

Tri- annual Reporting to the Great Barrier Local Board, July – October 2016

Report prepared by Ellen (Nell) Williams 3rd November 2016-11-03

Highlights and Achievements

This has been an incredibly busy period with Winter Workshops, Matariki and exhibitions, which make it difficult to choose the highlights.

Despite planes being turned round, dubious weather, and unexpected last minute issues, the Winter Workshops were very successful with nearly 100 students participating. The most popular was Edible weeds, with one session of 20 spaces (!) filling so quickly we had to arrange a second class. The feedback from both participants and tutors has been great, with all the tutors keen to come back again as soon as possible, which speaks volumes for both the experience of running the sessions and the beauty of the Barrier itself.

Matariki celebrations were the largest we have seen at the Gallery, with 120 children performing from all three schools and Playcentre, and over 110 adults in attendance from across the community. The fact that those attending were not just parents or teachers directly involved, but also other community members shows how connected this community is.

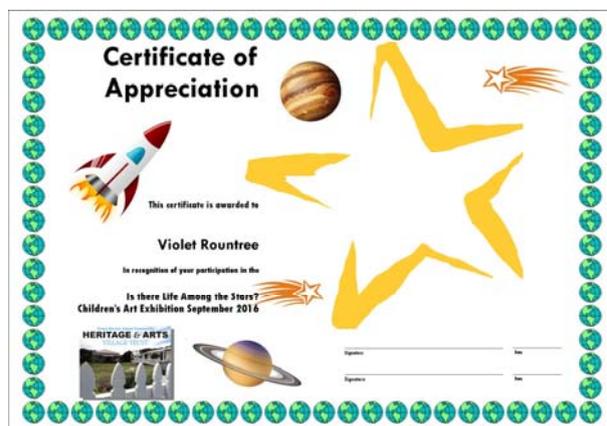
The other highlight for the period was the Kids Art exhibition “Is there Life Among the Stars?” which was run to coincide with the Awana Rural Women event. There were prizes of art materials sponsored by Gendie and Richard Somerville Ryan, and certificates for all those who entered.



A captivated audience at the Upcycled Furniture workshop, with Campbell Imlah



Gendie awarding First Prize to Michaela O'Shea in the Kids Art Exhibition



Events and Exhibitions

Matariki – children’s exhibition 1st-15th July



A few snapshots of the day with a recorded 258 people through the Gallery– 120 children and adults from the whole community.

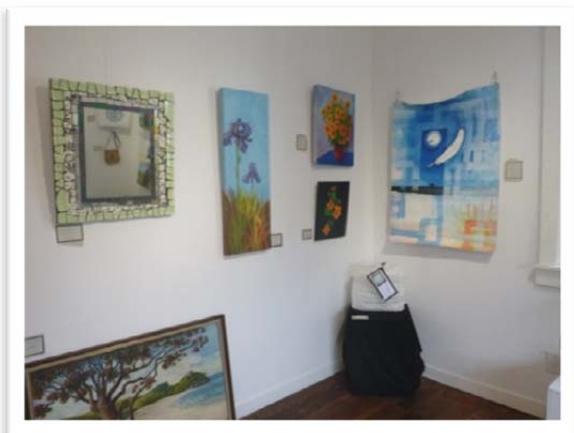
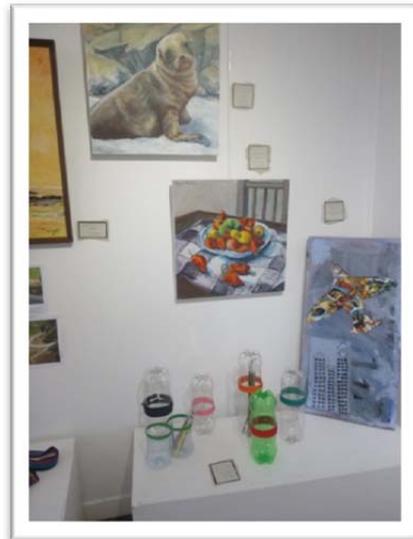
Mark Russell Medlands **Moments** solo exhibition 23rd July – 6th Aug



