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## Da Prez Sez

Is the world going down the tubes?? Well, the government will not admit it yet but looks like we are in a recession and some of it is caused by Peak Oil crisis and global warming. No doubt you are feeling the effects like of all of us (increased food & fuel costs & maybe your work situation is not as rosy now). What can you do – when you are only but a poor student? When all else fails buy a fortune cookie!

*"Many a false step was made by standing still" - FORTUNE COOKIE*

### Take Action!

*"There's no difference between a pessimist who says, "Oh, it's hopeless, so don't bother doing anything," and an optimist who says, "Don't bother doing anything, it's going to turn out fine anyway." Either way, nothing happens.*

*- YVON CHOUINARD, founder of Patagonia*

For a start Enrol to Vote (the election will probably be early November) so you still have time and then VOTE!

Plant some veggies, find cheap deals, support 'green' initiatives. Consider a recession-proof business you can run from home, become involved in your local communities. Nandor Tanczos stated that this will become vital in the near future (as it has in past global crisis'). Strategize. And if SANITI can help - pop in!

All the best for Sem II.

*Clare Caron*

Student President  
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## SANITI V.P. MOVES ON

SANITI Vice President Michael Harrison has resigned his role to focus on his Counselling studies at NMIT. Michael didn't feel he could commit the time required for such an important role as VP.

Michael played an active role on Academic Board, Disabilities Advisory Board, several other Committees at NMIT, and Class Representatives.

The SANITI executive will appoint a new vice president in the next 6 weeks.

SANITI wishes Michael good luck for the future!



## MARLBOROUGH CAMPUS STUDENT CENTRE UPGRADE



An upgrade to the Student Cafe on Marlborough campus is in the pipeline. SANITI surveyed 50 students on campus asking them what they would like to see changed in their cafe.

The cafe is going to increase in size, additionally there will be a games and study areas. While still in the planning stage, it will be a joint venture between SANITI and NMIT to cover the costs of alterations to the building.

## THE \$10 BILLION BOO-BOO

Thank you to the students, staff and public that pointed out VOS missed out '000' on our \$10 Billion article. Guess \$10,000,000 looked scary enough!

As of 1st of July 2008 student debt is now estimated at \$10,168,392,000 ([www.students.org.nz](http://www.students.org.nz)). Politicians need to get their heads out of the sand, adequately fund tertiary education and implement a universal allowance now!

## NMITS' TREATY TROUBLES

NMIT has recently come under fire for not fulfilling its Treaty of Waitangi responsibilities. When 'The Director of Maori Education' position became vacant and the Head of Te Tari Maori became ill, there was no dedicated Te Tiriti O Waitangi tutors. To allow students to achieve their course standards, specialised tutors had to be flown from Wellington.

The Ministry of Education's Tertiary Education Strategy spells out the obligations of such institutions as NMIT in regards to the role of Maori and The Treaty. Specifically, Strategy 2 includes:

Tertiary education leadership that is effectively accountable to Maori communities.... Strong and balanced Maori staff profiles... and Quality programmes that recognise Te Ao Maori perspectives and support the revitalisation of Te Reo Maori.

The Treaty of Waitangi is the one and only founding document of this country. It was signed by the British Crown and Maori and is seen as a living document.

VOS will investigate further....

## RENT RIP OFF WARNINGS

Stories have arisen of students paying too much for rent. Please note that the going market rate for accommodation only is around the \$100 mark. This is for a single room and excludes power, internet, food or any other associated costs. If you pay more than around \$100, you should expect it to include power, internet and maybe meals. You will also pay more for being close to town and for larger, sunny rooms.

Students from out of town seem to be unaware of Nelson market rates. If you think you or a friend are paying too much then come into the SANITI office and we can provide an idea of what you should be paying.

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# SANITI EXECUTIVE

Student Executives are elected each year by the students. The Executive council consists of the President and Vice-President and up to 14 students from NMIT Campuses throughout New Zealand. It governs the Association, makes policy decisions and ensures member's money is well spent.

## NEW MEMBERS ELECTED 2008



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Student President



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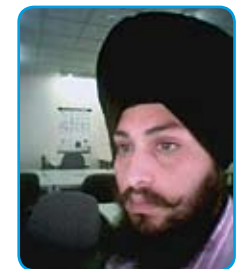
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# SANITI EVENTS

## MID-YEAR GRADUATION

Graduation is always a great time for students. The hard work has paid off and an exciting journey to a new career is just about to start. SANITI helped the Trainee Rangers celebrate their success with a hangi and drinks in the Student Center. The Vet Nurses enjoyed a night at Smugglers with SANITI contributing to some platters. Well done guys and good luck for the future! Thanks to NMIT Student Services for their support.



## MATARIKI

Matariki is the constellation referred to in English as Pleiades or the Seven Sisters. The rising of Matariki at the beginning of June signals the start of the Maori New Year. It can be seen pre-dawn at around five to six in the morning. If you are up at this time, you need to look North East just above the horizon - Matariki will be there!

