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# Beautiful News

## May 2011

Things are starting to heat up here at Keep New Zealand Beautiful HQ in the lead up to Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week (August 20-27) and all of our Keep New Zealand Beautiful Local Committees are gearing up to get the country looking fantastic for the eyes of the world on little old Aotearoa in September.

There's plenty of opportunity for you to get involved wherever you are so keep informed with what we're up to and get on board!

Kind regards



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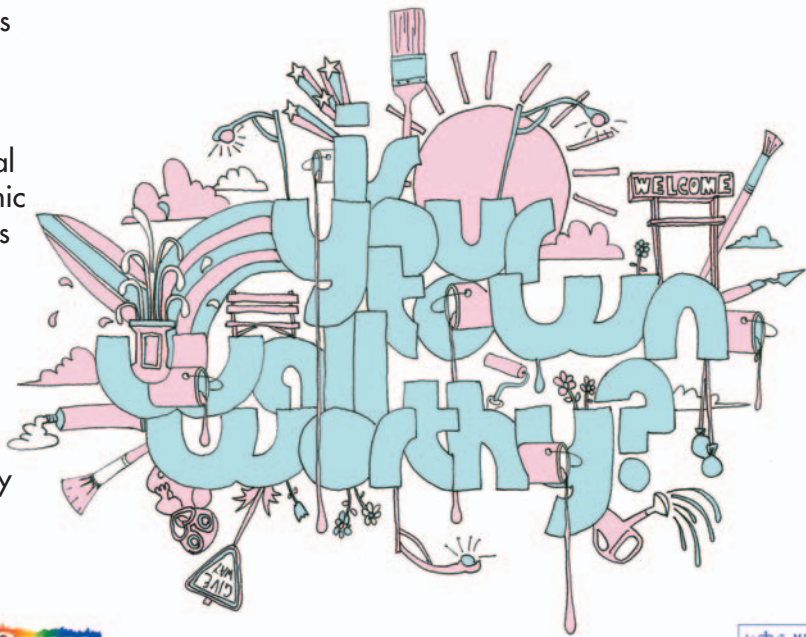


# Is your Town or City "Wall Worthy?"

To celebrate our second year of Painting New Zealand Beautiful, we've teamed up with the Ministry of Justice, Resene Paints and Panasonic again. This year, we've got a great competition for all New Zealand schools asking them to depict stories of what makes their town or city world famous in Aotearoa. They need to submit these stories or designs online at [www.knzb.org.nz](http://www.knzb.org.nz) (a Wall Worthy pop-up page will appear) by July 15 when these will be judged by some very special Kiwi's giving us finalists from each region which will be voted on by you, and then announced during Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week in August. Winners will have their designs brought to life as murals in their community, and we're hoping that will a good amount of entries that will tell us stories of community pride and spirit from all round the country!

Additional to the grand prize of mural creations across the country, Panasonic are giving away some fantastic prizes for interesting, funny and fabulous stories/artworks along the way.

We've got awesome and exciting posters available for download from the Wall Worthy site, which can be coloured in by students and posted by teachers promoting the competition – so spread the word, and get your schools onboard today.



## Membership Heads Up

It's that time of year again, where we ask for your continued support in being a member of Keep New Zealand Beautiful. In 2011, we've got some awesome additions to individual and corporate memberships up our sleeves that we'll introduce to you in June. However let's just say for the time being that you'll be the proudest you've ever been to support Keep New Zealand Beautiful. Ensure your eyes are peeled for our membership renewal pack coming to a mailbox/inbox near you soon!

# Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week

As mentioned earlier, Keep New Zealand Beautiful is quickly approaching and instead of taking place at its usual time of year we're moving it forward before Rugby World Cup so the country is as sparkling as possible when our visitors arrive. Keep an eye out for messages from Keep New Zealand Beautiful and start getting your Clean Up Groups organised now! Last year, over 261,000 Kiwi's took part in cleaning up our country and this year we want to see even more. Registrations will open online in July which will enable you to receive everything you need to get stuck into keeping your own piece of paradise beautiful.

## KNZB AGM

Unfortunately with the recent earthquakes in Christchurch, 2011 Keep New Zealand Beautiful conference and AGM organisers, Keep Christchurch Beautiful have announced they will no longer be able to hold our annual conference in September this year. Fortunately, Keep New Zealand Beautiful will be holding a mini-conference for all members in Auckland where our Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday 3rd of September. All applicable information will be sent to members as details are confirmed however lock this in your diaries now as it would be great to see a large turnout supporting Keep New Zealand Beautiful plans for the future and great to get to know all our Tidy Kiwi's a little more!



# Facebook/Twitter



For all of our techno-savvy followers out there, don't log on to Facebook or Twitter without becoming members of Keep New Zealand Beautiful online! We're so proud to have accumulated an online whanau of over 2,500 people in the last 12 months, and we're relying on you to spread the word even further.

If you're a Facebook fan go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Keep-New-Zealand-Beautiful/> and if you're a Tweeter go to <http://twitter.com/keepnzbeautiful> to stay in touch with the latest, be up for awesome giveaways and to tell us your thoughts!



# Keep Rongotea Beautiful Opens New Community Bus Shelter

Thanks to the hard work of Margaret Giles and Diana Taylor at Keep Rongotea Beautiful the community now has a brand spanking (and suitably sized!) bus shelter right in time for these wet winter months. Fundraising for the shelter took more than 3 or more years but with keen dedication and hardy supporters, they got there in the end. Additional to the dollars and cents needed to buy materials, several locals gave their time in building, concrete laying, etc and assistance was also generously donated from businesses in Rongotea as well as the District Lions Club and the District Council. Keep Rongotea Beautiful is very grateful to have had such generous help, and are sure it will be a very useful structure for the community for years to come.

Councillor John Salmon officially opened the shelter, with Margaret Giles telling a informative story of how it came to be. The original idea came from Keep Marton Beautiful group who built a similar shelter in their community... in this instance; we're fully support of stealing ideas!



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## Volunteer of the Month Steve Wilson



This month's Volunteer of the Month is an amazing volunteer from the Wellington region by the name of Steve Wilson, who lives in Tawa.

Steve has been nominated as our New Zealand Couriers Volunteer of the Month for May by the Tatou Development Trust for all his hard work over the years he has been involved with this group.

Steve has continued to help disabled people have greater fulfilment in their life by opening the Te Rito teaching garden enabling disabled people to have purpose and enjoyment while learning worthwhile life skills. And of course, this is not the only organisation Steve has been involved in – he is also part of Porirua Seed Savers and Te Maara Community Garden group.

Steve has a wonderful large family of five children, with his wife Pauline, and still finds the time to teach kids to swim and has been doing so for 12 years now at the Tawa Swimming club. Steve's passion for gardening came at a young age, when his father gave him a garden plot to care for. Steve trained and worked as a photographer for 28 years before leaving this profession to become the volunteer coordinator for the Tatou Development Trust.

Well done Steve and on behalf of NZ Couriers and Keep New Zealand Beautiful, you are our volunteer for the month of May!

If you know of any other outstanding Tidy Kiwi's like Steve, please feel free to contact the Keep New Zealand Beautiful National Office at [info@knzb.org.nz](mailto:info@knzb.org.nz).  
The Volunteer of the Month receives \$100.00 and sports bag from our sponsors, New Zealand Couriers.

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