## Hokianga Historical Society & Museum Summer exhibition 2012/2013

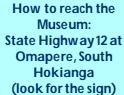
## Soaring over the Hokianga Early Aerial Photographic Views from the 1930's and 40's

Come and view aerial photos taken by historical flying photographer V.C. Browne on display at The Hokianga Historical Society Museum and Archives Centre from 5th December 2012 to end-January 2013

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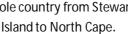
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## The Photographer Victor Carlyle **Browne**

(The Press 17 September 1980, page 45) Born 7 November 1900, North Albertland, New Zealand, died 13 September 1980, Fairhaven Hospital, Christchurch, New Zealand son of Mabel and Samuel George Browne.

Heights and speed have always fascinated Vic Browne, whether it was climbing tall kauri trees as a youngster, or motor cycle racing as a young man. Later he found the ideal outlet for his energies in flying and aerial photography. Born in North Albertland, north of Auckland, he bought his first plate camera while still a schoolboy. His father was a well known sawmiller, and Vic Browne spent a few years in the timber business. In 1925, after his father was drowned [in about 1922 aged 48 years] while logging in a flooded river, he came to Christchurch and was soon indulging his enthusiasm for photography. To get the aerial photographs for the first edition of "New Zealand from the Air", a pioneering publication of its kind, which appeared before World War II, he and Captain A. J. Bradshaw flew over the whole country from Stewart





VC Browne with an old Graphlex camera

The Hokianga Historical Society Museum and Archive Centre, located at Waianga Place, Omapere, South Hokianga has an extensive collection of historical artefacts and documents reflecting the colourful history of the area. The archives contain a large collection of original and copied historical material relating to local people and families and their genealogy, school records, early missionaries, shipping etc. There is also a large collection of maps dating from earliest times.

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