



WSA Artspost Bulletin - 14th July 2025

To our valued WSA members, clients, and supporters

Last week was an exciting one with openings of NYAA 2025 (National Youth Art Awards), Toiohomai group's 'SUSS4 Investigates Social Fabric', Waiprint's annual Waikato Printmaker's exhibition and PCANZ's 'With Ruth in Mind'.

A great turn out in atrocious weather for the NYAA 2025 Awards evening did not dampen the spirits of the finalists, their supporters and of course, the award winners. We would like to thank our valued judges and sponsors who made this event possible, and congratulate the winners.

NYAA 2025 Judges

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NYAA 2025 Award Winners

- **13-14 years**

- Poppy Beasant: 'Freedom' - First Place Prize 13-14 years
- Angela Yafei Yang: 'Veil of Water' - Merit Award
- Ethan Chen: 'Lisa in Lines' - Faith Thomas Drawing Award
- Jessica Zheng: 'Living in the Same Space' - Sustainability Award

- **15-19 years**

- Poppy Buller: 'Born This Way' - First Place Prize 15-19 years
- Ronald Wang: 'The World is a Makeshift Circus' - Merit Award
- Ava Costello: 'The Yellow Wallpaper' - PICT Award (Performance / Installation / Conceptual / Temporal)
- Penamino Tuia: "O A'U LENEI" - Print Award
- Ruby-May Maddock: 'Hollow Ruin' - Sculpture Award
- Boya Jing: 'Wavy City Shape' - Sustainability Award

20-25 years

- Molly Ratana: 'Kōuma' - First Place Prize 20-25 years
- Sophia Kilgour: 'Discombobulated Spock' - Merit Award
- Stevie Fiske: "Family Portrait" - Photography Award
- Portia Roper: 'Spencer' - Sustainability Award

Overall winner:

Poppy Beasant: 'Freedom'

Winning artwork pictured



Current Exhibitions: on until Saturday, 9th August 2025

1. Toiohomai group - SUSS4 'Investigates Social Fabric'

Connecting issues of gender, ritual and rites of passage, this exhibition visually examines how social expectations shape, constrain and reform identity. The 4th exhibition by this group of artists: Darcell Apelu, Donna Dinsdale, Lynette Fisher, Nicol Sanders-O'Shea and Anne Shirley.

Artists' talks in gallery - Saturday 26th July, 12.30pm. All are welcome.

2. **PCANZ 'With Ruth in Mind'**. Ruth Davey (1923-2023) was the godmother of printmaking at the Waikato Society of Arts, introducing the practice to the WSA School in the 1970s, was also a charter member of PCANZ when it was established in 2000 as CPCANZ. For this exhibition, PCANZ members were invited to submit work inspired by Ruth's prints, some who knew Ruth and her work personally. Additionally there are several of Ruth's works for sale,

proceeds of which go toward the Ruth Davey Merit in Printmaking prize which is given annually at the New Zealand Painting and Printmaking Awards.

Artists talks in gallery - Tuesday 5th August, 12.00pm. All are welcome.

3. **WAIPRINT 2025.** The annual WAIPRINT exhibition presents recent work by Waikato Society of Arts members and includes work by artists in all stages of their exploration of print, from veteran practitioners to newbies in their first or second term of classes. The prints exhibited are original and autographic works - they are made by hand with the artists showcasing a wide variety of techniques & methods of exhibiting.

This year's WAIPRINT Guest Artist is Lorraine Sabini. Lorraine indulges her passion for colour and process. Her exhibition 'Composition de Coller' explores form and texture, expressed through collage and sometimes topped up with fire.

Artists talks in gallery - Tuesday 22nd July, 12.00pm. All are welcome

Waiprint Workshop with Lorraine: Sunday 10th August. Contact Janice Meadows for further information via email: waiprint2025@gmail.com

4. **NYAA 2025.** Celebrating the 15th year of this national art award, this exhibition showcases work from 60 finalists artists aged 13-25, who were selected from more than 390 entrants.

