

February Newsletter



Kia Ora Friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020!

We hope you all enjoyed your summer break and are looking forward to a new year and lots of new art opportunities. Have you noticed the new murals that have gone up around town, as part of the [Street Prints Mauao Festival](#) – held between the 9 – 14 January. These new artworks bring more life to the town and brighten some previously drab and dreary spaces. The car park building on Durham Street is definitely looking much more colourful!

Our first events in 2020

The Committee is looking forward to putting together a varied program for all of our Members this year. Starting in February with an evening at Sumer Gallery to view Kelcy Taratoa's newest exhibition, He Kauhanga Tawhiti (see details below).

The [Miles Art Awards](#) are coming in March. The Finalists will be announced and the award presented at the official opening on Friday 13 March. This is the premier event for BOP artists and a great opportunity for us to see a diverse range of art on display. Of course, many of the entrants are Friends, so make sure you come along and support them!

In April, we will have a 'Conversation with Rex Homan'. Rex (and his wife Patti are both Friends) was recently awarded the Te Tohu aroha mō Te Arikini Dame Te Atairangiakaahu 2019. This award recognises exemplary contribution to Ngā Toi Māori. This is a very prestigious award and we congratulate Rex and look forward to hearing more of his story.

Volunteers - another way we can support the Gallery

Our Mission says that: The Friends of the Tauranga Art Gallery are a group of art enthusiasts committed to supporting Tauranga Art Gallery and contributing to its success. Increasingly, the Gallery asks us to source volunteers to assist with events and activities. Recognising this as another way we can contribute to its success, the Committee has decided to create a volunteers group so those who are keen to help are known to us. This will prevent the last minute ring-around which tends to result in a very small group of people being called on time-after-time.

Basically, we'll be creating a list of our members, with different interests and skills who are happy to help out when the need arises. It could be anything from reading books on a family day, hosting at a Gallery opening, or helping out at Art in the Afternoon. Or it could be a more substantial project like a Gallery fundraiser, or even designing a phone membership App!

An email will be going out in the next few weeks and we hope you will respond and let us know if you can help. We look forward to learning more about you!

Friends of the Gallery Committee

Our Committee is changing - Paula Harrison is stepping down. Paula has been on the committee for over 3 years as a fabulous co-ordinator of our Art in the Afternoon and Art Away events. We appreciate Paula's contribution over that time and will miss her energy and enthusiasm! We welcome Dot Forbes to the Committee. Dot has been involved in fund raising in the not-for-profit sector and we look forward to using her skills and experience to help support the Gallery.

Best wishes for 2020 😊

See you at the Gallery.

An evening with Kelcy Taratoa

He Kauhanga Tawhiti



Join Friends of Tauranga Art Gallery, at Sumer Contemporary Art, to view the latest series of new paintings by renowned Tauranga-based artist, Kelcy Taratoa. Taratoa, together with gallerist Dan du Bern, will join with a small group of Friends to talk to his new installation - the inspiration behind this work, his current preoccupation with space, and his desire to make work which is demonstrative of his identity/worldview which he sees as straddling multiple cultural paradigms.

Date: Thursday 27 February 2020

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Sumer, Waihire Lane

Cost: \$5 pp (Friends only event)

RSVP: friends@artgallery.org.nz

 **Friends**
Tauranga Art Gallery
Nga Mata Katarata o Toi Tauranga

Numbers are limited. Bookings essential.

Kelcy Taratoa - He Kauhanga Tawhiti
Sumer Contemporary Art
3 Waihire Lane (located between Wharf & Spring Streets)
25 January - 29 February 2020
Wed-Fri 10am - 3pm & Sat 11am - 2pm
www.sumer.co.nz

UPCOMING EXHIBITION

Matatoki: Mata ā Waka

22 February 2020 – 23 August 2020

[Matatoki: Mata ā Waka](#) is the first exhibition to open Tauranga Art Gallery Toi Tauranga's 2020 programme celebrating Mana Moana – Mana Tauranga.

This exhibition brings together internationally-recognised contemporary Māori carvers who work under the collective 'Matatoki' (meaning 'The blade of the adze, the cutting edge').

Mata ā Waka features works by 16 carvers from around Aotearoa; Dan Couper, Mike Green, Jason Hina, Tracy Keith, Rakei Kingi, Joel Marsters, Charles Paringatai, Thomas Ratima, Hemi Sungren, Kereama Taepa, Lewis Tamihana Gardiner, Ian-Wayne Reihana Grant, Simon Lardelli, Todd Couper, Fayne Robinson and Iwi Le Comte. Iwi Le Comte recently won the 2019 Rotorua Museum Supreme Art Award with his work Te Ipukarea. The theme for this exhibition Mata ā Waka, addresses long traditions of waka carving, te moana, voyaging, waka, vessels, navigation and new forms melding these traditions.

Alongside these contemporary works are taonga tuturu from the Tauranga Heritage

RELATED EVENTS

Exhibition Opening

21 February 2020 from 5.30pm

Tauranga Art Gallery

Artist Talk

22 February 2020 at 2pm

Tauranga Art Gallery



GALLERY EVENTS

CURATOR'S TALK

***Te Rangi Haupapa*: Director Alice Hutchison with co-curator Arpege Taratoa**

Saturday 7 March (time to be confirmed - keep an eye on the Gallery website for details)

Commemorating the 155th anniversary of the Battle of Gate Pa, *Te Rangi Haupapa* – a woven history approaches concepts around colonisation and the aftermath of the land wars in the Bay of Plenty, specifically through a Te Āo Māori lens.

EXHIBITION OPENING

Miles Art Awards

Friday 13 March from 5.30pm

View 40 art works chosen as finalists, many submitted by artists residing in the Bay of Plenty, for Tauranga's premiere art awards. The finalists work will be shown in a curated exhibition, the sixth installment of our biannual awards and exhibition at Tauranga Art Gallery.

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