



The Oracle

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A Message from the chairman, Hans Doevendans

Hello Artists

This Oracle is important!

When your Art HB committee selected the dates for the next exhibition, the decision was based on several criteria such as not clashing with other events and allowing us to extend the exhibition by one day. You read about it in the No 6 Oracle published early November.

As we, the committee, started to work through the planning for the exhibition on the selected dates, we ran into more and more potential issues, directly and indirectly caused by the Easter weekend. There was only one logical solution, and that was to move the 2018 exhibition forward by one week. This decision has been made and the exhibition period will now be from Wednesday 21 March (yes, we are going to open on a Wednesday night, one day earlier than in all previous years) to Sunday 25 March 2018.

This change of dates, and I apologise for any inconvenience caused by it, will allow us to achieve more of the objectives that we have for the 2018 exhibition. The approximate time table and events we are planning now is as follows:

Date	Time	What?
Sunday	18/3/18	1 PM – 4 PM Submission of paintings
Monday	19/3/18	All day Selection and setting up of the exhibition
Tuesday	20/3/18	All day Setting up of the exhibition; possible scholarship
Wednesday	21/3/18 Day	Finalising set-up of the exhibition; possible scholarship
	5.30 PM – 9 PM	Opening night
Thursday	22/3/18	All day Exhibition
	Night	Possible sponsor's night
Friday	23/3/18	All day Exhibition
	Night	Possible sponsor's night
Saturday	24/3/18	All day Exhibition
		Selector's talk
Sunday	25/3/18	All day Exhibition
		All day Workshop
	Midday	Close of silent auction
Monday	9.30 to Noon	Collection of unsold paintings

All other items we announced in the earlier Oracle remain the same:

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- The theme is 'Hawke's Bay captured'
- The categories for paintings are:
 - Land
 - Water
 - People
 - Things That Grow
 - Structures
 - Open
 - Movement
- In addition, there will be two more prize winning categories:
 - Secondary Schools
 - Sculptures
- There will be a prize for each category, including sculptures and Secondary Schools, 'Best in Exhibition', the coveted 'JW Pictures mystery award', the 'People's Choice Award' and the 'Best of the backroom' award.

I am grateful to the committee for making a courageous decision to move the exhibition dates. A number of bookings had already been made. The committee members know that there is extra work to do now but didn't shy back from doing what is right.

You, our artists, can reward the committee by preparing for the exhibition and entering your art. In addition, I would ask all of you if you would be prepared to donate a piece for the Cranford Hospice 'silent auction'. Your donated work is not restricted to categories or Hawke's Bay, it can be anything; e.g. it can have been exhibited before, none of the Art HB rules apply for the donated work. Anything that you are willing to donate will be considered by the committee for the silent auction. Please email winnie@qmacs.co.nz and attach a photo of the work/item that you would like to donate.

For 2018, we are planning:

- A top-quality Hawke's Bay Art Exhibition.
- The event will include a Competition for artists to measure themselves against the best of local art club artists.
- The event will be one day longer, opening on Wednesday night instead of Thursday night. There will be more time for visitors to decide if they would like to Purchase one of your paintings.
- The silent auction will link the Art HB exhibition to a Charitable Contribution, this year again the Cranford Hospice if we can achieve enough donations. People will remember that the local Art Community contributed to such a necessary and worthwhile charity. The local (and visiting) community will start to understand the power of local art and the artistic community.

We plan for Art HB to be the key event in terms of local art. You, our artists, can help us build the event into something for the national calendar; something to plan to visit such as 'the Mission' or the Napier Art Deco weekend. Why can't we be, at some point in the future?

My message to you is: 'Believe!', get on with it, prepare for the exhibition and let us know if you would like to donate something for the charitable auction.

Wishing you all the best