The rising of Matariki in the skies traditionally heralds the preparation of planning, planting, hunting and fishing. In modern times it's celebrated by planting native trees and gathering your whanau together for a feast.

This year, the students on Nelson campus celebrated Matariki with food, fun and entertainment. SANITI served marinated mussels, crumbed fish in fresh buns with salad or coleslaw. Sealord kindly came to the party donating the crumbed fish and mussels. In keeping with the tradition of Matariki, The Department of Conservation supported local students by gifting a large amount of native seedlings including Kānuka and Putaputaweta for students to take home and plant.

Kim Hippolite, the Kaitakawaenga for NMIT organised entertainment with a group performing Kapa Haka and later an Arts and Media student playing guitar. Both were greatly enjoyed by the students.



## ITP CONFERENCE

SANITI recently played host to a number of Polytechnic students for an ITP Conference (Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics).

Polytechnic students from all around NZ attended. This was a unique opportunity to gather as a community and talk about issues surrounding the tertiary sector.

Students who attended not only networked but also learnt about accountability, approvals, financial reporting and budget setting, all of which are requirements for running an effective, transparent and healthy student association.

Amongst those in attendance were OPSA (Otago Polytechnic Student Association), SAWIT (Student Association of Waikato Institute of Technology), WISA (Whitireia Independent Students' Association), WITSA (Wairiki Institute of Technology Students Association), WSA (Weltec Students Association) and NZUSA (New Zealand Union of Students Association).



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# THE FRIENDLY SKIES

**SANITI DISTANT CAMPUS MANAGER HAYDEN CAMPBELL REFLECTS ON A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AVIATION CONFERENCE HELD IN NELSON AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY**

From July 3 to 5, while most Nelson NMIT students were on holiday, well over 60 student pilots (representing 15 flight-training organisations from as far south as Invercargill right up to Auckland) flew to Nelson to take part in SANITI's 5th Annual New Zealand Student Pilot Conference. Each year, SANITI brings together student representatives from each of NMIT's Aviation providers as well as student pilots from other flight training organisations, in order for them to get face to face with and learn from key players within the Tertiary and Aviation sectors.

Following on from the success of last year's theme - 'The Future of New Zealand Aviation', SANITI's theme for this year's conference was 'Pathways to Employment'. The two-day event focusing primarily on how students can best navigate their way into their first commercial flying job after their training is completed. In spite of the somewhat inclement weather (storms around the country!), most students made it into Nelson in time for day one - with 30 of them even flying themselves in!

Thursday was dedicated to 'tertiary issues facing student pilots' with presentations from: Joy Saunders of the Tertiary Education Commission, Alan Gill from Aviation Services Ltd, Carlton Campbell from the Civil Aviation Authority, Glenn Kennedy from StudyLink, and representatives from NMIT including Tony Gray were also in attendance. The day ended with a the TEC holding focus groups then a formal dinner at Fern Lodge, which was kindly sponsored by NMIT.

On the Friday the conference focus explored the future of employment and careers available for graduating students within New Zealand Aviation. SANITI was fortunate to have assembled an absolutely stellar list of industry professionals including: Matthew Davies of Aviation Travel Tourism Training Organisation, who also sponsored the days events, Irene King (Aviation Industry Association/Aviation Careers Ltd), Captain Dave Love (Mt Cook), Mark Woodhouse (Air New Zealand 777 Pilot), Bob Guard (Air Nelson), Willie Sage (General Aviation), Owen Dodson (Marlborough Helicopters), Glen Kenny (NZALPA) and last but not least, former NMIT student, now skydiving pilot - Vince Gardner. Helicopter students also got the opportunity to have a tour of Nelson Helicopters hosted by cheif pilot Phil Robinson.

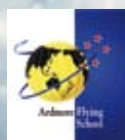
That night the students got to let their hair down and took part in the now famous after-conference bash held at the Shark Club; a fancy dress affair where everyone was required to dress as 'something flightless'. It was awesome to see that everyone got into the spirit of the occasion - even if creativity was in short supply on the night.

Big thanks must go to co sponsors NMIT and ATTO for their generous support of the conference, as well as our other sponsors ASL, House of Travel, StudyLink, AIA, NZALPA, Ardmore Flying School and The Down Under Pilot Shop.

As a major SANITI event, thanks must particularly go to the staff and volunteers who toiled away for months in advance to make NZSPC 08 a reality and who hardly slept during the event ensuring that everyone was cared for, and the conference a success.



## A HUGE THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



# WOODBOURNE GREASE MONKEYS

**Not many people know that NMIT has a campus on an Air Force base! SANITI exec member extraordinaire JARED WALLACE explains all...**

I realised that most of the Aircraft Maintenance Engineering students had no idea how the school came to be, let alone any one else! So here goes, let me fill you in on a bit of history....

