

# Lysaght Watt gallery

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## New Exhibition - Opening Monday 4 April

JEANETTE VERSTER



SUZAN KOSTANICH

# IT TAKES TWO

4 - 30 APRIL 2022

LYSAGHT WATT GALLERY

6-8 UNION STREET, HÄWERA  
Open: Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm Sat 10am - 1pm

## It Takes Two

*An Exhibition of Art works by Suzan Kostanich and Jeanette Verster*

Two Taranaki artists join forces in an exhibition that explores duality, duos, partnerships and pairings common in life.

Both Jeanette and Suzan are well known as fibre artists that use a range of techniques in their work. Although they work in different styles, they share a love of textiles and an aesthetic that is driven by innovation and an imaginative use of their materials.

The subjects and materiality of this exhibition is sure to delight and engage a wide audience.

### Jeanette Verster

Since leaving the teaching profession, Jeanette has been devoting more time to her personal art practice. Her work has been exhibited widely and she has been the recipient of several awards.

Her works in this exhibition were inspired by the music term "Duet", a work for two players or singers. Here the 'players' are materials or colours and this body of work is based on simple origami folds or pleats. Each work consists of a single piece of folded paper with texture and colour added through paint, weaving or stitch.

The three-dimensional structure of the pieces creates an interplay between form, colour and changing light. As daylight changes the light that crosses each piece causes changing shadows, emphasizing the form and shapes of the planes. Directional artificial light creates bold shadows and lines creating an added layer of interest.

## **Suzan Kostanich**

Suzan has had a lifelong love affair with textiles. Self-taught, she has spent over 40 years exploring various forms of textile work in her spare time. Since moving to Taranaki this exploration has been the main focus of her work. A fortuitous meeting with Jeanette Verster proved to be an inspiring influence on her work and collaborating on this exhibition has been an honour.

Calling upon knowledge gained during her professional life, Suzan explores the nature of the visible and invisible duets, trios and other combinations which fill our lives.

## **Upcoming Exhibition - Opening Monday 2 May**

**Dale Copeland and Carl Fairweather**

*Assemblage Artists*

## **Friends Wall in the Gallery**

A reminder that the Gallery offers wall space to our Friends to showcase their art works for a month at a time (subject to availability with planned exhibitions). Please contact our Curator Liz Harrison 027 774 9219 to discuss.

## **State of the Arts - Autumn 2022**

Here is the link to the Autumn edition of the State of the Arts for your light reading of all arty things happening around Taranaki <<https://www.southtaranaki.com/our-council/publications/state-of-the-arts>>. Enjoy the journeys!

## **Supporting your Gallery**

Keeping our gallery open is no small feat and we rely on income streams from sales commissions, gallery hire, donations and fundraising.

**Yobees Honey has kindly donated** 1 kg jars of Creamy Honey which we are currently raffling for \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets (prize 1 bottle per draw). First draw will be 30 April 2022. Come and see us at the gallery to purchase your tickets.

You may also wish to contribute to your gallery by making a donation or becoming a Friend of the Gallery. Our bank account details are:

South Taranaki Art Gallery and Exhibitions Incorporated (STAGE Inc.)

Lysaght Watt Gallery

Account Number 15 3950 0581260 00

TSB Bank, Hawera

Please record your name in the reference field. A receipt will be issued for all donations.

*Lysaght Watt Gallery | 4-6 Union Street | Hawera 4610*

*Phone: 06 278 7611*

*Opening Hours: 10-4 pm Monday-Friday and 10-1 pm Saturday*

We are open during Red Traffic Light however please wear a mask, sanitise your hands and practice 1 metre physical distancing. Thank you.