

Porirua's BIG DAY ART

Porirua's first **BIG DAY ART** is being planned for Saturday 6 December.

The concepts underlying this major event have been developed by the Porirua Community Arts Council as a drawing together of three separate impulses.

First, it is designed to fill a gap in the provision of opportunities to promote the work of locally based visual artists. For many years, the Festival of the Elements on Waitangi Day has showcased the talents of our performing artists and groups but there has been no equivalent opportunity for those who work in the visual arts.

Secondly, the city's major new facility, the Te Rauparaha Arena, will open soon, and **BIG DAY ART** will be an opportunity to experience it as a venue for creativity.

Thirdly, **BIG DAY ART** is designed to be a tribute to the late Helen Smith, a long-term Porirua City Councillor and Arts Councillor who constantly sought to encourage events at the interface between the arts and the community.

Artists normally resident in Porirua City and working in any medium or style are invited to register their interest in being involved in **BIG DAY ART**. They will be able to sell work directly to the public with no commission charges. Registrations of interest should be sent to PCAC at P.O. Box 52011, Titahi Bay and be accompanied by a brief artistic biography and photos of at least two works which they would wish to show.