But before I begin I must thank Steve Holtum for taking time out of his exceptionally busy schedule to ensure I got the history straight. Cheers Steve much appreciated.

Ok, this time really...

Prior to 2003 there were only two training organisations in New Zealand for aircraft engineers. The Airforce and Air New Zealand. Both of these organisations were really only training personnel for their own needs. As a result the greater aviation industry was having difficulty getting suitably trained people to employ. Not to mention the average age of an aircraft engineer was rapidly approaching (and still is) retirement age.

Seeing a severe skills shortage on the horizon NMIT and industry leaders approached the Air Force with a proposal to start a civilian training school here on RNZAF base Woodbourne. With the necessary approvals and authorisations gained, the school was established in 2003.

During this time the industry was consulted to get their views on what they needed in a trainee. As a result of this process it was decided to structure the course into 2 years, so as to cover as much information as possible, in a relatively short time. NMIT engineering trainees would have a very thorough grounding of information before being let loose on an unsuspecting industry. The scope of the training proved so impressive, that the CAA and the aviation industry recognised the

qualifications gained from day one.

As any marketing expert will tell you "you need to keep in touch with your market, and meet their needs." That couldn't be more true for the engineering school.

Every graduate, when out on their workplace training (last term of their course), gets feedback from their employer to the school. This helps twofold; it ensures the same high (not to mention safe) standards are met by all graduates; also, anywhere that knowledge may be lacking can be looked at and rectified, improving the course for the next class.

"But Blenheim!", I hear you exclaim, "Why Blenheim? What is there to do when you're not in class?"

Well any Blenheim student, be they a Woodbourne or town student, will speak nothing of night life, because - to be honest - there really isn't any. But it should be mentioned that the students out here at Woodbourne have no troubles finding places to sink a few ale's and at times probably a tad too many (I won't mention any names because Chris might be embarrassed).

Come Friday night there may be 60 or more Woodbourne students striking very average moves on the dance floor at either of Blenheims two night clubs. Most of them single, male, and under the age of 20. To the Fathers of Blenheim, "Lock your daughters in their rooms!!" You'll hear us Woodbourne students from a mile away, when in groups they speak their own language to each other. It's a language called "Engineer". It's a language that's unintelligible to anyone not in the trade. Even though, you politely



**Inside one of the Woodbourne metal shops/welding bays**

nod, smile and pretend you have a clue about what we're saying.

Once the hang-over has worn off, Marlborough Sounds are basically at your back door step for those keen on fishing and diving. Rainbow ski field is also a short drive to the west. A couple of students have had no problems bringing fresh caught game back to stock their freezers after a morning's hunting in the hills nearby. The recreational facilities that we have access to here on base are awesome, covered pool, nice warm smoko room, the list goes on...

All-in-all, the professional, friendly, and social atmosphere of this school makes being at opposite ends of the country to one's family and friends that bit more bearable.

As I write this article I'm having trouble realising that I've only got 8 more weeks to go here in Woodbourne before I'm out on the job. But how did that happen, I only just started a few months back... didn't I?

Photo credit: Chris Naus



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# BATTLE FOR THE BEEHIVE

With Elections looming, VOS writer Fraser Heal draws the short straw & takes a look at what the politicians are offering students...



Tertiary education policies are always contentious. It is easy for a political party to say that they want an accessible and quality education system. Having an educated labour force is crucial to economic growth and diversification in an increasing global economy. But what about the reality for students and for tax payers who help fund the system?

For students, the main issues of tertiary education are based around student debt. According to NZUSA, 90% of students have part-time jobs. On average, full time students are now having to work 14 hours a week just to live as loans and allowances fail to cover the cost of living. The average student debt is now \$28,383. Personal debt, such as bank loans, overdrafts and credit cards could be as high as Student Loan debt. This is scary considering that total Student Loan debt increase \$1,000,000,000 every year. According to these figures, students could be going into a billion dollars of personal debt as well as a billion dollars of Student Loan debt every year. As well as having to hold down part-time jobs, students are also feeling the increasing pressure to get good grades as having a degree is no longer a certainty of getting a well paid job. Yet more and more people are wanting to study. There is also a new 'stakeholder' in education, the hundreds of thousands of 25-35 year olds with Student Loans who are now staggering down struggle street trying to maintain a job, buy a house and bring up children when faced with increasing food and petrol costs in an economy that is slipping into recession. This age group missed out free education and the property boom that the over 35's enjoyed. Labours' 'Working For Families' scheme has helped, but it might not survive any future tax cuts. The 10% Student Loan income repayments affect young families as much as individuals.

