

Lion Foundation Hall of Champions Education Resource

The History of Spray Art (Graffiti Art)

Graffiti has been found on uncovered, ancient, Egyptian monuments and graffiti was even preserved on the walls in Pompeii. In fact, the word 'graffiti' comes from the Latin word 'grafficar' which signifies drawings, scribbles or messages on a surface. In present day, graffiti is any marking on private or public property that is usually considered to be vandalism.

Modern graffiti ART originated in New York City in the late 1960's and it has been developing ever since. This art form began when teens used permanent markers to tag or write their names. The advent of the spray-paint allowed for the tag to develop in size and colour. The modern production of graffiti art includes established techniques and styles.

Spray Art vs. tagging

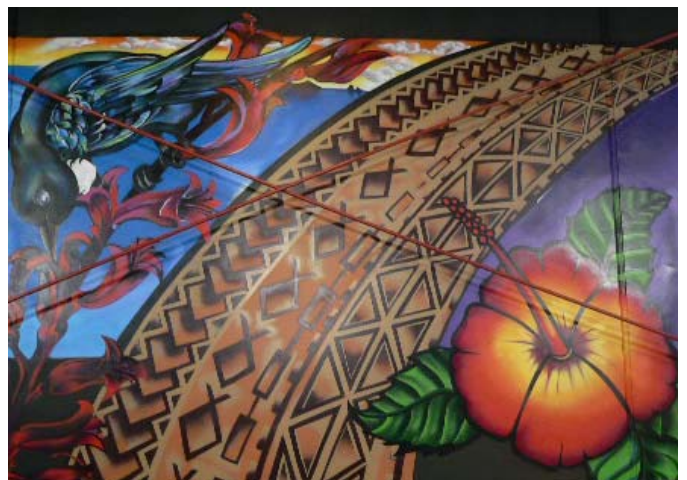
Tagging is ...

- markings put on other peoples property without permission
- vandalism and you can be prosecuted and given heavy fines for tagging.
- not produced for artistic purposes.
- basically a basic means to indicate the writer's presence - "I was here."



Spray Art ...

- is not a spontaneous activity like tagging in the form of fancy scribble.
- involves a great deal of imagination, planning, and effort.
- has the function of not only communicating to others, but it also beautifies the community.
- is art like any other work that might be found in a gallery or a museum.



To find out more on how you can help to stop tagging in your neighbourhood
log onto www.beautifulmanukau.org.nz



Mural Celebrates Champions

TelstraClear Pacific has commissioned a graffiti art mural for its Lion Foundation Hall of Champions. This has been made possible by the generous support of the Lion Foundation.

The mural will be designed and painted by legendary graffiti artists Otis Frizzell and Dan Tippet and it's theme is a celebration of excellence and achievement in the Counties-Manukau area.

Five locals from Counties-Manukau are the winners of a competition to help design the mural.

The Winners are

- Kevin Dong (9) Pakuranga
- Lorraine Henderson (14) Tuakau
- Jayson Mokotupu (36) Otara
- Jason Pocklington (16) Howick
- Isabella Shin (15) Howick

The mural will feature some of the greatest sporting, business and community champions that this region has produced.

Barbara Kendall

Barbara Kendall was born in Papakura and is one of New Zealand's favourite sporting personalities. She won Olympic Gold in Barcelona 1992, Olympic Silver in Atlanta 1996, and Olympic Bronze in Sydney 2000. In 1992 she was awarded a MBE for services to windsurfing.

John Walker

John Walker, a Manurewa local, is a legend in world athletics – being the first man to break 3min 50s for the mile, set a world 2000m record that lasted a decade, and was the first person to run more than 100 sub-four minute miles.

Sir Edmund Hillary

Sir Edmund Hillary was born in and grew up in Tuakau. On May 29, 1953, he and the Nepalese Sherpa, Tenzing Norgay, set foot on the summit of Everest, the highest point on earth. Sir Edmund Hillary continues to devote his energies to environmental causes and to humanitarian efforts on behalf of the Nepalese people.

Jonah Lomu

Jonah Lomu grew up in South Auckland and is regarded as the first superstar of rugby union's professional era. Lomu played 63 tests for the All Blacks, debuting as the youngest ever All Black in 1994. He battled a rare kidney disease for more than a decade and following a successful kidney transplant in 2004, he has made an extraordinary comeback to rugby.

Phil Fuemana (1963 – 2005)

Phil Fuemana is one of the pioneers of the New Zealand hip-hop movement. He was the founder of Urban Pasifika Records, an Otara company which launched young hip-hop, soul and reggae groups - including his younger brother Pauly Fuemana's Otara Millionaires' Club, which made No 1 in eight countries with the hit How Bizarre.

Sir Woolf Fisher (1912-1975)

The late Sir Woolf Fisher, co-founder of Manukau-based technology company Fisher and Paykel, was a passionate supporter of education in New Zealand. In 1960 he founded the Woolf Fisher Trust for the advancement of scientific and general education in New Zealand.

Yvette Corlett

Yvette (Williams) Corlett was New Zealand's first woman Olympic Gold medalist, coming first in the long jump at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. She retired from competitive sport in 1954, but her involvement in sport and the Counties-Manukau community has continued having been a co-founder of the Pakuranga Athletic and Harrier Club and a Patron of the Counties Manukau Sports Foundation and Pakuranga Special Olympics.

Peter 'Possum' Bourne (1956 – 2003)

Peter 'Possum' Bourne was a racing legend and has been dubbed the most successful rally driver in the Southern Hemisphere after winning the Australian Rally seven times from 1996 – 2002. He was also the first rally driver to win all three of the Southern Hemisphere/Pacific region championships. Possum's company, Possum Bourne Motorsport, which is based in Pukekohe, prepares all of the cars for Subaru Rally Team Australia.

David Lange (1942 – 2005)

David Lange was born in Otahuhu, Auckland and is one of New Zealand's best remembered Prime Ministers. Known for his cutting wit and eloquence, Lange represented Mangere until his retirement from politics. As minister of foreign affairs he had responsibility for the evolution of New Zealand's nuclear free policy, which is his lasting legacy.