



The Art Hawke's Bay Oracle

Art Hawke's Bay
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'Bringing together Artists from Clubs & Groups throughout Hawke's Bay
for an Annual Exhibition, Competition & Sale of Work'

All the latest news from Art HB – February 2022

Hello Hawke's Bay artists and friends of Art Hawke's Bay

Welcome to the February 2022 Art HB newsletter. Below is some good news and some sad news on our planning for the 2022 exhibition:

New Naming Right sponsor

We have found a new naming right sponsor: For the next few years, the exhibition will be named the 'Bostock New Zealand annual Art HB exhibition'.

Being a major producer of organic produce, and based largely in Hawke's Bay, Bostock New Zealand has graciously offered sponsorship for the next three years.

Art Hawke's Bay is lucky to be sponsored by prominent Hawke's Bay organisations and will be proud to fly the Bostock flag for the next three years!

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The good news sharply contrasts with the bad news:

The 'Artfully Yours' - 2022 Exhibition has been cancelled

The committee met on Friday 18 February to discuss the 2022 exhibition. Several considerations were tabled:

- The uncertainty surrounding the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of the Corona virus, combined with the uncertainty of government requirements as the infection spreads.
- The average age of our artists gives rise to concerns about vulnerability to the Corona virus.
- Artists have reported underlying health conditions that increase their vulnerability to the virus in all its forms.
- During the start, opening and close of the exhibition, there are high-contact periods, further increasing the risk to our members and others.
- We cannot organise an opening night as we did last year, with limited people allowed to be present at one time (as it is at the moment).
- Some artists have indicated that they are unlikely to enter this year's exhibition considering the risks involved.
- Entries have not started yet. Once entries have started, the committee has to look at refunding entries in case of a cancellation.
- Grant providers have provided grants for the 2022 exhibition, and little of that money has been spent. Considering the reduced money available to grant providers, the committee believes it is Art HB's moral obligation to minimise expenses and repay as much as possible to allow grant providers to continue their good work.
- There is uncertainty about what the government will allow to happen (and what not) during the period of the exhibition.

Considering all of the above, the committee voted to cancel the 2022 Art HB exhibition. This decision has not come lightly. Several members of the committee expressed their frustration at having to vote in favour of cancelling the exhibition when all they want to do is organise the exhibition. We must however face reality. It happened once before (in 2020), a week before the exhibition would open. We got through that one with a grand 2021 exhibition (see photos) and we will get through this one and rise again in 2023!

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Art HB pop-up shop for 2022:

The committee has booked CAN in Napier for the period from 28 October to 10 November to hold a pop-up shop for our artists, this time in Napier. The rules are still to be considered. CAN will take a commission on sales and Art HB pays for the venue. It will be a 'cash and carry' principle.

We have good hopes that this event will take place. The committee will look at ways to promote the event.

Artists contact details:

Art is sometimes asked for contact details of specific artists. Unless we have those details (name, phone, email) and permission to provide these, we cannot provide these details. This means that our artists potentially may miss out on commission work. Art HB asks again for complete contact lists from our art groups, including permission to provide details of artists when asked.

Categories guidelines:

Every year, we get questions about categories and what they include. One of our members has provided the following guidelines:

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- **Land** - the depiction of natural surroundings.
- **Water** - includes the element in any of its forms, e.g. steam, snow or rain, running water or still water.
- **People** - includes portraits, crowd scenes, figures in motion or stationary.
- **Abstract** - does not attempt to accurately portray a visual subject. Instead it uses line, shapes, colours and composition. In this category, we also include semi-abstract art which has an easily recognisable subject but the form is stylised.
- **Art Unlimited** - can include pets, flowers, livestock etc. This is our open category.



Exhibition Screens:

Art HB has been using the display screens for many years now, first in Vidals, then in the Cheval room. With the intention of continuing the exhibition at the Arts Inc. centre in Russell Street, the committee has decided what to do with the screens

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and stands (plinths). The screens and plinths that are not required are donated to interested schools or art groups, possibly with the right of use by Art HB once per year. The screens are approximately 2.4 by 1.2 meters. The older screens and stands could do with a clean and a coat of paint. We have some 20 screens available. Anybody who is interested in some of these screens can contact hans@qmacs.co.nz.

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For those who don't know what Art Hawke's Bay is about:

"Art Hawke's Bay is not an art club. It is a charitable incorporated society that has the purpose of fostering art in Hawke's Bay; the committee organises an annual art exhibition and competition for members of all Hawke's Bay art groups to enter. We are pleased and proud to have been bringing together artists in this way for fifteen years with fourteen exhibitions."

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