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Te Ara Toi
o Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai

**Art Awaits:
Follow The Trail**

19-20 October
2024



Welcome to the 2024 Lower Hutt Art Trail

Lower Hutt is thrilled to host its inaugural Art Trail on the weekend of 19-20 October 2024. This exciting event will feature over 50 artists from across the Lower Hutt region, from Taita to Eastbourne, with the goal of establishing the Art Trail as an annual “Open Studio” tradition.

The trail includes 30 stops, showcasing a wide array of artistic disciplines such as painting, pottery, printmaking, collage, textile arts, weaving, glass art, jewellery, woodwork, metalwork, and mixed media. Visitors will have the unique opportunity to view these works in both artists’ studios and various pop-up sites and galleries throughout the city.

For artists, the Art Trail offers a platform to connect with visitors, display their talents, sell their creations, and highlight the vibrant artistic community in Lower Hutt. For visitors, it is a chance to engage with artists, appreciate their work, and purchase or commission pieces directly from the creators, all while experiencing the rich artistic culture of Lower Hutt.

The event will also feature exhibitions at Hutt Art, The Learning Connexion, and the Petone Depot, with both the Dowse and Hutt Art offering drop-in workshops throughout the weekend.

This catalogue and guide will assist visitors in navigating the trail, detailing the locations of participating artists. The Lower Hutt Art Trail promises to be a vibrant celebration of local talent and a significant cultural event for the community.

Art Awaits: Follow The Trail.

Welcome to the inaugural Lower Hutt Art Trail!

Artists from across Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai will be showcased at artists’ homes and galleries in the city. Lower Hutt is proud of its artistic culture and history. The Hutt Art Trail is a showcase of the best art we have to offer. Art tells important local stories and reminds us all of where we are from. It fosters creativity and inspiration.

For artists, the Art Trail is a chance to show their talent to visitors, to those visiting our city for the Trail, welcome! You get to see the best art Lower Hutt has to offer. And while you are here, make sure you take advantage of all the sights across our city.

Mayor Campbell Barry.

Key to the Guide



Artist in Studio

Single artist in their place of work / studio.



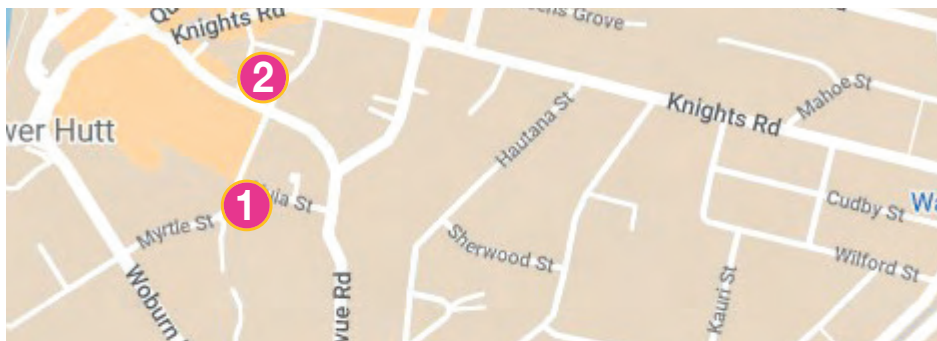
Artist in shared space

Group of artists sharing a space.



Arts Group Space

Creative space of an arts group, open for the trail weekend.



Hutt Art Centre
9–11 Myrtle Street
Hutt Central, Lower Hutt
(Corner of Myrtle & Huia
Streets)

Hutt Art Society

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Hutt Art is an incorporated society, formed over 60 years ago, providing a venue for people of the Hutt Valley to meet, practise and display their art. Based on the corner of Myrtle and Huia street, Hutt Art has groups of many different disciplines which meet regularly to work together, sometimes on their own, sometimes with a tutor. Membership of the society entitles members to participate in any group that is running, from different types of painting techniques to printing, from pottery to porcelain painting, from embroidery to weaving. Hutt Art also runs the Odlin Gallery and the Huia Gallery with fortnightly changing exhibitions.

Various media

www.huttart.co.nz | email: huttartsociety@xtra.co.nz



45 Laings Road,
Hutt Central, Lower Hutt
(Corner of Myrtle Street &
Laings Road)

Dowse Art Museum

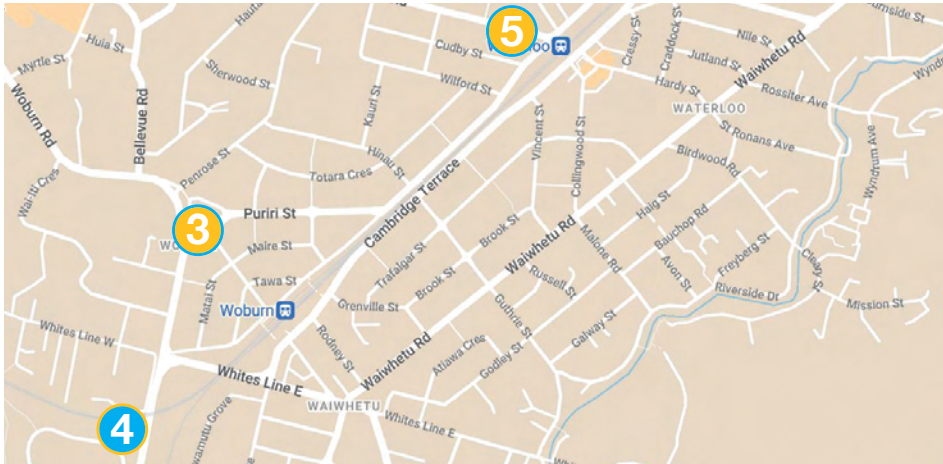
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The Dowse Art Gallery was opened in 1970, and it has been pioneering the presentation of art forms and under-represented artists for more than 50 years. "The Dowse is one those art galleries that people love even if they haven't been for years. It is a warm, welcoming and generous place where we try and foster meaningful and memorable moments for our visitors." (Karl Chitham, Director of the Dowse). The Dowse will be offering drop-in workshops throughout the Art Trail weekend.