Beyond these issues are current reforms by the Tertiary Education Commissions' (TEC). Tertiary Training Providers (TTPs) are having to re-arrange their institutions to meet funding requirements. The reforms are an attempt to address skill shortages in certain sectors of the economy and to keep education relevant to what industry needs. This is a shift from simple 'bums on seats' funding. Education staff are also finding increasing workloads and stagnant salaries, and uncertainty due to the TEC reforms. The 'brain drain' issue, real or imagined, continues to theoretically rob us of our best. Some feel that it is the loans themselves which are the cause of the migration as graduates with larger student loans are attracted to higher wage rates to pay them off. Some feel that the 'brain drain' is actually a load of cods wallop. While taxes in higher brackets are less than NZ's, the cost of living is much higher in Aussie. Another issue facing policy makers is the fact that less than 60% of people entering degree courses actually come out the other side with the degree. This has reached crisis point according to international education analysis.

One issue worth considering amongst all this doom and gloom is that a OECD education report is actually quite glowing about New Zealand's education system. While it accepts that student support (loans, allowances, scholarships) could be more generous, the education system is progressive, diverse and forward focused. This may be the reason why both Labour and National appear to not want to make any significant changes.

Labour has been in power for nine years. In its time it has introduced interest free loans, established the TEC and powered along with Fee Maxima (which limits the increase of fees to 5%, with quite a few exceptions). Labour has increased Student Loan draw down rates by an inconsequential \$5 and

made accommodation allowance alterations. Students can now also earn \$180 per week, up from \$135, before it impacts any student support. The parental income threshold has also been increased by 30% since 2005 allowing more students to receive an allowance. Since 2006, 10% more students receive an allowance taking the total to a paltry 37%. The age of economic independence from parents is now 24 rather than 25. This is all really just keeping the status quo. It is minor tinkering which pays lip-service to voters. There are no grand schemes to alleviate student debt. Labour seems happy to let students stay poor. It is instead focusing on the role of education in the grander scheme of things such as supplying industry with suitable workers. Pete Hodgson has even said that loan draw-down rates were never meant to be the sole source in student income. Much emphasis is placed on parental support through study. But this support is not forthcoming.

Heir apparent National does not want to rock the education boat. Dr Paul Hutchison National Party Spokesperson For Tertiary Education was quoted on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July as saying "At this stage of the electoral cycle, we have not committed to final policy. My own view is that, large gains are unlikely to come from further major structural reforms, and an incoming National government's task would be to simplify government monitoring of tertiary education and apply effective and consistent rules." "We will have to see the effect of the new regime and then decide on how it can be improved." At the time of writing, National had made two tertiary policy statements. One was a shameless act of flip-floppines while performing a U-turn on its interest policy on Student Loans - days after it said it wasn't going to. They stated that they will abolish Labours' Fee Maxima, enabling PTE's to increase fees at will. Fee Maxima does have its critics as it is inconsistent. According to an Otago Polytechnic Student Association media release, "(National's) tertiary education policy still advocates the reforms on education made by the last National government that badly failed students and the country." In its last stint in government, Education Minister Lockwood Smith introduced means testing on allowances, reducing those eligible to those over 25 years of age and increased fees as recommended in the Todd Report. National also introduced the Student Loans scheme, meaning that literally overnight the cost of education was shifted to the student and charged at the going market rate. National may be the devil we don't know as opposed to Labour the devil we do know. The minor parties are unlikely to hold any real sway in education policy. They may have some grand schemes and will no doubt partition the Government, whomever it is, but each party has their own axe to grind concerning other issues. National would sacrifice a whole load of TEC bureaucrats and terminate a few seemingly inconsequential papier-mâché courses. Labour has starved students and the Education Sector of decent funding to leave National with any fat to trim. It looks like whomever is elected, students are going to be stuck in ground-hog day.

But do not be disheartened, dear students. To quote a sticker I saw on the side of a filing cabinet on a TV show: "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." Education is not just about students, it plays a crucial role in the future of this country. The most important thing is to get out there and vote as decisions are made by those who turn up.

This article used NZUSA press releases, political party press releases and website material, The OECD Thematic Review of Tertiary Education NZ and various news stories.

## AT A GLANCE

### LABOUR

- Continue doing what they have done: maintain interest free loans, increase amount students that receive and the limit that they can earn, limit fee increases through Fee Maxima, increase parental income thresholds making allowances more accessible, continue TEC reforms making education relevant to industry.

### NATIONAL

- Maintain interest free loans
- Stop Fee Maxima
- Cull beaucrats
- Nothing drastic

### GREEN

- Free education and Universal Allowance
- Detailed plan on how to manage those already in debt (such as write off a year of student loan for every year the person stays in NZ)

### NZ FIRST

- Work towards a Universal Allowance (in 3 years)
- Charge 2% on loans when not studying (as well as inflation)
- Increase fee subsidies
- Create Universities of Technology

### UNITED FUTURE

- Universal Allowance
- Talk a lot, not say much

### ACT

- Tax cuts will enable speedy loan repayments
- "Student Loans are a handout, free money"
- "Labour are controlling TTPs through funding, John Key is scared to lose the election"

### MAORI PARTY

- Free education for all, Student Loans abolished and discounted
- Develop kaupapa (Maori principles) in education

# "THIS BETTER BE A GOOD SAUSAGE"

At most SANITI BBQs it is not uncommon to hear students uttering a phrase that runs along the lines of "This sausage is costing me \$100 so it better be good". Words that not only cause sausage anxiety for SANITI staff and executives but could not be further from the truth. Not only are more and more SANITI BBQs now sponsored by such awesome businesses as ASB and Sealord but SANITI offers students much more than burnt meaty treats. Here is a *brief* run down of what students get for their Association fees:

## ADVOCACY

SANITI is inundated with students wanting representation, advice and support when dealing with problems to do with courses, money and personal issues. On average SANITI deals with 400-500 advocacies per year! Resolutions can be achieved in as little as a day, or take years.