We are thrilled that many works sold on the first weekend. Do call in to see the exceptional works by our NYAA Award winners and finalists, and those of our concurrent exhibitors. *Artspost hours noted at end of newsletter.*



SUSS 4

INVESTIGATES SOCIAL FABRIC

DARCELL APELU
DONNA DINSDALE
LYNETTE FISHER
NICOL SANDERS-O'SHEA
ANNE SHIRLEY

9 JULY – 9 AUGUST 2025
WSA GALLERY, ARTSPOST
120 VICTORIA STREET
KIRIKIRIROA HAMILTON

OPENING EVENT SATURDAY 12 JULY, 1-3PM
ARTIST TALK SATURDAY 26 JULY, 12PM

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Art School: Term 3 starts 21 July 2025

Term 3 re-enrolments are open with places booking up fast. Bookings can be made online: wsa.org.nz

Upcoming exhibition entry dates:

- **WSA Members' Exhibition - Entries close 12th September 2025.**

'Celebrating 90 years of WSA' as an optional theme. Exhibition will run from 18th Sept to 18th October 2025. Further details are available on our website: wsa.org.nz

- **NZ Painting and Printmaking Awards 2026 -**

Entries close 10 December 2025. Awards evening 28 February 2026. We are pleased to announce the judges for NZPPA 2026: James Ormsby is the judge for the Painting prize and Gabrielle Belz for the Print prize. NZPPA 2026 is being aligned again with the Hamilton Garden Arts Festival . Further details can be viewed on our website



Upcoming WSA workshops:

- **Mokuhanga workshop with Sybille Schlumbom:**

20th & 21st September, 10.00am - 4.00pm. Details are on our website and you can secure your space now by booking online at wsa.org.nz under the workshops tab.

Other Waikato Events:

Letterpress workshop - only 2 places left

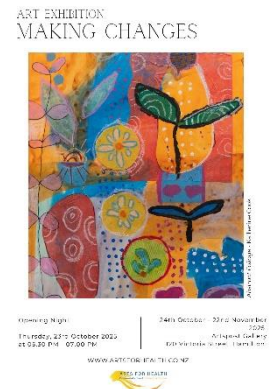
Saturday 19 July 1.30 to 4.30pm with Graham Judd from Inkiana Press. <https://www.inkianapress.co.nz/>. Cost for the afternoon workshop is \$85 which includes a koha for the use of the print room. A limit of 6 people. If you would like to take part or would like more information - **please contact Amanda via email: atalsmaw@live.co.uk**



Arts for Health Art Competition – “*Making Changes*”

This competition is open to absolutely everyone and is Arts for Health’s biggest fundraising event of the year! By entering, people can support community wellbeing through the arts *and* give their own work a chance to shine.

Entries are now open – all the details are at www.artsforhealth.co.nz.



WAIKATO Decorative and Fine Arts Society (Waikato DFAS) presents a lecture by UK based Alice Foster on the works of a group of Scottish impressionist painters called **The Glasgow Boys, on Thursday 17th July at 7.30 pm at The Performing Arts Centre, Southwell School, Peachgrove Rd, Hamilton** (Parking Available).

Come as a guest for only \$25.00 and enjoy a glass of wine, an inspiring lecture, followed by refreshments and social hour. Our programme for 2025 and further details about joining as a member can be found on our website: www.dfaswaikato.org.nz



Gallery & studio spaces for hire: our gallery and studio spaces are available to hire for your corporate or team building event, or for a fun night of art. Please direct enquiries to Julie on **07 839 4484** or email wsa@wsa.org.nz

Sponsorship & donations

Donate to WSA to help keep our unique art school, galleries and shop and more open for Hamiltonians and the wider community. Donate using the koha button at the top of our webpage: wsa.org.nz

Enquire about our new sponsorship packages. Contact Julie on: wsa@wsa.org.nz or phone **07 839 4484**.

Artspost gallery & shop hours:

- Mondays: 9.00am - 5.30pm
- Tues - Fridays: 9.00am - 5pm
- Saturday: 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Sunday: CLOSED
- LAST WEDNESDAY of the month: open until 6.00pm
- Open first Sunday after an opening week of new exhibitions



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benefits include discounts from two of our local cafes:

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