Various media

email: enquiries@dowse.org.nz





*Somerford House
42 Ludlam Crescent,
Woburn, Lower Hutt
(Corner of Ludlum Crescent
and Manuka Ave)*

Louise Thomas

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Louise Thomas is a painter, wildlife photographer, and writer. Working primarily in acrylics, her art captures life's fleeting moments with humour and energy. Nature is her inspiration, but she also ventures into portraiture and still life, and explores diverse styles for creative expression. Her work has sold to private collectors from New Zealand, Australia, and the United States. She has exhibited in group exhibitions with the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts and the Odlin Gallery in Lower Hutt. Commissions welcome.

Painter

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*Somerford House, 42 Ludlam
Crescent, Woburn, Lower Hutt
(Corner of Ludlum Crescent
and Manuka Ave)*

Sandy Xavier

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Sandy began her artistic journey with drawing, explored other media, then returned to drawing. Always an Amateur, she revels in both process and outcome. She looks forward to other draw-ers on the trail dropping in for a chat. As a member of the Hutt Art Society and the Library Sketch Club, Sandy continues to explore and evolve her artistic expression.

Illustrator



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Marilyn Moran

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Marilyn's profound connection with animals shines through in her captivating pet portraits, where she captures the essence of her subjects using pen, ink and watercolour. With a portfolio boasting both gallery sales and commissioned pet portraits, Marilyn's dedication to her craft is evident. Her love for animals permeates each piece, inviting viewers to share in the special connection she forges between art and nature. Marilyn is a member of the Hutt Art Society. Commissions welcome.

Animal Artist

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Somerford House, 42 Ludlam Crescent, Woburn, Lower Hutt (Corner of Ludlum Crescent and Manuka Ave)

Michael Haynes

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Michael Haynes, a British illustrator now based in Wellington, New Zealand, is passionate about art and graphic design. Along with his deep-rooted creative interests, he has an obsession for music and film, which often influences the work he produces. Michael prides himself on his linework, stylized comic book aesthetic and a bold use of colour. "I'm constantly learning to develop and refine my imagery". Michael is the brains behind the popular Library Sketch Club at the War Memorial Library in Lower Hutt. Commissions welcome.

Illustrator

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103 Randwick Crescent, Moera, Lower Hutt

Sam Broad

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Sam Broad is a painter, printmaker and sculptor. Well known for running a vibrant picture framing studio in Moera for 20 years, he is reopening his studio for the Hutt Art Trail and offering limited edition prints for sale.

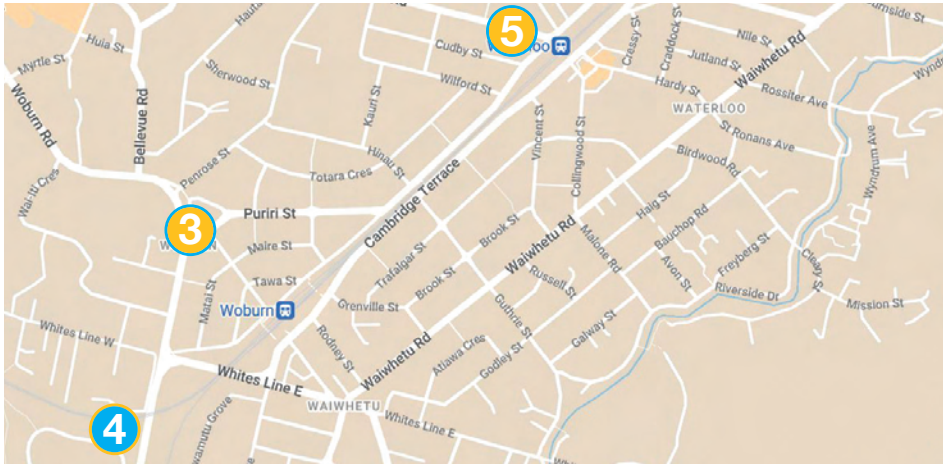
Emily Benefield

Emily Benefield is a self-taught collage artist based in Lower Hutt. She makes colourful, satirical works from vintage magazines and children's books. Using a variety of drawn and photographic images she likes to juxtapose unlikely partners to create fanciful scenes.

Printmaking & Collage artists

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212 Knights Road, Lower Hutt Central