## REPRESENTATION

SANITI is the voice of students. Our President sits on Council, amongst other committees, the highest level of governance at NMIT. Class Reps and the Executive also help represent students.

## DISTANT CAMPUS SUPPORT

SANITI has a staff member dedicated to servicing all of NMITs 15 distant campuses and places of study all over the country.

## EVENTS/PUBLICATIONS

The amount of work behind the scenes running Orientations and Graduations can be quite mind-blowing. It seems that as soon as one event ends, we start planning the next. We see events as being important to building a student culture and putting a bit of fun onto NMIT campuses for students. SANITI this years will be running 2 conferences focussing on student issues. Our magazine printing is paid for by advertising - so thanks advertisers!

## ONE STOP SHOP

We try our best to help students with all kind of everyday, and some not so everyday, issues. We have a free phone, lend out stuff, lost property, newspapers, job vacancies, accommodation info... we have dolled out advice recommending masueses, handed out condoms, all kinds of stuff.

SANITIs fees have also been unchanged for five years. We have one of the lowest in the country. SANITI is also very vocal in keeping fees down - Student Unions helped end interest on student loans which could save every single student thousands of dollars! We run a very tight ship and staff aren't in it for the big bucks - our *total* wage bill is much less than just one salaried staff member of NMIT management.. which is kind of embarrassing...

While the not so humble SANITI sausage may be the most visible thing that SANITI does for students, it is far from the only thing it does.



## CHECK OUT THE SANITI WEBSITE!



SANITI has a great website which contains all the info you need to know about who we are and what we do.

There is also information that will help students out when dealing with Studylink and WINZ.

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## THE SIMULATOR



Marine Studies in Nelson has a brand new tool at their disposal. While it may look and feel a lot like a Playstation game, it is a serious instrument which follows proper industry procedures, as tutor Roger Wincer is clear to point out. But it is plain to see that the Simulator is a whole lot of fun! While the radar equipment and all the other gizmos have been used by students for years, the addition of three 60 inch flat rear-projection screens and visual software has sparked interest. Before VOS was shown the ropes, National Radio had been through for the tour.

The system is one of only three in the country. It has a visual range of 120 degrees and can accommodate up to 60 objects, such as other boats and the like, on radar and 20 on-screen. Detail as small as buoys and lights appear on the visuals which match real-life navigational charts. It has four European harbours programmed into it. Roger is hoping to get some New Zealand harbours in the future.

Almost everything can be controlled to test students' ability, the weather, the characteristics of the boat, day/night. Cameras and microphones means the student can be left alone. The atmosphere and equipment produce a very realistic experience.

While VOS was being given the tour, Roger got distracted and ran aground. Unfortunately, we were in the direct path of a fully laden cargo ship that was on a set course. While the Simulator only passes through objects when there is a collision, the sight of a cargo ship bearing down on you is quite impressive.

The system has had its fair share of teething problems. Roger points out that Adri Noordover and the IT staff and Roger himself have put a lot of work into getting it up and going. The Simulator, or Stimulator as some Marine Studies staff apparently call it, is a fantastic addition and has enabled more certificates to be offered at an international level.

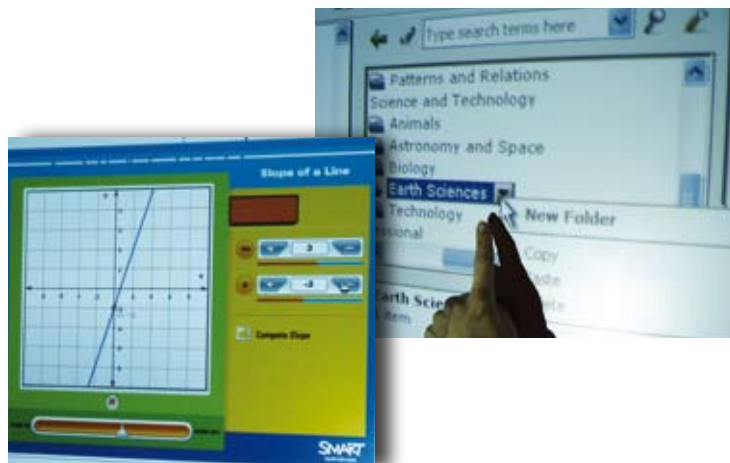


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Monique Day, above, is one of a few tutors at NMIT using a 'Smartboard'. The Marine Studies and Maths tutor is incorporating the Smartboard into her classes. The Smartboard looks like a standard whiteboard with a projector aimed at it. The projector is plugged into a computer. The computer can be manipulated using special pens and even fingers on the Smartboard itself. Images, graphs, movies and text files can be accessed and manipulated for the lesson. The user can write over the images providing answers and notes. A virtual keyboard can be brought up - even handwriting recognition is an option. An 'Airliner' can also be wirelessly connected enabling access to the board so the user doesn't block the projection.

