Fowler lost her son Jono in 2009.

He had cystic fibrosis, but had a double lung transplant in 2008. However, bugs in his upper respiratory tract infected his lungs.

"He had the most fantastic year," Julie says.

"That's all we wished for was that he would get one decent breath and he got a whole year."

Last year, all four of Jono's siblings, plus friends and other family members took part in the relay and will be again this year.

There will be a cystic fibrosis team in the relay, which will raise money for CF support.

The two Beaters and Breathers teams will be collecting funds for Hearty Towers, the transplant recovery facility in Auckland.

Kat says that if people have ticked the donor box on their driver's licences, they also need to talk to their family to convey their wishes so they are honoured.

Ross agrees.

"It's extremely important that everybody is a donor, subject to their health being acceptable. To give another person a better quality of life is a great gift."

"It's the biggest gift of all – you cannot give anything bigger than life," Kat says.

CanTeen is the main charity the relay is supporting.

■ Any transplant recipients wanting to take part in the relay, can contact Julie Fowler on 06 769 6079. People wanting to enter teams in the relay can go online to: [mountainrelay.co.nz](http://mountainrelay.co.nz).



**New life:** Supporting the Beaters and Breathers in the Taranaki Steelformers Round the Mountain Relay are, from left, Ross Southee, Julie Fowler and Kat Turner.  
Photo: VIRGINIA WINDER / FAIR

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# Waxed for cause

**Expression says everything:** St John Ambulance officer Jon Burrows has his legs waxed for a good cause on Friday. He was one of several St John workers who had their legs waxed or hair shaved to raise money for CanTeen, at the St John Ambulance depot in Inglewood.

Photos: JONATHAN CAMERON



# Pool Party, All Blacks, CanTeen and more

BY ELLIE JOSELYN

The last term flew by and all the students and teachers of South School have been extremely busy with the production (which was a huge success) and the councillors are busy planning for the start of a new term today.

The biggest event of the year was the production and planning for it was extremely intense with the whole school feeling the pressure. A big congratulations and thank you has to go to all the staff and parent helpers. There were so many amazing comments around and everyone was happy with the results. The story line and script, costumes and set were fantastic.

On Friday, September 30 we held a Blackout day. No money was necessary, it was just to show the support the school has for the

All Blacks. Our head boy took a video of the whole school screaming; "GO ALL BLACKS!" and it will be sent to the fantastic team.

We all know cancer is a serious disease, and raising money for the cancer society is a very generous and meaningful gesture so the school got in behind to support the cause. This day was called the Bandana Challenge for CanTeen.

Our wonderful councillors stood by the school gates selling Bandanas for \$4 and Wristbands for \$2 a week prior to the event. They also sold these on the day, and all the money raised went toward CanTeen.

To make the day a bit more fun, students were encouraged to wear their house colours. This day was a great success, and we raised

about \$1,000 dollars.

The Life Education bus visited the school during weeks eight and nine and pupils got the opportunity to learning about body systems and keeping healthy.

The school had a pool party to raise money for Room 15 to go on camp at the end of the year. The parents and staff did an awesome job organising the evening. We had a barbecue and drinks along with a music system donated by the Wallaces to keep things rocking. The staff and teacher Mr Dunn led the children and some parents in some dances and we had a booming contest at the end of the night.

It was a great night and everyone had a lots of fun.



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**GO the All Blacks:** South School pupils dressed up for Blackout day and made a video to send to the team.

PHOTO: SUPPLIED



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**PARTY TIME:** The children had a great evening of swimming and playing with their friends.

PHOTO: SUPPLIED



**SPLISH Splash: South School pupils jump run and jumping over the blow-up toy at Wai Splash.**

PHOTO: SUPPLIED



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**SUPPORTIVE:**  
Black clothes  
and painted  
faces were the  
order of the  
day to show  
their support  
for the All  
Blacks.

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# Mega walk has mega meaning for members

**By Roger Moroney**  
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Napier lads Kurt Ellison and Ashley Stewart will be pounding the pavement next month to raise awareness and funding for CanTeen.