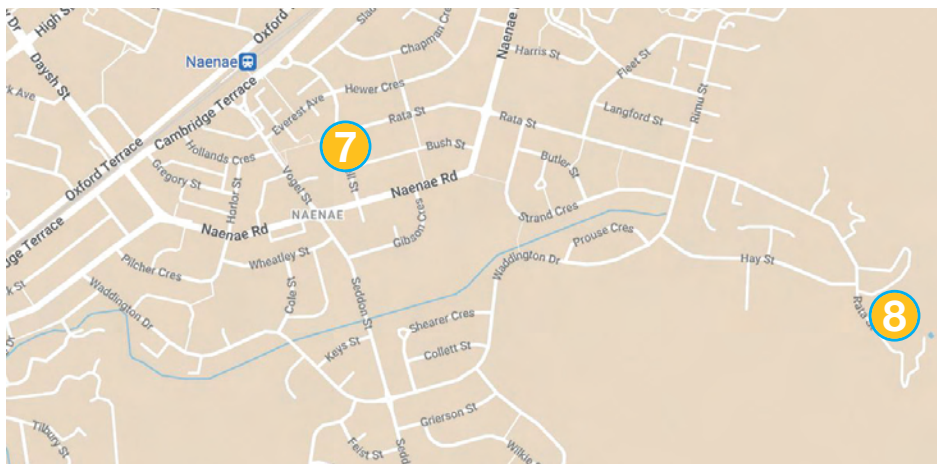
MIX

MIX - Connecting Creating Living supports people who have experienced or are experiencing mental health distress in the Hutt Valley. MIX participants are supported for who they are, to be themselves, and to reach their full potential. MIX offers an inclusive and supportive space that aims to foster self-determination and wellbeing. For the art trail, MIX will be showing a collection of their regular artist's work - mainly painting, and small ceramic sculptural pieces. The artists include Daniel Phillips, Hapi Matika, James Tokie, John Martin, & Amelia Holdaway.

Painters & Ceramicists

www.mix.org.nz





23 Treadwell Street,
Naenae, Lower Hutt

Naenae Menz Shed and Guild of Woodworkers Wellington

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The Naenae Menz Shed, in operation for 12 years, is teaming up with the Guild of Woodworkers Wellington to feature a range of woodwork and metalwork artists from around the Hutt Valley, including toymakers. Works include fine wood working, green woodworking, turning, and carving as well as metalwork. Over 100 people use the purpose built 210 sqm Shed each month, including a number of groups and individuals with disabilities. All are welcome.

Woodworkers

www.gww.org.nz

www.menzshed.org.nz/naenae | email: menzshednaenae@gmail.com



Kereru Studio
Wesley Rātā Village
249 Rata Street, Naenae,
Lower Hutt

Kererū Artists Collective

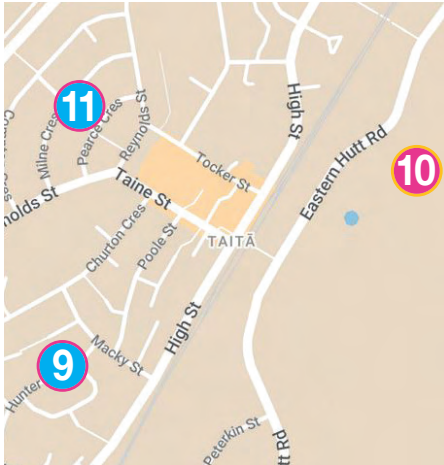
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Kererū Artists Collective: Eric Dyne, Johannes Mueller-Welschof, Dorian Everard, Kat MacBaeth, Chris Parkin, Maisie Chilton, and others. The Kererū Artists Collective are a collective of local artists based at Wesley Rātā Village. They host open art studio sessions and structured classes. This is their first group exhibition. New members welcome!

Various Media

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Simone Michaux

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Simone plays with how she can recreate the beauty of the natural world using recycled textiles.

Textile artist

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25 Hunter Street, Taitā, Lower Hutt. Studio entrance is down at the far end of the garage. Come down the drive and follow the garage to the right. Part of the walk is on the lawn.



The Learning Connexion

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Visit our vibrant campus to explore our art studios and connect with our talented artists. Here, you'll find a dynamic mix of artists, tutors and students, who work with a variety of mediums, each bringing their unique vision to life. Our students engage in a diverse range of disciplines, including printmaking, painting, jewellery, ceramics, photography, life drawing, illustration, mixed media, and hot arts.

182 Eastern Hutt Road, Taitā, Lower Hutt

Various Media

www.tlc.ac.nz



THE LEARNING CONNEXION

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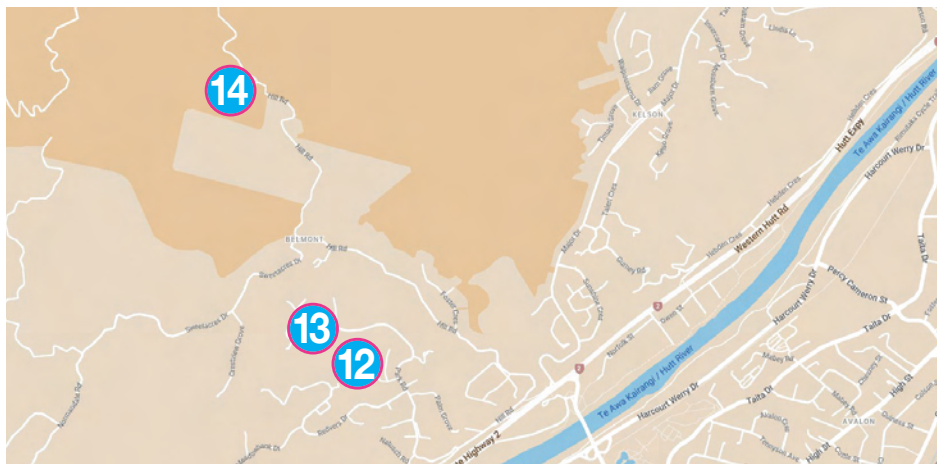
PRINTMAKING

DRAWING

JEWELLERY

MIXED MEDIA





30 Milne Crescent, Taitā,
Lower Hutt

Marci Tackett

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Marci Tackett loves printmaking and in her diverse practice she is now including ceramic and textile works. Colour, pattern and atmosphere are at the heart of her investigation into abstraction.

