



# AUCKLAND AGRICULTURAL & PASTORAL ASSOCIATION

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## Guest Artist: Gee Lyon

Born on a boat at the docs in California, Gee as an only child spent her early years travelling with her parents while they applied for permanent residency in New Zealand.

Initially living in Coopers Beach, her family ultimately settled in Mcleod Bay, Whangarei Heads where Gee had a childhood filled with riding horses, learning jazz ballet and the performing arts. During her schooling, her mum always made sure that Gee attended schools with art programs.



Gee loved dress-ups, and with her mum making many of her clothes, Gee also learned how to sew, enjoying the mechanics behind creating something unique and different from the norm. By the age of 11, Gee started modelling in local shows and won the 'Model of the North' competition by the age 15, which sparked her to pursue a part time career in modelling and acting in Auckland, while working in IT. Eventually Gee moved into graphic design which further fuelled her desire for creating symphonies of colour. During this time, she could be seen on the catwalk at NZ Fashion Week wearing nothing but gold paint and a g-string where she felt perfectly at home. When not working, Gee ventured into the world of martial arts where she truly found her strength of self and a connection to all around her through harmony, meditation and yoga.

After the loss of her staffordshire bull terrier fur baby of 15 years, Gee chose a complete change of pace and started her own consultancy company that focused on healing relationships between companies and their clients. After almost 10 years, Gee sold the company to follow her dream of being a full-time artist.

Building her studio in late 2018, Gee entered her first art competition at the 2019 Royal Easter Show Art Exhibition. Obviously nervous that first day dropping off all 18 of her works Gee was welcomed with open arms by the Bartizans crew. During the show Gee placed second with an acrylic painting of her mum which was a wonderful confirmation that she was on the right path.

Gee is inspired by all that surrounds her and finds beauty in things that others miss. She adventures to locations where some would never dream of going, often adorning elaborate costumes or simple pieces of fabric to capture a photo to use as an idea for her next painting. Inspired by the beauty that surrounds us all, Gee paints every stroke with the same passion she has for the beauty of life we all share. Whether she is standing on a coastal rock face as the waves splash over her or she is perched on a hillside as the sunsets in the bay below... she is there, inspired by the grandeur of what the world has to offer. You could say that Gee has a romantic, optimistic view of life that she wants to share with everyone. One of her biggest joys is to see that spark of inspiration in others.

Gee has moved away from acrylics, having fallen in love with oils and her next show will be at the Kumeu Art Centre in November. Meanwhile, back at the studio Gee and is currently working on her submission to the Adam Portraiture award and building up a body of work for her first solo show.

You can follow Gee's journey here:

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[www.instagram.com/gee.lyon.inspireyou](https://www.instagram.com/gee.lyon.inspireyou)



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## A&P Youth Art Scholarship

The Auckland A&P Association is pleased to advise there has been a scholarship of \$2000 organised to encourage youth art. This scholarship has been sent to all schools in the Auckland region to secondary students in year 12 and 13. This scholarship can be utilised by the successful student to go towards their costs in furthering their education in visionary and performing arts in recognised tertiary educational institutions. There have been a pleasing number of applicants of a high standard and in explanation for their motive to succeed in being the successful applicant for this scholarship. Entries are now closed and the successful applicant will be advised on 14th November.

Jane Heim

## Edmund Hillary Art Showcase



Once again the A&P Art Committee held the annual art exhibition in the glorious surrounding of Edmund Hillary retirement village on the 13/14/15 Sep. A big thanks to the Ryman Health Group and a special thank you to Becky for helping us, who without we would be lost. The opening night entertainment was Heartstrings who residents have come to love, and many of them stayed on after the exhibition closed just to sit and listen to request after request. Some folk even danced to the music, (I guess the local chiropractor was happy the next day). This was a judged exhibition and our judge this year was Lis Clark who presented the winners with their prize on opening night. Sales were good and enabled us to make a donation to the Ryman Health Group's chosen charity and also the same amount to the A&P youth section. The winner of the main prize was David McArthur. Thank you to all the artists who submitted their art work.

The A&P Art Committee

## A&P Members Only Xmas BBQ



## **Rumour has it**

2020 Art Schedules are out! If you havent already received one contact [artentries@asbshowgrounds.co.nz](mailto:artentries@asbshowgrounds.co.nz)