The organisation, which has about 50 members in the Bay, supports young people living with cancer, and the pair know what that's like first hand.

In Ashley's case it is as one who has been faced with the battle against cancer, while Kurt knows what it is like to lose a sibling to it.

Twenty-four-year-old Ashley was diagnosed with testicular cancer five years ago, and was now in remission.

"The support I got was brilliant," he said, adding that although the age-frame for CanTeen was 13 to 24 he was not about to leave it behind when he turned 25.

"I'll still be involved," he said. CanTeen's liaison co-ordinator Shannon Boynton said Ashley's offer to become a volunteer would be happily taken up.

She said the pair represented two of the facets of CanTeen's activities — those battling the disease and those dealing with a brother or sister going through it.

As it was for Kurt, whose sister Nicki died on July 26 after a brave battle with cancer.

"They [CanTeen] were great to be part of. I met other people who had lost a sibling. They were very supportive . . . it is so important to have that."

Kurt said he would have a shot at the 28km course while Ashley said he would target the 15km distance. It would be his second Mega run.

"We had 800 do it last year . . . we're after twice that," Ms Boynton said.

## Mitre 10 Mega Walk

- The walk takes place on Sunday, November 13.
- The 28km Mega walk starts at Mitre 10 Mega, Hastings, at 7.30am.
- The 15km Half Mega starts at Awatoto at 9am.
- The 6.5km starts at Ocean Spa, Napier, at 10am.
- The 3.5km Mega Meander starts at Perfume Port, Ahuriri, at 9.30am.
- For more info and to register see [www.megawalk.co.nz](http://www.megawalk.co.nz)

She said all ages were catered for — from a 3.5km "meander" and a 7.5km and 15km course, through to the long course.

"Every cent we raise really helps, and it stays here in the Bay."



**LEAP OF FAITH:** Ready to hit the walking and running tracks are the CanTeen crew of Kurt Ellison (left), Laikyn Noone, Shannon Boynton and Ashley Stewart. PHOTO/WARREN BUCKLAND HBT13966-



# What's Up



## WHAT'S UP

### Drones and Sticks Pipe Band

The band will be fundraising on October 22 in the Village for their upcoming Australian tour and performing in concert on November 5 at the Havelock North Club.

Further information: Alf Hawes, 877 5387, or the Havelock North Club, 877 8722

### Spring School Holiday Programme

'H.R. Puffin Stuff'.

When: Hastings October 17 to 21. Five days of fun with pantomime, dance, drama & dress ups in wearable art costumes for everyone.

Join 'Mr. Fungus' and William Atkin as 'Witchiepoo'.

New 9am-5pm timetable assisting working families these holidays Suitable for ages 5-13, with OSCAR/WINZ subsidies and great family discounts available. Further information: Sharon, 021 125 3744, Carlo, 877 3259, or visit [www.umbrellastudios.com.au](http://www.umbrellastudios.com.au)

### Morris Dancing

What: 'Jenny Lind', 'Davey Davey Nick Nack', 'Nancy's Fancy', 'Black Joke' and more with live, foot tapping music!

When: Thursdays 7-9pm at the Homestead, Keirunga Gardens,

Havelock North. Further information: Ann, 878 7441, or Lynette, 875 0129.

### HB Founders Society

What: Lunches and meetings every second month with the next meeting in October. Joining fee of \$25.

Where: Duart House. Further information: Richard, 876 7616.

### St Joseph's School Centenary

When: Labour weekend, October 21-23.

Where: St Joseph's School, Wairoa.

Further information: jubilee@sjwairoa.school.nz or write to chairperson Mrs Johansen, 21 Clyde Rd, Wairoa.

### Havelock North Collectors

Interested in art, china, silver, all things collectable or historical?

When: Meets first Tuesday of every month, 2pm.

Where: Havelock North Community Centre.

Further information: Phone Kath La Roy, 877 7445.

### Toastmasters

When: Hawke's Bay club meets every second and fourth Monday of the month, 7pm-9.30pm.

Where: Recreation centre at Summerset in the Vines, 249 Te Mata Road, Havelock North.