Printmaker

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15 Renoir Avenue, Belmont,
Lower Hutt

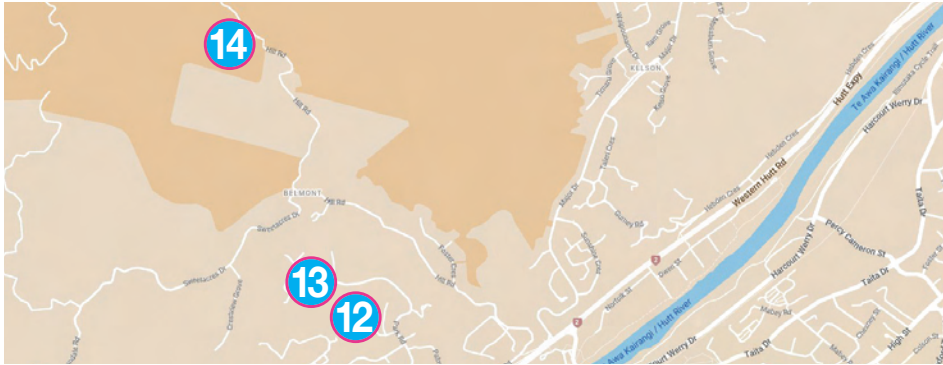
Rachel Janes

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Portraiture and figurative studies feature in Rachel's works. She works in 2D: Oils and pastels, reasonably realistic and some more gestural works; and 3D: Figurative Cast Bronze sculptures. See various stages of bronze casting on display in Rachel's studio. "I have been on my creative journey for five years, and I'm presently halfway through a Diploma of Art & Creativity (Advanced) at The Learning Connexion and have exhibited in a number of galleries in the Wellington region." Rachel is happy to discuss commission works.

Painter & Sculptor

email: nambalanz@gmail.com



167 Park Road, Belmont,
Lower Hutt

Robyn Eastgate-Manning

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Robyn has been a full time artist since 2000 teaching art and working at her own creations. As a keen trumper she is continually inspired by the magnificence of the natural world. "My commitment is to encourage people through my paintings to help protect our environment and maintain it for the future. I notice beauty everywhere, from the city streets to tiny insects, the ocean to leaves on a tree, and the connectedness that exists between them. I believe these connections are the thread of life."

Painter

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Jonathan Campbell

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Jonathan has been sculpting in bronze since 1992, with numerous gallery exhibitions as well as commissions. He sculpts, moulds, casts and engineers all of his own work. "I like to work imaginatively and enjoy the technical challenges the lost wax casting process presents."

Anna Campbell

Anna's pottery is handmade in her Western Hills studio. She creates domestic ware and sculpture, primarily wheel-thrown with simple forms and clean lines. "I use New Zealand clay whenever possible and fire in both electric and gas kilns."

Sculptor and Ceramicist

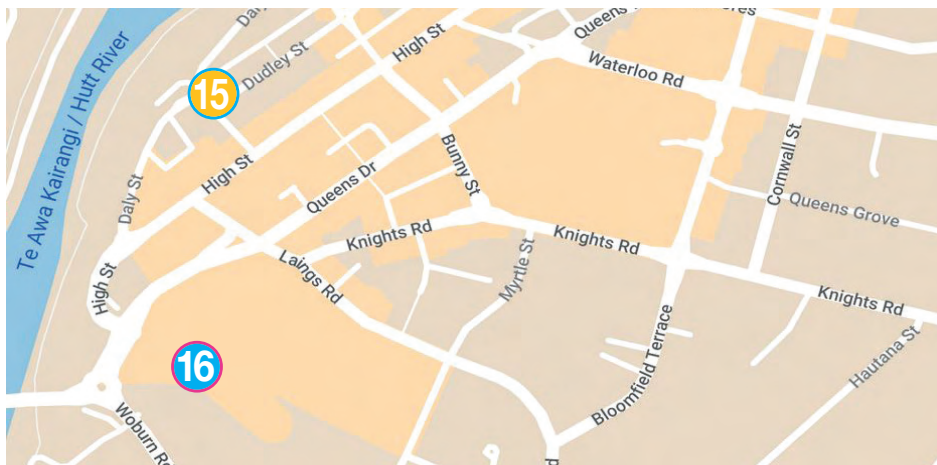


302 Hill Road, Belmont,
Lower Hutt

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Pacifka Hub – Joy Sipeli-Antipas

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Local heritage artist Joy is of Niuean, Samoan, and Hawaiian descent. Her work explores contemporary textiles to honour the art of ie pili Niue, a tradition passed down to her by the matriarchs of her magafaoa family. The studio is accessible through a security gate, which is clearly signposted.