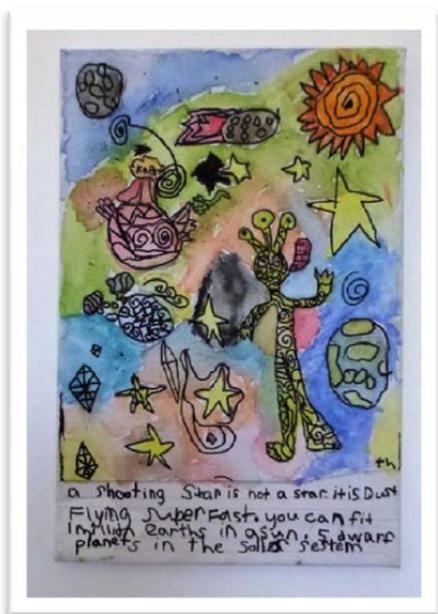
Mel Avery **Passage** Solo exhibition 25th July – 8th Aug



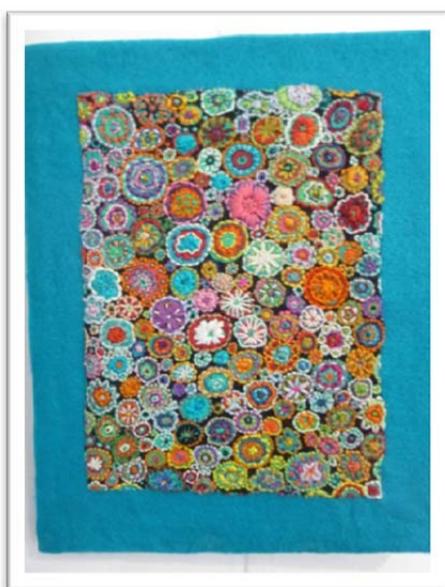
Second Chances- the Art of Recreating members exhibition 8th – 20th August



Kids Exhibition – *Is there Life Among the Stars?* 5th – 24th September



Different Bits and Pieces Bits and Pieces Quilting Group Exhibition 3rd – 15th October



Mystery Book Anniversary members challenge 17th -29th Oct

Karen Walker solo exhibition 31st Oct -12th Nov



Kids Art Club. This ran for 16 sessions over Terms 2 and 3, with 10 children attending each week. Lots of different activities including mosaic fish, pottery, felting, self portraits, embossed pots, a fabulous Kids Art Club sign from recycled bottle tops and more.



Commentary

The Phoenix has been sent to Waikato Museum – returning February. It's part of an exhibition on stolen artworks.

The Tiri buoy has been deconstructed shipped off for sandblasting and is back on island being welded back together for installation any day now.



Tri - annual figures

	July	August	September	October
Visitor numbers	659	373	568	791
Gross Sales	\$6820.70	\$3933.80	\$8454.10	\$15089.15
Paid to artists	\$3942.20	\$2270.61	\$4149.42	\$9046.95

Watching brief

We are gearing up for summer, with new stock – and new artists.

Radio Hauraki 50th celebrations take place on 10th December, and are a collaboration between Aotea FM, the GBI History Research Group, the GBI Sports and Social Club and ourselves. There will be the unveiling of the Tiri buoy, an exhibition in the Museum by the History Research Group, archival footage and a movie in the School Masters, and music at the Sports and Social Club.

Doll making workshops in January with Claire Inwood for both adults and children.

	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
Visitor numbers	659 incl 258 for Matariki celebrations	373	568	791		
Workshops	5 workshops as part of our winter programme - total of 33 participants	3 workshops as part of our winter programme - 22 participants in total	3 workshops as part of our winter programme - 39 participants in total	none		
Exhibitions	Childrens Matariki exhibition, two solo exhibitions - Medlands Moments by Mark Russell, Passage By Mel Avery	Members Exhibition - Second Chances the Art of Recreating	Kids Exhibition 'Is there Life Among the Stars?' 14 entries, 5 prize winners	Bits and Pieces Quilting group exhibition, Mystery Book Anniversary members challenge, start of Karen Walkers solo exhibition		
Kids Art Club	1 session, 10 kids attending	5 sessions, 10 kids each week	3 sessions, 10 kids each week	finished for the year		
Other significant events		Phoenix Sculpture off to the Waikato museum				