Further information: Be our guest for free, or phone Ben, 877 6059, or Jeannie, 879 7478.

### Lusk Centre

Friendship and recreation for the older person.

When: Monday - Friday, 10am-4pm; Sun 11.30am-4pm.

Monday: Exercise class with Janis at 1.30pm sharp, \$3 pp.

Friday: Country dancing for the older person from 9:30am-10:30 am, \$2 pp.

Tuesday: Quiz from 1:30pm- 4pm Where: 34 TeAute Rd.

Further information: Phone 877 0300.

### The Lions Club

When: Monthly meetings second and fourth Tuesday.

Where: Havelock North Club. Meal, business and social.

Further information: Lyn Hume, 876 2422

### Zonta Hawke's Bay

Women's group focusing on advancing the status of women and girls through service and advocacy meet on the fourth Thursday.

Where: Golflands, Hastings. Further information: Joan, 844 4908, or visit [zontahb.zonta.org.nz](http://zontahb.zonta.org.nz).

### Run Walk Hawke's Bay

For walkers and runners, all levels, very social club, plenty of challenges.

When: Sunday 8am.

Where: Havelock North Domain, next to pool.

Further information: Doug, 878 2785, or Mike, 877 7148.

### Klein Beginnen

A Dutch playgroup aiming to keep the language and culture alive.

When: 2pm-5pm, every Saturday. Where: Haumoana Playcentre.

Further information: Wendy van Hooijdonk, 875 0125.



### Naval Association

When: Meet socially last Saturday of each month, 4pm.  
Where: Napier RSA.  
All serving and ex-RNZN personnel welcome.  
Further information and membership application forms: Tony Fraser (president), 878 0064.

### Te Awanga Community Fun House for seniors

When: Tuesdays 1.15pm-3.15pm.  
Where: Te Awanga Hall.  
Further information: Phone 875 1075.

### Miracles study group

When: 7pm Thursdays.  
Where: St Francis Church, Ferry Rd, Clive.  
All those interested in spirituality and

inner peace are welcome.

### Watercolour painting

When: Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am.  
Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Havelock North.  
Further information: Mary, 877 8554, or Julie, 876 9998.

### Chess Club

When: Wednesdays during term time.  
Where: Havelock North High School in room 306 at 6pm.  
All ages children and adults welcome for coaching and games.  
Further information: Stewart, 879 8078, Chris, 877 4583, Ali Every, 877 0973.

### Duart House and Museum

Open day.  
When: 10am -noon, first Sunday of every month.  
Where: 51 Duart Rd, Havelock

North.

Further information: Phone 877 6334 or 877 5294.

### Roundabout Boutique

Selling and buying pre-loved clothing and accessories to raise money for Starship Foundation, Make-a-Wish NZ, Ronald McDonald House and Canteen.  
When: Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5.30pm; Saturday, 9am to 3pm.  
Where: Shop 26, Village Court, Te Mata Road, Havelock North.  
Further information: Phone 877 5550.

■ The What's On column is free for arts, entertainment and community events. Please send amendments and entries to [village@hbtoday.co.nz](mailto:village@hbtoday.co.nz) or phone the Havelock North Village Press on 872 8433.



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**STAGE FRIGHT:**  
Keen to learn how to become a better public speaker? Or more comfortable in non-acquainted presence? Head along to Toastmasters every second and fourth Monday.



# Stunning effort

The annual CanTeen Bike Bash was held Friday last in the Pukekohe Town Square.

Catching rugby fever, nearly 50 teams made up of schools, businesses and the Franklin community took to their stationary bikes dressed in Rugby World Cup team colours and raised funds for the worthy cause.

A massive \$34,000 was raised, which CanTeen member support manager, Brian Barnett, says is absolutely amazing.

'Every cent of the money raised goes back into CanTeen and its members. It is invested back into programmes, like leadership courses and summer camps.

"Organiser, Surinder Edwards, has been amazing. She has done so much work and been so involved with CanTeen for a number of years now, and we greatly appreciate it.

"CanTeen Auckland would also like to thank Pukekohe and the Franklin Community for their amazing support. We truly are grateful."