As computers are used more and more in the classroom and lesson plans written on computer, the Smartboard is an excellent interface between text, tutor and student. In the not so distant future, it is easy to see that a Smartboard will be in every classroom.



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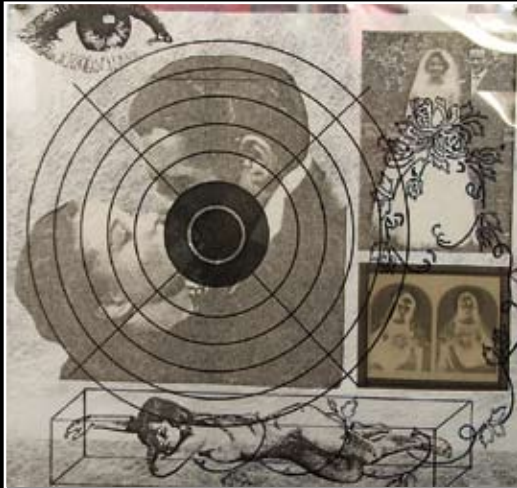
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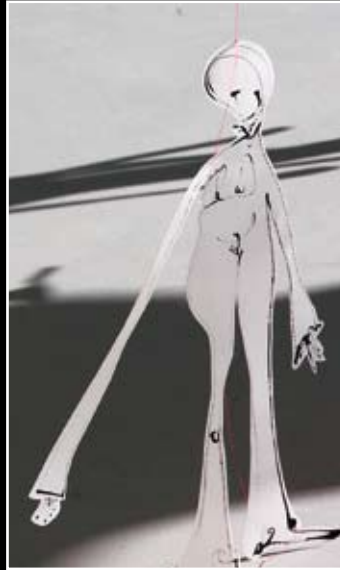
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# BEER!

www.thebarfly.co.nz writer and bar manager Travis Hoani takes us through the history of the glorious brown stuff!

**Beer. You know it. You're familiar with it. I'm pretty sure that you've tried it. Traditionally amber in colour, refreshingly cool and a staple at many a summer barbeque. But how much do you know about beer? I thought for this feature it might be the perfect opportunity to explore beers and the varying styles of brew.**

The earliest record of brewing comes from the Ancient Sumerians, written in cuneiform characters on clay tablets over 6000 years ago. Although it is thought that beer was first brewed in Neolithic times (~10,000 BC), when early man began to harvest cereals and keep them for later consumption. It seems as soon as we started gathering stuff, we had men leaving stuff around that would ferment and men brave enough to consume the remaining residue. It wasn't until Babylonian times that beer was taken seriously and boy was it! The Babylonians record varying uses for their liquid bread:

- A herbal remedy.
- Beer was routinely diagnosed as a medicine for the sick.
- A form of payment.

There are recordings of Temple Site construction workers being paid with a bounty of beer.

- Honouring the gods

The British museum possesses two stone carvings at least 5000 years old, which show beer being offered to the gods. The Babylonians took beer so seriously, that brewers were exempted of military service and King Hammurabi of the first Babylonian dynasty wrote in law that any brewer found guilty of malpractice should be sentenced to death by drowning in their own inferior product.

After the fall of Babylon and other beer favouring civilizations, beers development began to decline. The rise of Greek and Roman empires led to a greater emphasis on wine. The Romans considered beer unworthy of them and described it as the drink of the vanquished, benighted barbarians lost in the northern mist. Such simplistic slights are still around today, but it is my thought that beer has as many subtleties as wine and it is due to a lack of knowledge that beer incurs such slander.

It was not until the middle ages that beer went through its own renaissance. Much of this can be attributed to monks of the era. It was the monks of the late 11th century who introduced hops as their leading additive, replacing a variety of herbs and spices that had previously been used. This was a massive innovation and led to many beers that could be described as predecessors to the modern ale. These monks and casual home brewers began brewing specific styles of ale and during the development of the pilgrimage routes, travellers' preference for a particular convent or monastery contributed greatly to its fame and their individual brews

exerted significant influence.

Beer remained relatively consistent up until the early 19th century with a core group of ales, similar to the English ales served today in English pubs. Ingredients remained essentially consistent and it was in 1516 that William, Prince Elector of Bavaria promulgated his famous purity law –the Rheinheitsgebot. This law obliged brewers to use no ingredients other than barley, water and hops and is still enforced today. It has also helped to preserve Germany's smaller breweries and has contributed to beers integration into German culture. In France it's wine- In Germany it's beer.