Fibre & textile artist

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Lower Hutt

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Bianca Mar'e-Fletcher

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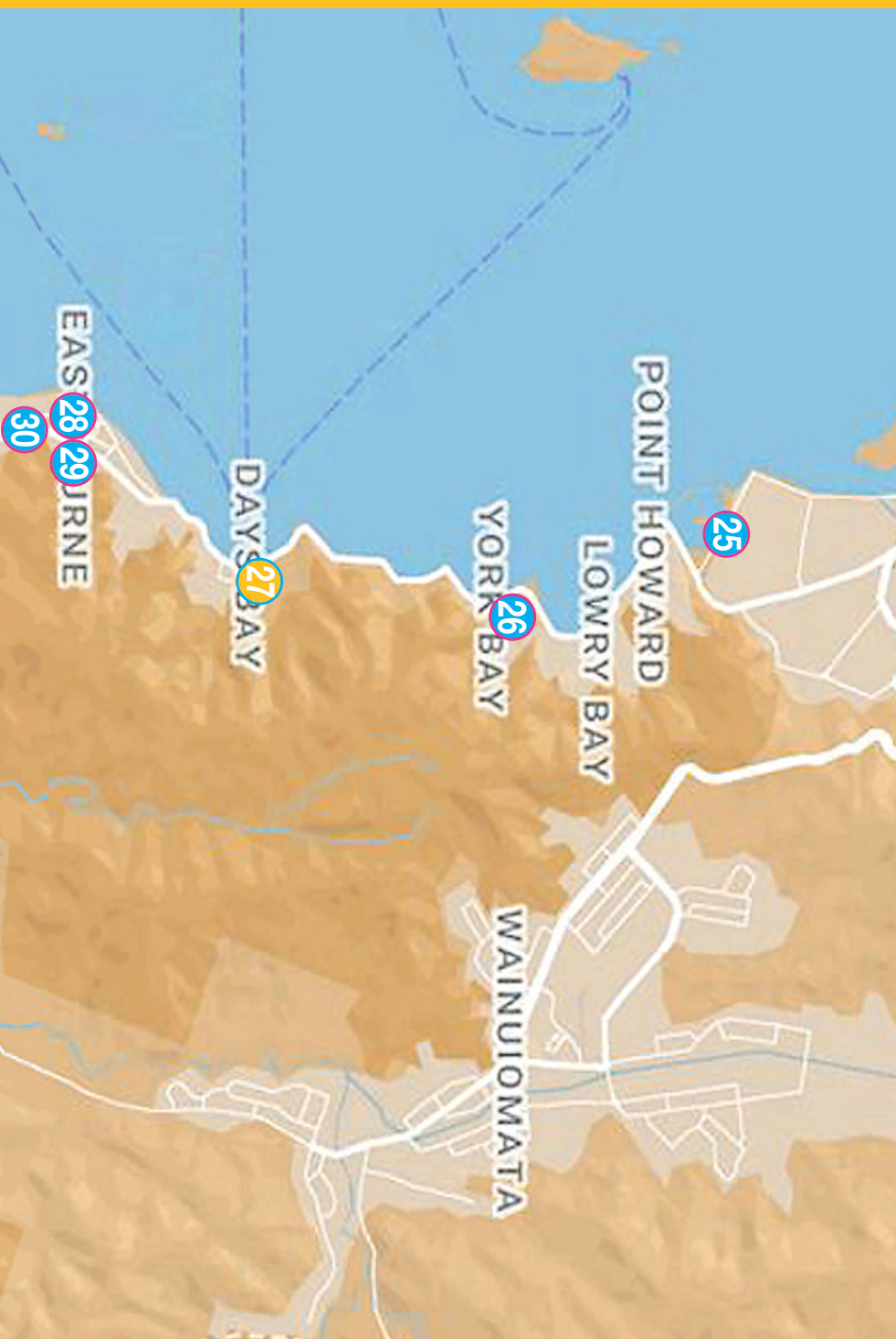
For the past three years, Bianca has been sharing her creative vision through Mare Creates. Her work has evolved from acrylic paintings and original art prints to resin art. Inspired by a therapeutic release, her designs aim to ignite wonder and imagination, reminding us to embrace our inner child. Bianca hopes her creations inspire others to welcome creativity and wonder into their lives, tapping into their limitless potential and embracing their magic.

Mixed Media

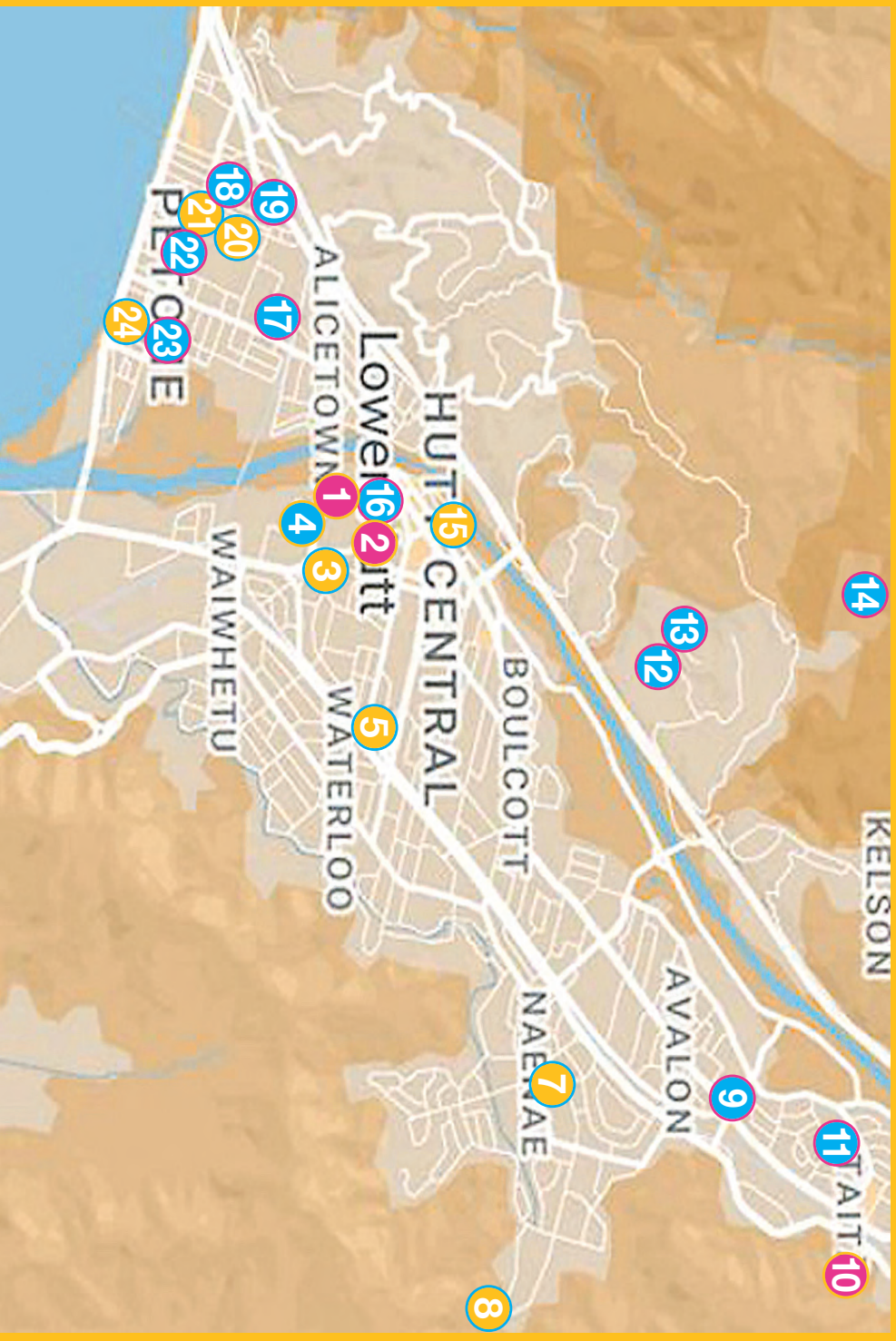
Little Theatre Lobby,
2 Queens Drive, Hutt Central,
Lower Hutt

