

Get your Christmas groove on



► Dance group Authentic, well received at last year's Christmas in the Park, is back again this Sunday.

YOU CAN get into the festive groove at Sunday's Christmas in the City concert at the Hope Centre.

Event organiser Richard Te Tau says it's a chance for families to come together and celebrate Christmas in a safe and fun environment. Carols will be performed by the Steve Morrison Band throughout the afternoon, with people encouraged to join in the singing. For the kids there will be a bouncy castle, caterpillar, free balloons, and giveaway sausage sizzle.

The overseas and local talent includes: Chuck Gerard (USA), Steve Aprirana (Australia), Mission Choir, Cadenza, Touch Band, Authentic, Seek

Dance groups and others.

A ticket only concert kicks off inside the Hope Centre from 6 pm featuring the same artists. Limited tickets (free- it's ticketed so the size of crowd can be limited) are available from the Hutt City I-site in Laings Road.

Hope Centre is providing the facilities, plus a multitude of local businesses are supporting, the major ones being Remarkit Solutions Ltd, Hutt City Council, Pak 'n Save (Hutt & Petone)

■ Christmas in the City, Sunday 9 December, 3-5.30 pm, then 6pm concert, Hope Centre, 4 Downer Street, Lower Hutt.



► Steve Aprirana will perform on Sunday.

Waiwhetu debate

■ From page 1. Prior to the local body elections, there was an intensive round of lobbying to get the Ministry to increase its offer.

Peter Glensor, recently elected GWRC's deputy chair, still believes there is room for the Ministry to increase its offer and is planning to meet MFE officials to discuss the issue.

But Mr Ogden says the city council has written to MFE indicating it is prepared to accept the existing offer. The mayor believes that the time has come to make some hard decisions and he doubts the offer will be increased.

Ultimately, he says, the project has to be done, even if MFE will not increase its offer (Waiwhetu is regarded as the most polluted waterway in New Zealand, and flood protection work can't start until the polluted sediment is dealt with).

Waiwhetu flood protection manager John Eyles says he is pushing on with the exploratory work required to begin the clean-up. That work can only be done over summer and will identify if the method proposed to take the

Mission tees are food for thought

THERE WERE more than 80 entries in a competition to design a t-shirt in aid of Wellington City Mission, yet the efforts of three Year 10 students at Sacred Heart College were judged the best.

Li Ling Ng, of the initiative (pronounced "The H Initiative") says the Wellington region's college students were challenged to devise a t-shirt motif exploring the general theme "Food for Thought".

The winners were: Libby McLeod's *Mind over Apple* (1st), Mariah Temploneuvo's *Jiggle* (2nd) and Mikee Sto Domingo's *Cookie Muncher* (3rd). They won store vouchers.

Li Ling says Libby's winning design - a silhouette of a profile with the top of the head missing, showing an apple as the brain - was simple yet strong. "The humour and irony in the design were also appealing," the initiative is to print the apple design in special puff ink in two colours, red for women's tees and green for men's.

The Food for Thought range is the second time that themed t-shirts have been produced by the initiative, with 25% of the \$54.95 sale price going towards the work of the Wellington City Mission. The tees are available from Robyn Mathieson, Fusion Surf Skate and Rex Royale. ■ See theinitiative.co.nz



► CLEVER TO A T: Libby McLeod (left) interpreted the t-shirt design *Food for Thought* theme pretty directly, substituting an apple for a brain, while Mariah Temploneuvo was inspired by her granddad's love of crosswords and puzzles, and took the idea that people can be the missing piece in ensuring City Mission can do its work. At left is Mikee Sto Domingo with her *Cookie Muncher* design.