As the industrial revolution dawned scientific discoveries and technological progress were used in the process of brewing. The most important of these occurred in 1842 in the Czech town of Pilsen. Beer had traditionally been fermented between 15-20 degrees Celsius, but with a greater method of controlling cooler temperatures the town of Pilsen gave birth to the bottom fermentation process. This required the barley to ferment at temperatures between 7-12 degrees and produced beer with an attractive golden colour. The advent of the modern lager.

So given this brief tutelage of beer history how do you classify them? There seems to be so many styles of beer. Pale ale, Weis, doppel bock, pilsner, lager, stouts, mild ales etc. I asked a friend for his advice on how I should sort and classify them and being a purist he suggested just ales and lagers. Essentially just the top and bottom processes. A bit boring for my liking, so in the interests of education I've decided to create a list based on a number of popular beer varieties.

## Traditional Ale

The British Ale is perhaps the best example of this beer. Cloudy, very little head, low in alcohol and often served at room temperature. Together with Belgian monastery beers, they are the best modern day example of what beer would have been like 300 years ago in the days before bottom fermentation. Ales are traditionally hoppy in taste and have an alcohol content ranging between 3.5-6%. Examples: Newcastle Brown Ale, Speckled Hen, Monteiths Original

## Pale Ale

Pale Ales are straw coloured beers made from lightly roasted malt. Like traditional ales they are distinctly hoppy in taste and low in alcohol content. Pale ales can be sweetened with sugar, but this is not a common practice. These types of beers are a popular choice for many breweries and are consequently some of our most recognizable beers. Examples: Speights, Tui, Little Creatures, Monteiths Golden, Harrington's Gold Lager

## Bitter

A strong tasting beer, that satisfactorily lingers on the palate. The bitter is a beer of true complexity, with strong hop aromas and a spicy bitterness on taste. Colours may vary from a golden yellow to a tawny and alcohol content is often low. Examples: Boddingtons, Sassy Red, Founders Red Head

## Stout and Porter

Stout or the Irish Stout has gained international popularity through the Irish giant Guinness. Traditionally very dry and bitter on the palate. New Zealand stouts are much sweeter than their Irish cousin, with a pronounced hint of chocolate. They are also not quite as opaque as the Stout, with a greater closeness to the Porter in colour and make-up. The difference in Porters and Stouts can be seen when one holds a glass of each to the light. Porters will emit a reddish halo, while a stout remains black.

Examples: Guinness, Mac's Black, Speights Old Dark and Monteiths Black.

## White Beers

These beers are brewed using wheat as well as barley and give white beers their characteristic cloudy appearance. Having a slightly tart taste, white beers are traditionally thirst quenching given their acidic composition. White beers are traditionally brewed in summer and given their relative obscurity in New Zealand, it is suggested that you test your palate on the white beers originating from Europe. Examples: Hoegaarden, Mac's Great White, German Hefeweizen

## Pilsners

Pilsners are by far the most popular style of beer being brewed today and their brands the most recognizable. Invented in 1842 in Pilsen (in case you were skim reading the article) pilsners are often thrown into the lager family and not thought of as an individual style. Admittedly their appearances are very similar, a golden colour with a good size head and a relatively low density, when compared with ales. The subtle difference is in the nose. Pilsners use a fair amount of hops in their brewing and it is due to this, that pilsners have such a distinct aroma. Upon tasting pilsners could often be referred to as bland, but that is due to its stability. They are agreeable to all and upsetting to no one, that Pilsners have conquered the world. Examples: Stella, Heineken, Becks, Monteiths Pilsner, Mac's Hoprock, Steinlager Pure and Budweiser...

## Lagers

As explained in the article, lagers are the family of bottom-fermented beers, so include the likes of the Doppel Bock, Pilsner and Dortmunder. Yet it seems that breweries, through self-choice or public naivety have chosen to nominate certain styles of beer lagers. Although not a fallacy, lagers have been cosigned to being the type of beer one would drink on first introduction. Golden colour and easily palatable, lagers are very simple in design and complexity. Although not a purists first choice an excellent beer to introduce to a novice or enjoy at the cricket.

Examples: Fosters, Miller, Mac's Gold, Monteiths Golden.

**Remember: beer is best enjoyed in moderation.**

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## PRISCILLA: QUEEN OF THE DESERT, THE MUSICAL

There comes in the life of a reviewer, usually one entertainment event that is not unlike Bathurst for Petrol heads or Wimbledon for the tennis mad.

The event I speak of in such reverent tones is in fact Priscilla Queen of the Desert the stage show. Now normally I am not into anything that is basically a re-hash of an original, most notably anything with "on ice" in the title, with perhaps the exception of alcohol.