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Artist Stops





Masina Creative Studio
13/45 Bouverie Street,
Petone, Lower Hutt

Amanda Stowers – Masina Creative 17

Amanda Stowers is the Sāmoan artist behind Masina Creative, her ceramic work inspired by her cultural background. Amanda's pieces often feature hand carved motifs, completed in a freehand style as an homage to the Tatau and Siapo they're inspired by. Her aim is to create a deeper understanding for her culture while allowing others to feel represented by her pieces that are created with purpose and pride.

Ceramicist

www.masinacreative.co.nz



109 Jackson Street, Petone,
Lower Hutt

Ellen Gigenbach 18

As a trained graphic designer Ellen creates colourful prints digitally by layering colourful shapes and hand painted textures. She enjoys applying them onto a variety of products for her store. "If asked where my passion comes from, it's the joy I feel every time I work on a new piece and gorgeous colour combinations appear. They really do make my heart sing! My inspiration comes from our wonderful flora and fauna and the whimsical motifs and colours of mid century art and design."

Digital Artist

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*The Petone Depot
– different artists
8/193 Jackson Street,
Petone, Lower Hutt*

Sophie Gardiner

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Sophie is a qualified artist living and working from Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt. She creates art that focuses on positivity over adversity, important in a world that confronts us daily. Her work is bold and colourful, drawing upon symbology, graffiti, nature, and textiles. One of her favourite symbols is New Zealand's native Black Robin, "who as a survivor of near extinction, reminds me that it is possible to overcome adversity, flourish and grow. I have created my own signature character "Kiko" which means "Hope" in Japanese. She often accompanies my Black Robin in my work."

Painter & Textile Artist

www.sophiegardinerart.com



*The Petone Depot
– different artists
8/193 Jackson Street,
Petone, Lower Hutt*

Mitchell Woods

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Blending traditional comic book art and the experimentation of vibrant colours/mediums to provide a fresh take on storytelling. Anywhere between digital art to making comics from spilt coffee.

Comic Book / Anime Artist

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*Petone Library
7 Britannia Street,
Petone, Lower Hutt*

The Chinese Painting Group

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Lower Hutt based, this group holds weekly sessions open to the community. Tutor, Liu Fang, generously shares her mastery and skills with water colour and ink. Group members all share a passion for the ancient art and symbolism of traditional Chinese painting. From diverse landscapes representing a vast country, through to the subtle details of the blossom and peony - visit, and be transported to a land and culture of contrast and colour.

Painters

email: chinesepaintinggroup@gmail.com



*274 Jackson Street, Petone,
Lower Hutt*

Historic Police Station & Jail

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During the Lower Hutt Art Trail weekend, the Historic Police Station and Old Jail Museum in Petone will transform into a vibrant art gallery, showcasing a diverse array of local talent. Built 116 years ago, this iconic building is not only a piece of Petone's rich heritage but also the headquarters of the Jackson Street Programme (JSP), which has been promoting local culture and heritage since 1993. The Old Jail Museum, previously a lockup, will host a pop-up exhibition curated by renowned gallery owner and artist Alfred Memelink. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the museum and enjoy paintings and prints by local artists, highlighting the community's creativity within this historic space.

Various artworks

info@jacksonstreet.co.nz





*Glaes Design
at Goody Goodness
247 Jackson Street, Petone,
Lower Hutt*

Philippa Hopkins

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Philippa Hopkins is a lampwork artist based in Naenae. Her love of glass began in Bristol. She initially started playing around with making jewellery using lampwork beads, then she stumbled across a studio that offered lessons in how to make them and the rest is history! The things Philippa loves most about working with glass are the vast range of colours available and the smooth, solid weight of the finished bead in her hand.

Lampwork & Jewellery Artist

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*16 William Street, Petone,
Lower Hutt*

Linda Evangaline

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Linda's work uses many forms of printmaking including screen printing, mono type printing, and woodcut. She is inspired by the local area with the sea and bush and clear colours of New Zealand. "I work on paper mostly and have an antique press that I use to make big prints."

