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Some of the students whose research projects have been published on [www.theprow.org.nz](http://www.theprow.org.nz) (left-right): Holly Dunn, Connie Vining, Laura Della Bosca, Ellen Sharland, Hazel Bowering-Scott, Jasmine Doris.

### Student Research

When Prow project manager, Nicola Harwood, returned from her summer holiday, she found a large package of stories researched and written by Year 12 students from Nelson College for Girls. Ten of these stories are now on the website, as well as stories submitted by other local high school students.

“These are excellent examples of students’ research, and a practical way for students to learn to write and present on the web and to share the information they have discovered. Students have written about subjects which mean something to them, either through family connections or their own interests,” says Nicola.

Girls College Year 12 history teachers, Shelley D’Arcy and Anna Hickman, encouraged their students to research and write articles for The Prow as it fits perfectly with two NCEA Level 2 achievement standards: planning and researching an assignment and communicating and understanding an historical idea.

“Year 12 NCEA history, students have to do a research assignment and, while they select their own subjects, we like them to research local history. We offered those who submitted their assignments electronically, the opportunity to submit their stories to The Prow,” says Celia McKechnie, HOD history.

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## Some Images from Your Stories



<http://www.theprow.org.nz/ernest-rutherford-early-life/>



<http://www.theprow.org.nz/antonio-wett/>



<http://www.theprow.org.nz/lily-robertson-and-the-lighthouse/>

## Sharing ‘Your Stories’

Nearly 40 stories (including 15 from local high school students) have been contributed to the Your Stories section of the Prow. Project Manager, Nicola Harwood says: “This section is beginning to work as we intended -as a vessel for collecting and sharing local stories. We are delighted with the number of stories contributed, and their quality and range. We hope to see more people adding their work to the site themselves - it’s easy - although we are happy to continue to add the stories on behalf of contributors.”

While the Prow endeavours to provide a broad coverage of the top of the South’s key history and heritage stories, it’s impossible to cover them all, so contributed stories about subjects dear to locals’ hearts, such as Queens Gardens, Nelson School of Music, Founders Park, Fairfield House, the Edwin Fox, and the naming of Picton, fill in important gaps.

Other contributed stories include: d’Urville’s Tasman Bay odyssey, the development of Nelson’s fishing industry, shipwrecks, plumbing in Collingwood and the stories of early entrepreneurs and business people, such as the motoring industry’s Vining family and the Tuffnell family (plumbers).

A charming story was written by Lily Robertson (nee Kidson) in 1950, six years before she died, about growing up at the Boulder Bank lighthouse. This story was contributed by a great grand-daughter and is an excellent example of how the Prow enables people to share family stories which can be enjoyed by a wider audience.

People have contributed stories about personalities such as Antonio Wett, Jens Hansen and o te tau ihu’s most famous son- Ernest Rutherford. “Stories of the famous, and the not so famous, all add to the total history of the top of the South,” says Nicola.

To date the majority of ‘Your Stories’ have been contributed from the Nelson region. People from Marlborough and Tasman are encouraged to contribute their family and local history stories to add breadth and depth to Prow stories told about their regions. Check out ‘Adding a Story’ on the top tool bar of the website, or ask for advice from your local library.

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## The Prow's First Year

Feb 15 2009 – Feb 15 2010

Visits: 35,839

Pageviews: 107, 699

Average time on site: 3.02 mins

Returning visitors – 25.85%

Visits from 131 countries: top four countries: NZ, USA, Australia, UK

Most popular theme – People

Most popular stories – with more than 1000 views:

- Maungatapu murders
- Abel Tasman and Maori in Golden Bay
- World of Wearable Art
- Wairau Affray
- The Murchison Earthquake
- Captain Cook at Ship Cove
- Nelson railway
- First game of rugby
- Appo Hocton

## Special Features on The Prow

### Curriculum Objectives

As a new school year begins, teachers and students will find

The Prow is a useful resource as it supports curriculum objectives for many subjects. Check out

<http://www.theprow.org.nz/resources-for-teachers/> where we suggest stories to help meet curriculum objectives.

### Prow Quiz

If your students missed out on doing The Prow quiz last year, we have posted a copy at

<http://www.theprow.org.nz/assets/files/quiz.pdf> . The answers are there, so you might like to download the quiz separately. This is a great computer research skills exercise.

### Top of the South Timeline

You can use the search function to find specific stories, or check out the timeline on the home page:

<http://www.theprow.org.nz/top-of-the-south-timeline/>

## RSS Feeds

Visitors to [www.theprow.org.nz](http://www.theprow.org.nz) will notice a new feature – an opportunity to subscribe to an RSS feed which will notify you when new stories have been uploaded. You can subscribe to an RSS feed for any, or all, of the theme pages (people, events etc).

### Here's how to subscribe to the Prow RSS feeds:



- 1) Go to any theme page and click on the Subscribe button
- 2) There you will find a new page with The Prow stories' headings - Click on the 'Subscribe now' button (Firefox) or 'Subscribe to this feed' (Internet Explorer).
- 3) If you are using Firefox, continue with Subscribe with the Live bookmark (or Subscribe to this field) dialogue window and create a new bookmark accessible from your browser.
- 4) If you are using Internet Explorer, once you have subscribed, the feed will be shown under the Favorites icon. To view your Feeds, move the mouse over any of these Feeds to see if there are any further updates since you last looked.
- 5) If you are using Firefox, subscribing to a RSS Feed creates a new Bookmark which you can check for further updates You can delete any feeds you no longer want by right clicking on them and selecting Delete

As we often add new stories, we have introduced a 'Recently Added Stories' box to the home page, featuring the five latest stories, plus, if you click on RSS Feeds on the right hand side of the Home Page, you will find the 10 most recently uploaded stories, which features both Prow-commissioned stories and those contributed by high school students and members of the public.

## Student research ..... continued from page 1

Shelley D'Arcy enjoyed using the local stories on The Prow as a teaching tool for the Year 12 research project. "From the beginning, they loved going to The Prow and reading the articles. For me the best thing about The Prow was that it gave the girls a starting point and an end product. I was able to show them the format of the stories and how they could produce something similar.

"Those girls who have seen their articles published are quite proud. For some students it might be the start of something more - they can see that they can write something that is not just marked by the teacher, but which other people may also be interested in. It was new last year but it definitely helped motivate students and we will be better prepared this year," says Shelley.

The Prow welcomes input from schools. Students can load their own work onto the site, which is moderated, or we can do this for you. Contact Nicola, [nicola.harwood@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:nicola.harwood@ncc.govt.nz) or phone 5460406 if you would like further information, or if you would like us to run a session for you or your class about writing for and adding to [www.theprow.org.nz](http://www.theprow.org.nz)

### Stop Press

Marlborough schools will soon have an opportunity to add stories of their schools to The Prow. 'The Price of a Good Education' soon to be published in the Society section is an overview of the development of Marlborough's educational institutions- but we know there are many more stories to be told on this subject!



This moggy (above) was caught on the roof of the Tuamarina Dairy factory during the 1983 floods, from <http://www.theprow.org.nz/flooding-on-the-wairau-plain/>

### New stories in the pipeline

- History of fishing in Nelson
- Rod Dixon: Nelson-born athlete
- Aniseed Valley: waterworks and copper
- Nelson cemeteries
- Governance of the Nelson region
- Nelson orphanages
- Newmans and roads
- History of Nelson Library and Institute
- The development of education in Marlborough
- Cultural life in Marlborough

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