So I like many other pilgrims nation-wide, I travelled to the lovely and historic Civic Theater in Auckland. And after a cocktail (or two) in a rather cheerful glow-in-the-dark glass, we were ready for the show thanks to the quick booking of my friend in the third front row no less.

I must say that at this stage that I am not actually a fan of musicals, and when the show opened with the song "Downtown" I'm not really sure what I was expecting. Sure costumes, sure catchy tunes, sure lots of laughs and of course more drag Queens, make up and wigs that you can shake a hand bag at.

And naturally I got all of those things, but what I didn't realise was just how much fun it was. There were times when I just laughed out loud and uncontrollably. The scene at the Broken Hill Pub with Shirley, the women wearing the wife beater and mullet is hilarious.

The music came thick and fast. For all those who enjoyed the movie you won't be disappointed, all the old songs are present, as well as an impressive collection of others. Among these "Don't leave me this way", "Colour My World" and "Venus" to name a few.

One of the more memorable (and there were a few) moments was the song "Pop Musik" performed by Cynthia, the ping pong ball loving mail order bride.

During her rather loud exclamations, which I

can only assume is fuelled by a love of the stage, members of the audience were treated or should I say pelted with pink table tennis balls. Fired from somewhere behind said performer (I hope).

What also bears a mention is the amazing stage setup and Priscilla herself. The stage moved in parts, extended and contracted. There were dazzling lights, gloriously coloured sets. The Bus had moving parts, lifts, lights and open sides (for easy viewing) and a host of other tricks. During one part of the performance audiences were showered with paper confetti.

- The wardrobe department cares for over 300 costumes that are used throughout each performance.
- Over 150 pairs of tailor-made shoes are worn by the cast throughout each performance.
- Nearly 200 hats and headdresses are worn by the cast throughout each performance, one of them contains 25 yellow rubber ducks, another 75 butterflies, another a bowl of fruit and a forth an aquarium complete with fish.
- Over 100 wigs are worn by the cast throughout each performance
- 160 masks are worn by the cast throughout each performance; they are made up of 46 designs.
- Each week, there are 80 loads of washing, using 8 litres of washing liquid, requiring 24 hours of ironing and 10 cans of starch. Two people sort costumes almost all day, 6 days per week.
- 60 lipsticks, in 5 different shades, are used each month.
- The cast use up to 5 pots of makeup glitter each week.
- 6 bottles of hair products including shampoo, conditioner and super strong hairspray are used each week.

The only thing I didn't like about this evening was going out into the stinky Auckland weather!



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## MOVIE TICKET WINNER!



SANITI Prez Clare Carron hands Nursing Student Stephanie Rout a double pass to State Cinema 6 after she was one of the six students to win the competition in our last mag!  
Thanks heaps to State Cinema 6!

**STATE CINEMA 6**

# The Anonymous Café Reviewer

This issue I want to look at some of the roastery style cafe's we are blessed with in Nelson. I tried four but if there are others let me know and I will try them as well. There is just something about smelling coffee roast while you are pounding your java that I just love and think everyone should experience.

Now I told you of the first one last issue and that was **Divine Cafe/roastery** in the Wakatu Sq (who pour doubles as standard) you can get a great large latte at \$3.50. Well, at the Rutherford end of Bridge st is **Kush** who roast their own and do a good job of it too. It's a small place and again just coffee and beans for sale here. Again, doubles poured as standard. Though my latte was really very good it was the most expensive at \$4.50 for a large latte to go. They also have a large assortment of single origin roasts from places like Ethiopia, Cuba etc, so you can customise your blends with most roasts at the \$30.00 a kilo price.

Heading out of town now and we have **Sublime** on Haven Road just before the Haven Road Dairy. The only roastery to air roast and I personally like the mellow taste that comes from air roasting. Here, as well, doubles poured as standard (when will the others learn?) with a large latte costing \$4.00. As with the other two previously mentioned cafes, just beans or a good coffee are available (along with the obligatory mini glass

fridge that holds cold drinks). All-in-all, a good place to stop on your way in or out of town.

Last but by no means least, **The Coffee Factory**. Hidden away in the Wakatu Industrial Estate, between Nelson and Richmond is **Pomeroy's Coffee and Tea Company's** roasting facility and cafe. While it might seem hard to find this cafe, it is located at the end of the railway reserve making it the perfect biking or walking destination as you can just trundle safely down the reserve to have great food and wonderful coffee. The restaurant side run by Nigel who used to run the Suter when it was so great, he has definitely done that here too as the food is well priced and delicious. Again double poured as standard with a latte only costing \$3.50, plus the added entertainment of a really big barrel roaster doing it's thing while you wait. Great place to stop if headed out that way.

Now just to finish if a friend is in the Nelson hospital and they asks you to bring them a coffee because they need a really good cuppa don't go and buy it from the hospital cafe!! Get them a coffee they will enjoy (from somewhere else) and they will definitely appreciate it a lot more.

Well that's all from me remember life is too short to drink bad coffee!!

*The Anonymous Cafe Reviewer*



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