Printmaker

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223 The Esplanade, Petone,
Lower Hutt

Alfred Memelink - Artspace Gallery

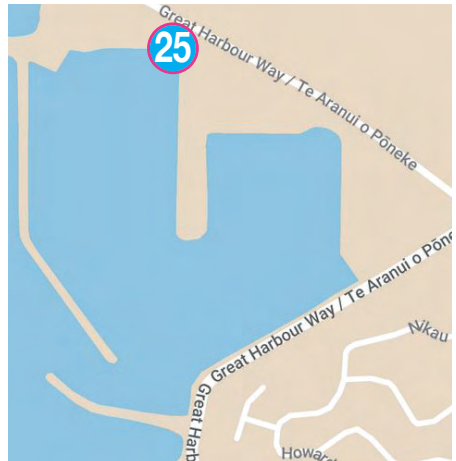
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Alfred is well-known in New Zealand for his watercolour paintings. He is the owner of the Artspace Gallery in Petone. Petone's gallery offers a selection of paintings, prints, and photography of the Wellington region by Alfred Memelink as well as a curated selection of other New Zealand artists. The gallery has a great range of art in all genres and unique New Zealand-made gifts.

Painter

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12b/100 Port Road,
Seaview, Lower Hutt

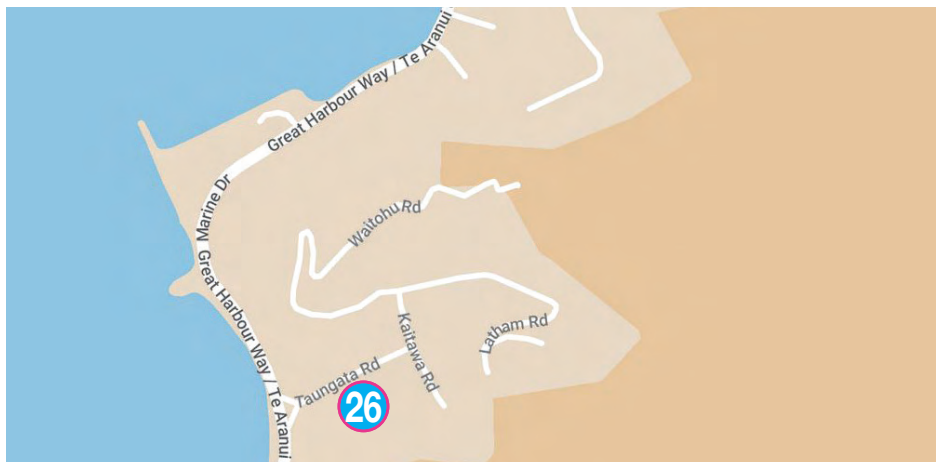
Sarah Albisser Art

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Sarah Albisser's background as a contemporary dancer and choreographer deeply influences her art. Fascinated by movement and self-expression, she has created a decade-long series of black-and-white portraits of female faces. This focus has allowed her to experiment with techniques and materials like pens, acrylics, black perspex, and thread. Her artworks are now held in private collections worldwide.

Painter & mixed media artist

email: art@sarahalbisser.com



Studio Toru
18 Taungata Road,
York Bay, Lower Hutt

Philothea Flynn

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Philothea creates jewellery with pure and sterling silver, also with brass, copper, gold and bronze. Seven years ago, her first silversmithing class got her hooked. Choosing products that are environmentally friendly and aiming to make ethical, sustainable, affordable jewellery is important to her. She describes herself as unashamedly a tool geek who loves trying new techniques and learning, whether it be about the history of jewellery, healing properties in gemstones, or new ways of transforming metals.

Jeweller www.studiotoru.co.nz | www.fionachristeller.com



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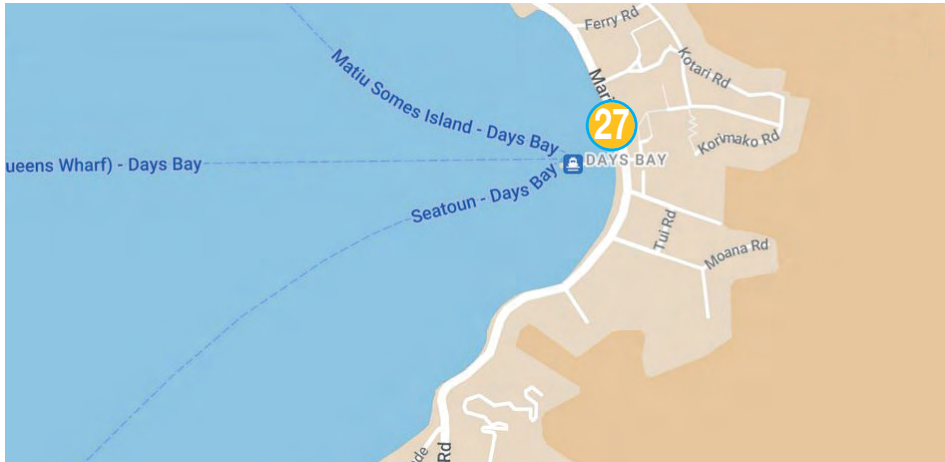
Fiona Christeller

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Fiona Christeller is joining Philothea Flynn at Studio Toru. Fiona creates contemporary jewellery, using a range of materials, including precious and other metals, gemstones, beads, found and recycled objects, and whatever else takes her fancy. Using traditional jewellery techniques to make wearable / art objects, her work is consequently unique, colourful, and exciting. She sells in galleries and design stores nationwide. "Please come and enjoy our work. There will be some surprises."

Jeweller www.studiotoru.co.nz | www.fionachristeller.com





Wellesley College,
611A Marine Drive, Days Bay,
Lower Hutt

Glen Jorna



Glen Jorna, an Australian mixed media artist in Wellington, teaches Visual Art at Wellesley Independent School. He gathers found paper and old posters from Wellington streets, documenting graffiti and textures. In his studio, he meticulously processes these materials, curating them by colour, typography, and imagery. He assembles them into layered compositions, evolving them organically to capture 'the beauty in decay'. Commissions are welcome.

