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News Briefs

- The Prow is one of three finalists in the LIANZA (Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa) 3M Award for Innovation in Libraries. The 3M Award promotes excellence and innovation in library and information services and is applied to the library team or product which shows an innovative and entrepreneurial approach to their business.

LIANZA members across the country vote for one of the finalists and the award is presented at the LIANZA annual conference in Christchurch on 12-14 October: “Being a finalist in this award is a great opportunity to further increase the profile of The Prow and the stories from our regions to libraries throughout New Zealand,” says Nicola Harwood, Prow project manager.

- The Prow is now one of Digital New Zealand’s official content providers. DigitalNZ (www.digitalnz.org/) is a collaborative initiative led by the [National Library of New Zealand](http://www.nationallibrary.govt.nz/) with the aim of making New Zealand digital content easy to find, share and use. Digital NZ’s search engine now features on The Prow’s home page.
- The Prow keeps growing - to date there are 95 stories from te tau ihu on the website- with more in the pipeline! We have recently added stories on: Ferdinand von Hochstetter, the execution of the Maungatapu Murderers, Wreck of the Queen Bee, Southern Cross at Woodbourne, Abel Tasman National Park, Dun Mountain Railway, Eileen Duggan, Nelson Pottery, Nelson literary ramble, Te Rauparaha’s account of the Wairau Affray, Jens Hansen and the naming of Picton.

Quiz - voyage through the Prow and win prizes

The first Prow Quiz will be held over a month in October/November- see next page for details. Also get your thinking caps on for The Prow story competition which will be held early in 2010.

First Prow Quiz

It's time to sharpen your wits and website navigation skills with the first ever Prow Quiz. The Quiz will run from 19 October to 13 November with three prize categories: under 12, 12-18 and 18+.

Multiple choice questions will cover Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough subjects and may involve using The Prow's search engine, Google map function or viewing enlarged images on the website.

The quiz will be downloadable from www.theprow.org.nz and available from public libraries throughout the top of the South.

Teachers requiring help should contact: info@theprow.org.nz. The Prow team are happy to talk to you or your class about the site and how to navigate it, or to work with you to use the quiz as a teaching resource in the classroom.

Anyone wanting help to use the website is welcome to ask the information staff at their local Nelson, Marlborough or Tasman libraries. Library staff are happy to help but won't give you the answers! And don't forget top of the South libraries are all part of the Aotearoa People's Network (APN) and offer free computer and internet access.

Correct Quiz entries will go into a prize draw, with winners notified by the end of November.

An example of a question in the quiz may be: There are two domestic pets in the photograph of early German settlers at the Moutere Hotel. Are they:

1. cats
2. guinea pigs
3. dogs
4. goldfish

(hint: the image will need to be enlarged on the website)



Did You Know?

That you can find stories and information on the Prow in four different ways?

- Browse under one of the theme headings – eg People, Events
- Word search – use the search box to enter your keywords
- Geographical search – use the map on the Prow home page. Drag the map, or use the arrow keys to move to the area you want, then use the + symbol to zoom in to street or detailed area level. Click on a flag to open up a story.
- Use the site map – to get an overview of all content

And you can enlarge all the small images in the stories for a more detailed view. Just wait for the page to finish loading and click onto the image.

Different Perspectives of the Wairau Affray

Many of the stories on The Prow are inter-related accounts of people and events in te tau ihu. For example, read The Prow's story on the Wairau Affray, and you will find there are at least 10 related stories on the website. These provide a range of observations and perspectives which provide the modern reader with a multi-faceted story.

On 17 June 1843, two groups of Maori warriors and ill equipped European settlers faced off over the disputed sale and purchase of the Wairau. Between four and nine Maori, and 22 Europeans were killed and the aftermath saw the European settlers frightened and many Maori leave the area.

The main Prow story about the event has been written by Hilary and John Mitchell and includes links to books and articles as well as direct links to observations and discussions in the newspapers of the day on the Papers Past website (<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>).

The Prow features excerpts from Te Rauparaha's account of the affray given on 1 July 1843 to land commissioner, William Spain; and the observations and view points of several European settlers.

Te Rauparaha told how, initially, Maori resisted peacefully and did not want to fight, but ultimately the revenge extracted was for accumulated wrongs.

Gardener John Kidson found himself in the middle of the skirmish and later wrote "...on our side 49 in hall, and half of them never fiered a gun in thare lives I ham sartin shore." Kidson escaped and survived to tell the tale.

But poor John Cotterell, a godly and educated Quaker, did not. Cotterell had great respect for Nelson Maori and was learning the language, until he was also enlisted to go to the Wairau. As a Quaker, he would not bear arms and when he surrendered, he was killed.

You will find that New Zealand Company leader, Arthur Wakefield, realised the invidious position they were in and wanted to turn back but, in the event, lost his life.

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Scene of the Wairau Affray.



Rauparaha- chief of Kapiti and a key part of the Wairau Affray



Captain Arthur Wakefield needed more land for the Nelson Settlers but lost his life in the dispute over the sale of the Wairau.

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John Barnicoat described seeing Te Rauparaha (“the old murderer”) in Nelson in March and later wrote that while he was exasperated with the natives, he found it hard to blame them for the massacre- as it was then called.

The Wairau Affray was the first armed clash between Maori and Pakeha after the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. The various stories featured on The Prow help to bring to life this significant inter-racial event in the history of te tau ihu.

John Kidson’s (right) account of his experiences at the Wairau were published in the Nelson Examiner.



More Prow stories in the pipeline:

- Marlborough’s early pastoralists and the big pastoral runs
- Marlborough’s flax industry
- Wakamarina Gold
- Shipping and trade on the Opawa River
- Nelson’s colonial furniture
- Nelson anniversary day
- Aniseed Valley mines and water supply

Numbers Game

In the Prow’s first six months (15 Feb- 15 Aug) people from about 90 countries have visited the website 16,000 times. Here are some statistics for the site:

- There have been 16,000 visits and 49,524 page views
- 11,695 (or 72.5%) of these have been first time visitors
- People visiting have looked at an average of 3.10 pages per visit, spending an average of 3 mins and 15 seconds on the site.
- Prow visitors have come from 90 countries, including:
 - 7415 from NZ (82%)
 - 793 from Australia
 - 707 from USA
 - 450 from UK
 - 12 from Brazil
 - 4 from Sudan
 - 1 from Columbia
 - 1 from Kazakhstan
- The most popular theme is ‘People’ and the most popular story is the Maungatapu Murders (890 views), followed by Abel Tasman and Maori in Golden Bay (794 views). The most popular ‘Your Story’ is School Daze (191 views)

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