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Ans Westra at The Dowse



Renowned NZ photographer and Lower Hutt resident Ans Westra (CNZM)

One of New Zealand's best known social documentary photographers, Ans Westra, who lives in Lower Hutt, has a new exhibition at the Dowse Art Gallery called Time Capsule.

Between 1988 and 1989, photographer Ans Westra undertook a residency with The

Dowse that enabled her to roam the streets of Te Awakairangi between the city centre, Petone and Naenae and take photos to capture a sense of our communities here. Three decades after these images were taken, Ans Westra's photographs are like a time capsule and a beautiful record of how local

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Maungaraki was hit hard by the recent Cyclone Dovi weather system which caused slips, power cuts and transport disruption across the west of the North Island.

High winds felled and several trees were on Dowse Drive and Normandale. Police received several reports of landslips affecting roads and houses in the greater Wellington area.

A large slip which came down across three lanes of SH2 (Western Hutt Road), Korokoro in Lower Hutt, just before 12.30am. The occupants of the house at the top of the slip were evacuated.

Prince Phoenix must take the throne. But who can he trust?

To enter, tell us the name of your favourite book and why you liked it so much. Please send your answers and your name, age and address to views@maungaraki.co.nz. We will advise the winner via email and publish their name next month.



A slip on State Highway 2 near Melling



Korokoro stream overflowing

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people and places both have and haven't changed. Even though our suburbs are still relatively young, these images show us how a history has already accumulated here that contributes to who we are. In 1991, photographs from this residency were exhibited at The Dowse. In Time Capsule: Ans Westra in the Hutt we will be showing some of these images

“In my photographs I have tried to convey the feeling of living in the Hutt Valley...I try to be gentle in my approach and let my subjects guide me into an understanding,”
- Ans Westra.

together again, as well as a new selection focussing on Naenae at Coco Pop Up Community Space and as billboards in the spots they were originally taken.

Ans Westra is a pioneer of documentary photography in New Zealand and one of the very first women to work in this genre here.

Born in Leiden, Holland, in 1936, she completed a Diploma in Textile Arts at Industrieschool voor Meisjes, Rotterdam. Westra immigrated to New Zealand in 1957 and became a self-taught, full-time photographer in the early '60s, shooting to national attention shortly after with images she took of Māori in a School Bulletin publication called Washday at the Pa.

This project has three parts: photos can be seen in at CoCo Pop Up Community Space, Hillary Court, as nine billboards around Naenae, and in an exhibition at The Dowse.

All three parts run from 29 January – 1 May 2022.

To see the prints at Coco Pop Up Community Space, you can visit at these times: Monday: 10am-12pm, Tuesday: 3-5pm, Wednesday: 10am-12pm, Thursday: 3-5pm, Friday: 3-5pm. Maps to find the billboards in Naenae can be picked up from The Dowse. *Story supplied courtesy of The Dowse. Ed.*

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