



Happy New Year!

The whole trust has been working tirelessly to keep the village running smoothly, we are extremely blessed to be keepers of this most prestigious asset, we take our job seriously yet still have such a great time!

Our newly appointed Gallery Coordinator '**Helen Knaggs**' took over in **December**. You will all enjoy her as coordinator; she is friendly, experienced and an easy communicator. Helen will be at the gallery 2 full days, **Monday and Thursdays**. Helen has asked if all art work could be delivered on either of these days; we are having a tidy up of procedures and efficiency is the key. Of course for special circumstances we can be flexible but Helen would like to meet you all and get the pricing and labeling correct....**so Monday and Thursdays are the drop off days**.

Welcome aboard **Helen**, we are very pleased to have you ☺

We must pass on thanks to **Di Hayes** for overseeing all our funding requirements of late, it needed urgent attention and Di dropped everything and got stuck in. She and **Nell** have been working round the clock to take over the admin side of business. Once we have funding approved (Optimistic as ever) we can employ a second person to do all of this, in the interim these ladies along with our wonderful **Angela Wright and Bob** deserve a big pat on the back!

BIG NEWS The trust decided not to register for GST. Seems we don't qualify for a pot of gold as first thought so we felt it fair to our artists to keep the commission low. Apologies for any inconvenience! *Margins are back to 25% off retail for volunteers and 35% for non volunteers. YAY we all cry!*

The gardens and grounds are looking wonderful, especially after a little rain. **Lynn** has been working hard to keeping everything looking nice, she along with **Karen, Nell, Gerry and Steve** do a great job planning, creating, mowing and tending.....

Jim is our new handy dandy trustee, he has jumped in with both feet getting the volunteer roster rocking☺ anyone wanting to volunteer, give him a call and he can run you through the procedures. It is a pleasure working in the gallery and you can do half days if full days are not possible.

We have a volunteers morning tea planned for **Monday 20th February, 10.30am**. Bring a plate, crate and mate (This is a great time for new people to come on board and learn the ropes)...we will run through new procedures and re visit some old. The trust will also attend to answer any questions...all suggestions are welcome☺

Security was mentioned at the AGM; Jim has started installing the new security cameras, we can't stop everyone but we are doing our best to address this issue.

Note; All contributing artists must sign an 'all care no responsibility form' before any work can be included in the gallery, if you have not done this please ensure you do sign a copy ASAP (You can collect one from Gallery or we can post/ e-mail you one.)Thank you.

I have to say the Eel has been very popular, it is magnificent, a real beast of awe that provokes all sorts of discussion. We have a name the eel competition on till next term, get your thinking caps on and send in your ideas. Well done **Bob, Keith, Sarah and all the members in the community whom contributed to this awesome sculpture!!**

After the busy summer our focus will be finishing the kitchen, continued policy writing for the gallery, funding for an administration position and kick start the Museum planning. We can't receive any items at present but **Helen Mabey and Lynn** will be happy to hear about and catalogue any items you would like to share, donate or include in the museum.

Memberships; We have made two small changes to procedure 1) where possible I will be e-mailing the newsletter from now on, anyone with a new e-mail address please forward to Di Simpson to add to the membership list.

2) We have decided to run membership from AGM to AGM (October) If you join/ed before June \$25, after June \$12.50 till all memberships are in line and due all the same time. Di Simpson has kindly continued doing the memberships for us which is such a big help xx

To conclude I have included a list of all Trustees and our roles, we are more than happy to chat, share and encourage. Please do feel free to contact us we would love to hear from you ☺

From the Trust;
 Many thanks and appreciation, we look forward to a positive 2012!

Michelle Hartley-Scott	Chairperson 09)4290039	General info, complaints, policies, Matariki,
Gerry Downie	Secretary	Correspondence, Museum
Nell Williams	Treasurer	Accounts, artists payments, gardens
Bob Lawson	Deputy Chair	Funding, sculptures
Lynn Cawson	Trustee	Gardens, museum
Helen Mabey	Trustee	Museum, catering
Sarah Harrison	Trustee	Hand prints, policy writing, museum
Jim Robertson	Trustee	Volunteer roster, security
Karen Walker	Trustee	Gardens, policies, batteries
Helen Knaggs	Gallery Coordinator	Artists, workshops and gallery
Di Simpson	Patron	Advisor, update memberships

The colour of the sea can provoke an artist's brush and a poet's tongue; how lucky we are to live on such an inspiring island.

Michelle Hartley-Scott
Chairperson

Hello again we are already full swing into the new year and a happy new year it is, with positive sales and lots of people coming through the gallery. It's been fun getting summer colour schemes in place in the 2 rooms exhibiting works from paintings to carved wood works and even real surf boards the gift shop is also full with pottery, jewellery, soaps, wood work, gift cards, produce and so much more the opportunity is HUGE for gift ideas.

Our 90 days of summer exhibition has a definite SUMMER feel, if only the weather could be more consistent. Our January calendar is now full thanks to all our trusty volunteers, if you are keen to volunteer for a day please call the gallery 4290580 and get the volunteer to put your name down on the calendar. We will be having a volunteer's morning tea for all of the NEWBIES and OLDBIES on the 20th of February 10.30am so bring a plate.

Di Simpson will kindly demonstrate "THE DAY IN A LIFE OF A GALLERY VOLUNTEER", our trust members will also be there if any questions need to be asked We can just have a good chin wag about anything relating to the gallery. This will happen every 2 months as new people come on board or if new information regarding the gallery becomes beneficial for the volunteers.

Just to let you know I am available to talk about any new work that can be displayed in the gallery on Mondays & Thursdays and would love to meet with you on those days. It would be nice to put a face to the name etc. We still have old stock that needs to be taken home, so if yours is one of them please call in to collect as our storage area is limited.

The time Line for EXHIBITIONS in 2012 will be out in the next Barrier Bulletin issue, But I can say that after 90 DAYS OF SUMMER the theme for March's exhibition is "THE BARRIER SHOWN IN BLACK & WHITE (and 1 other artists choice colour), so get your thinking caps on, be inspired, all entries must be in no later than February 28th (if you're not a member, just join for \$25 per year and then you can sell & exhibit your work here).

See you at the Gallery**From Helen Knaggs / Gallery Co-Ordinator**