

April Newsletter

We hope April finds you well and enjoying the temperature changes and the beauty autumn brings. The gallery has been delighted to host the recent exhibitions presented by Idea Services and Te Whiti. Many visitors have expressed their appreciation as they viewed the art on display. It was lovely to overhear parents educating their children on the significance and use of some of the skilfully created artifacts shown in the Te Whiti exhibition.



Comments from the Visitor book – Te Whiti exhibition

Lovely, Excellent

W'akamiharo me Ataahua

Wonderful artwork

What amazing work you have

Superb presentation of exhibits

Beautiful artisans and skills

Well done, the world of Indigenous arts come at the call of Taranaki

Absolutely stunning

Beautiful – ngā mahi me ngā whakairo o ngā ringa toi –

ahh happy places

'Curator catchup'

The Lysaght Watt Gallery has recently completed a review of our relocation.

Here are some of those reflections

Feedback has been especially positive both in design, space, and location, as well as the diversity of exhibitions

Foot traffic has increased substantially and there is a significant number of out-of-town visitors

The complex is a focal point for the community, and our integration has been one of collaboration and congenial membership

Diversity of use of the gallery space – workshops, poetry evenings, singer-songwriters, carving displays

Opportunity to further use space during exhibitions as a venue for other cultural events

The art presented by Idea Service clients was especially positively commented on and the gallery congratulated for ensuring there is diversity in the gallery exhibitions.

We were especially privileged to have "WHITI" - the renowned Indigenous artists from the Pacific who exhibited have certainly lifted our profile as a gallery of high standard.

EXHIBITIONS

HAWERA ART CLUB PRESENTS

Here and Now

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF SOUTH TARANAKI ARTISTS



7 APRIL - 2 MAY 2026



Hawera Art Club.

The Hawera Art Club's exhibition Here and Now opens in the Lysaght Watt gallery on April 7 at 10am and runs until May 2. This is the club's first exhibition in the new gallery site and it celebrates the art of South Taranaki artists. Working in media that includes watercolour, acrylic and pastel, club members present art that reflects their interpretation of the world around them. Ranging from vibrant colours to more muted shades, this cash and carry exhibition allows purchasers to take their chosen art works home immediately. One member exhibiting is Jennie Purdon who is a keen watercolourist, and her detailed and skilfully rendered work has found homes in many residences around South Taranaki.

The Hawera Art Club was formed in 1969. helps keep you young. The club meets on the first Friday of every month in the Salvation Army Centre on Regent Street Hawera

New members are very welcome. The club holds workshops every Friday and a beginner's watercolour class will be held next term. Contact Secretary Rosie 0273023995.

An Artist profile - Jennie Purdon

Jennie joined the Hawera Art Club a few years before retiring from her career as an architect. Jennie enjoyed the comradeship of fellow enthusiasts. Having drawn buildings for 30 years it came natural for Jennie to put them into landscape paintings. She says, "There is a symmetry about buildings. Each have their own character, light falls differently on each side so the challenge is to depict the three dimensions in their particular settings using the building as a focal point." Jennie particularly enjoys using watercolour as it is such an easy medium to carry around and use in many different ways.

WHATS ON

Lysaght Watt Gallery – ‘in rivers’ - A group of Whanganui artists exploring the physical, emotional and metaphorical aspects of flowing water. 4 May to June 27.

Quirky Fox Gallery. “Bubble Distopia” a group show on till the middle of April.

Percy Thompson Gallery Stratford

‘Raindrops on Roses [My favourite things]’ 20 March – 12 April 2026 Stratford Art Society Autumn 2026 Exhibition 17 April – 17 May 2026 Stratford Art Society presents the first of two exhibitions this year.

The Village Gallery Eltham

Turning Point by Heidi Turner, Lisa Lister, Taelor Andreas, Jean Palmer and Janine Frost-Jones in different media, on from 7th April to May 2

Patea Art Gallery is open from 10 am to 2pm, Wednesday to Sunday

NEWSBREAK



2026 LYSAGHT WATT TRUST ART AWARD

Entries Open | 1 April 2026
Entries Close | 30 June 2026
Theme | Open

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Lysaght Watt Gallery | Whare Whakairi Toi



Lysaght Watt Gallery is pleased to advise that after a hiatus of several years, the

Lysaght Watt Trust Art Award (LWTAA) will be on show at our new location in

Te Ramanui o Ruaputahanga, 121 High Street, Hawera

27 September - 23 October 2026.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us at

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or visit

www.lysaghtwattgallery.co.nz.

HAWERA ART CLUB

An **Art Fair** is to be held on June 20 in the Presbyterian Centre, Argyle Street. All artists are invited to participate in this opportunity to exhibit and sell their art. Stands will be \$15 and the fair will run from 10am to 3pm. For more information about the club and exhibitions Ph. secretary Rosie 0273023995.