Mixed Media Artist

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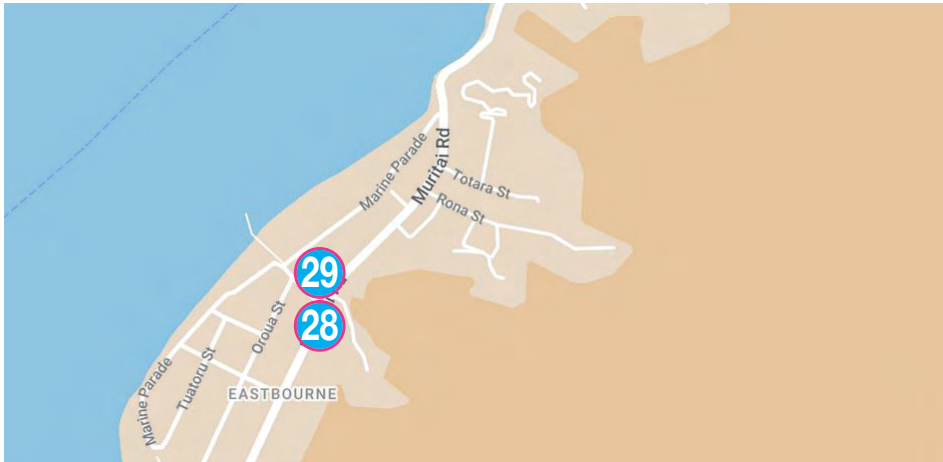
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151 Murrifai Road,
Eastbourne, Lower Hutt

Richard Ponder Studio

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Richard Ponder Studio (previously Rona Gallery) opened on 20 February 2022 and features the works of Richard and Mike Ponder. A professional artist for over forty five years, Richard Ponder is a local artist, living and working in Eastbourne. He's best known for his bold, bright abstract paintings and works featuring New Zealand's natural heritage. His work shows many influences from the impressionism of Monet and Van Gogh to Gerhard Richter's layered paintings, featuring bold strokes and scrapes of colour.

Painter

www.ronagallery.co.nz



2 Rimu Street, Eastbourne,
Lower Hutt

Niki Pennington

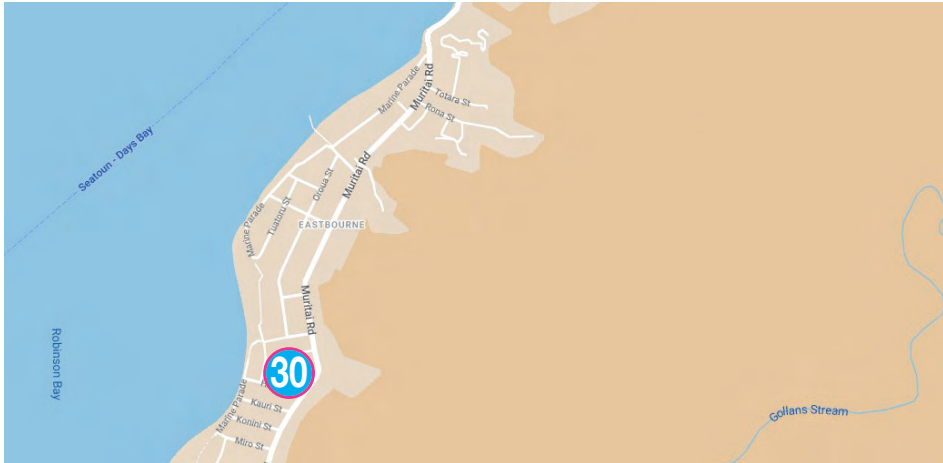
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In 2020, the stars aligned for Eastbourne designer, artist, and resident Niki Pennington. Twin Island Gallery was formed. "It's been a lifelong dream to have a combined Atelier and gallery space," says Niki. The daughter of artist Suzy Pennington and product designer Mark Pennington (of Formway), Niki has creativity baked into her DNA. Before moving to Eastbourne 16 years ago, Niki lived in New York and London and then completed post graduate studies in Switzerland. While working as a creative overseas she always made time for painting and exhibiting.

Painter

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*Kirsty Morison Ceramics
6 Maire Street, Eastbourne,
Lower Hutt*

Kirsty Morison



Kirsty has been a creative professional for over 30 years, working in interior, fabric and graphic design before establishing her pottery studio and workshop in 2017. Her diverse experience has proved invaluable in the multi-disciplinary art of ceramics. Kirsty's work reflects her love of the creative process, drawing inspiration from the patterns, shapes and textures of the natural world and found objects. Every aspect of each design is carefully considered. Particular care being taken with the more subtle, tactile qualities that make using something as simple as an everyday mug feel just right.

Ceramicist

www.kirstymorison.com



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Special thanks to the Silbery Family, long-time supporters of the arts in the Hutt, including the Dowse Art Museum and now the Lower Hutt Art Trail. We deeply appreciate Angie Silbery's ongoing commitment.

We are also grateful to Volpara Health for their sponsorship. Volpara, known for their crucial work in breast imaging, brings a touch of humour to their philanthropy by also supporting conservation efforts for the blue-footed booby, a rare bird from the Galapagos Islands.

Additionally, we thank the Hutt City Council, CreativeNZ, and the Hutt Art Society for their unwavering support in nurturing the creative arts in Lower Hutt. We would also like to thank members of the Hutt Art Society who have made individual donations or helped out in the myriad of ways that people do with a massive project like this.

Thank you all!

The Lower Hutt Art Trail Team

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