Maori painter

Ymre Molnar — 26 years old. He is married and has a son. His father is Hungarian and mother, Maori.

Did his first oil painting when he was 10 years old. Was a student at Porirua College for four years and received his SC. Wanted to take UE Art but was discouraged because there was no painting involved. SC was not important to him, but being able to paint in his own way was important.

His first painting when 12 years old was of his uncle Eric Ropiha, and first portrait

when he was 17 years old.

For about two years was living off his art, and for a while found it hard, but it was an experience which helped him to make up his mind. He has had to take on a cleaning job to help him with his finances. He is now 26 years old and has kept his identity as a Maori artist and has not been influenced by other artists.

Hopes to achieve fulltime painting, by using bone carvings for frame work.

Has painted people from all walks of life.





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South Pacific Games

The New Zealand Maori Sports Federation should find out in March if Maori athletes will be able to compete in the four yearly South Pacific Games.

The Federation has already met with Game's organisors and a decision on entry should be made at the March meeting of the South Pacific Games Council.

Maori Sports Federation chairman, Dr Henare Broughton says the aim of the Federation is to encourage Maori participation in sport on the field as well as in administration. He sees participation in the South Pacific Games as a logical extension of this.

He says strongest support for the Federation has come from the Maori Tennis Association and the Maori Golf Association, with helpful advice from the Maori Rugby Union. Other sports represented in the Federation include netball, basketball and volleyball.

Two national Maori sports tournaments have already been held this

summer.

