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Car in fatal hit-run found

By Mike Barrington

Holiday revelry turned to tragedy when a young man died after being struck in a hit-and-run in Dargaville on Friday night.

The dead man was **Tim Joe Honore**, 18, a first-year Massey University design school student and the son of Dennis and Philippa Honore, of Te Kopuru.

The collision happened at the intersection of Parore and Tairāra Sts about 9pm when Mr Honore fell from a small motorcycle after drinking with friends to celebrate university and high school holidays.

Witnesses told *The Northern Advocate* the friends had tried to stop a car travelling west on Parore St, but the male driver had failed to respond to their signals, hit Mr Honore lying on the road at the intersection, continued along Parore St and vanished from view when he turned right into Ranfurly St.

An official from the St John Ambulance communications centre in Auckland said Mr Honore was alive when a Dargaville ambulance, called at 9.10pm, arrived at 9.21pm. The injured teenager was taken to Dargaville Hospital, where he died around 10pm before the arrival of the Northland Electricity rescue helicopter, which had been summoned to take him to Whangarei Hospital.

Whangarei police Sergeant Graham Povey said yesterday the car involved had been located at the Brethren Church in Dargaville about 10.20pm. The driver had called police and said he had left the scene because he had feared for his safety.

Whangarei police Sergeant

Bevan Jones said last night no charges had been laid and police were continuing their inquiries.

Dargaville police handling the investigation could not be contacted by the *Advocate*.

A 16-year-old Dargaville High School student who knew Mr Honore from when he was attending the school last year said about 25 university and high school students had been drinking at a Parore St house to celebrate their holidays.

When about 10 of the group left to walk to a nearby party, Mr Honore had mounted a motorcycle, described by police as a "miniature chopper", driven slowly west along Parore St, wobbled and fallen off at the Tairāra St intersection.

"He was lying there on his back but we didn't think he was hurt," the 16-year-old youth said.

"We saw a car coming and another guy and I ran out into the middle of the road and tried to wave it down, but it didn't stop and ran over Tim."

"I ran after the car, yelling for the driver to stop. As he was turning into Ranfurly St, he called out to tell me, 'I don't want to talk to you', and drove away."

■ **A rugby match scheduled between the Dargaville under-18 team and Horahora at Dargaville on Saturday was cancelled as a mark of respect to Mr Honore, who had represented Northern Wairoa in the Taniwha Cup primary school tournament and played for Dargaville High School.**

Dargaville under-18 coach Colin Macdonald said quite a few of his team had been with Mr Honore on Friday night and there was "no way" they were going to play rugby on Saturday.

Heritage beside the harbour



□ Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage Judith Tizard, front, formally unveils Whangarei's Waka and Wave sculpture yesterday with Whangarei District Council member Kahu Sutherland, left, kaumatua Te Ihi Tito, right, and members of the Hatea Kapa Haka group in the background. — PICTURE / Michael Cunningham

Sculpture celebrates cultural togetherness

By Mike Dinsdale

It's early morning and only the sound of the paddlers aboard the waka *Whanau Moana* pierces the silence around Whangarei Harbour.

The waka has arrived from Taipa, in the Far North, to pay tribute to its latest modern-day contemporary — Whangarei's Waka and Wave sculpture.

After 10 years of planning — and nearly six of work — the \$430,500 sculpture, designed to signify the coming together of two cultures in a new millennium, was formally unveiled yesterday.

Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage Judith Tizard unveiled the sculpture on Hihiaua Reserve, on the banks of Whangarei Harbour, after the artwork was blessed by kaumatua.

Mrs Tizard said it was wonderful to see such a beautiful example of New Zealand's culture and shared heritage.

"Our heritage is the foundation that gives us the courage to stand

up as Maori, as Pakeha, as New Zealanders together.

"The more we know about our heritage the better and stronger those foundations will be," she said.

Whangarei kaumatua Te Ihi Tito also saw the beauty and unity in the sculpture.

"It's an inclusive structure. It's about working together," Mr Tito said.

Whangarei Mayor Pamela Peters said the waka was an important part of Whangarei's past.

She confessed to getting "goosebumps" as *Whanau Moana* cruised up Whangarei Harbour for the unveiling.

The wakatete *Whanau Moana* was built by master carver Hec Busby who was also at yesterday's unveiling.

"It's a very beautiful and iconic sculpture for Whangarei. Art brings soul to a city," Mrs Peters said of the large artwork.

She paid tribute to the many people who made the dream of the waka sculpture become a reality, including Whangarei Art Museum director Scot Pothan and Northland sculptors Chris Booth and Te Warihi Hetaraka, who made the giant piece.

The stone, steel and concrete sculpture cost \$430,500 — \$268,000 coming from ratepayers — to construct and was initiated as a project to mark the new millennium in 2000.

The work takes the form of a stone-faced wakatete (fishing waka) more than 20m long, breaking through a monolithic wave. A six-metre-high archway made from almost 100 tonnes of paradise stone has been placed at the entrance to the reserve.

Other dignitaries at yesterday's unveiling included MPs Shane Jones and Georgina te Heuheu and other kaumatua and kuia.



□ Other waka, seen from the sculpted waka. — PICTURE / Michael Cunningham



□ Joe Conrad, standing, guides the paddlers of the waka *Whanau Moana* in Whangarei Harbour yesterday. — PICTURE / Michael Cunningham

INSIDE TODAY

NATION

Twins' injuries 'no accident'

A medical report has revealed one of the Kahui twins not only had his right thigh broken and was shaken with such force to cause severe head injury, but his skull was also fractured. The report by Starship Hospital paediatrician Silvana Campanella rules out any possibility the injuries were accidental. — Page 5

KAIPARA



Bee Gees tribute

Fans of the Bee Gees will have the chance to experience *Too Much Heaven* at a tribute show at Maungaturoto. — Page 4

ARTSPOT



This picture is by Jessica McDivitt, eight, of Mangakahia School.

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Liar, liar, house on fire

A Japanese teen burned down his home, killing his stepmother and two younger siblings, for fear his parents would find out he had lied about his score on an English test. His parents had been due to attend a meeting with teachers about his exam results that same day. The 16-year-old told police his doctor father had put him under extreme pressure over his academic performance.

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We have lift-off!

□ Northland rally driver Carl Admitt flies over a bridge on Brooks Rd during the Whangarei leg of the New Zealand Rally Championship at the weekend. The third leg of the national rally's six legs was held on metal roads throughout the district and into the Kaipara area from Friday to yesterday. — PICTURE / Iain Whittaker



■ For more on the rally see P9.

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