

KAIPARA ART 2026 AWARDS

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Kaipara Art Awards 2026 | Rules and Conditions of Entry

The winners of the **Kaipara Art Awards (KAA) 2026** will be announced on **Friday 9 October 2026**. An exhibition of all entries will be held at the Mangawhai Artists Gallery, 45 Moir St, Mangawhai from Saturday 10 October to 22 October 2026.

Entries open on **Tuesday 1 September 2026** and close at 5pm on **Friday 18 September 2026**. Entries must be submitted online or by email on the KAA registration form available on www.mangawhaiartists.org, at the Mangawhai Artists Gallery and from the Dargaville Arts Association from 1 September 2026. Details of artwork can be changed until closing date. **The details submitted as at closing date will be used for the exhibition catalogue.** Entry numbers are limited. Approximately 60 entries will be accepted. Entries will generally be accepted in the order they are received. The last entry received will be at the discretion of the KAA committee.

Entries are invited into the following categories:

- **2D Painting** – sponsored by *The French Art Shop*
- **2D Other media** (includes drawing, collage, fabric art, printing, photography etc) – sponsored by *Gordon Harris The Art and Graphics Store*
 - 2D work (in either 2D Painting or 2D Other media) must be no greater than 1000mm x 1000mm including any frame – and must be ready to hang (with D-rings) – **NO** saw tooth hangers.
- **3D Sculpture and all 3D media** – sponsored by *Assent Homes* and *Foster Home Décor* (2nd prize)
 - 3D work must be no greater than 1000mm x 1000mm x 1000mm; be no more than 20 kg, & be able to be moved easily by one person
- **Emerging Artist** – sponsored by *Creative Northland*
 - Chosen from any of the above 3 categories when meeting the Emerging Artist criteria. If you wish to be considered for the Emerging Artist Award explain in less than 300 words why you should be considered as an emerging artist. Attach separately to the entry form if necessary.

Eligibility

- Works must not environmentally degrade during the exhibition
- Work must not infringe NZ copyright laws
- Work must **not have been exhibited in a public exhibition** prior to the 2026 Kaipara Art Awards
- The work must have been **created since** the last Kaipara Art Awards in October 2024
- One entry per medium category (i.e. 2D Painting, 2D Other, 3D). Fee of \$30 per entry (non-refundable).
- Work must be suitable to exhibit to a G (family) audience
- Artists must be a current financial member of a recognised art group in the Kaipara Region. It is not a requirement to be resident in Kaipara.
- The KAA committee has sole discretion to accept or decline an entry.
- Use of AI is not permitted. Works which utilise the operations of AI (artificial intelligence) programmes, applications or processes are ineligible for inclusion in the Kaipara Art Awards, and the use of such technologies will disqualify a work from judging and display

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Presentation

- Work must be clearly identified with artist name, phone number, title of work, medium used, selling price and entry category **on a label** on the back right hand corner of work **or on a swing tag**
- **All entries MUST be 'ready to hang'** or display. Work not 'ready to hang' or display will be rejected. For paintings use D-rings; **do not use screw hooks or saw tooth hangers**.
- Work delivered to Dargaville for shipment to Mangawhai must be well packaged in reusable material suitable for vehicle transport **with the packaging clearly labelled with the artist's name** (so we can match it with the work after it has been unwrapped). Poorly packaged work will not be accepted at sign in.

Sales and Commission

We prefer that work entered into the Awards is available for sale in the subsequent exhibition. Commission of 20% will be charged on sales. The sale price stated on the entry form should be inclusive of 20% commission. Artists will be contacted if their artwork is sold. Include your bank account number on entry form. Net proceeds (sale price less commission) will be transferred to the artist one week after the end of the exhibition.

The KAA committee has sole discretion to allow removal of a work from the exhibition by an artist. If the removed work is sold privately, commission that would have been payable may or may not be waived by the KAA committee.

Unsold work must be collected from the place it was originally delivered (e.g. either Mangawhai or Dargaville - unless arranged otherwise) on the day and time specified in the timeline. **After this date**, the KAA committee has the right to sell or dispose of any unclaimed work.

Judging

The judging panel is independent of the KAA committee. Incorrect entry procedure or failure to observe the conditions may disqualify an entry, at the discretion of the KAA committee. Winners will be determined by the judge(s). The awards will be presented at an Awards ceremony on **Friday 9 October 2026 at 6pm, The Courtyard, Bennetts Cafe, Mangawhai**.

Insurance

Artists are responsible for insurance of their work. All care will be taken of works accepted for entry but no responsibility for damage is accepted by the KAA committee.

KAA Committee 2026

The KAA Committee comprises representatives from Dargaville Arts Association and Mangawhai Artists Incorporated. The KAA 2026 committee is:

- Belinda Vernon, Mangawhai Artists Incorporated | John Pickworth, Dargaville Arts Association
- You can enter online at from 1 September 2026 www.mangawhaiartists.org or www.dargavillearts.co.nz

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Timetable

Day	Date 2026	Note
Tuesday	1 September	Entries open (with expression of interest)
Friday	18 September	Entries close at 5pm. Confirmed details of entry, size, name, price etc must be received by this date.
Wednesday	7 October	Works are to be delivered to either Mangawhai Artists Gallery or Lifestyler House, 107 River Rd Dargaville. Work delivered to Dargaville must be well packaged with packaging well labelled. Gallery staff at each location will accept and sign works in on the day. NB: The location where artwork is dropped off is where it is to be collected at the end of the exhibition – unless arranged otherwise.
Wednesday	7 October	Midday to 1pm: Drop off at Dargaville delivered to 107 River Road, Dargaville 3pm – 5pm: Works transported from Dargaville to Mangawhai 3.00pm Mangawhai Artists Gallery closes 3 pm to 5pm: Previous exhibition taken down/walls repaired] 4-5pm: Drop off entries at Mangawhai Artists Workspace (behind Gallery) MAI staff check works match registration form. 5pm: Dargaville works delivered to Gallery. MAI staff unwrap Dargaville works; fold packaging (checking it is labelled) for repackaging at end of exhibition. 5-6pm: Mangawhai works transferred from Workspace to Gallery 6pm: Curator preview
Thursday	8 October	9am to midday: Curator plans exhibition or exhibition hung if curation done night before. 1pm to 4pm: Exhibition hung. 6pm: Judging preview if requested
Friday	9 October	9-12 midday: Judging (morning/afternoon) Certificates prepared 5.30pm for 6pm start. Awards Ceremony, Courtyard Bennetts Cafe
Saturday	10 October	Exhibition open to the public at 9am
Thursday	22 October	3.30pm: Gallery and exhibition close Pack up sales ready for pick up. 4-5pm: Works for Mangawhai pick up (including sales) available to collect 5-6pm: Works for Dargaville pick up – packed and ready for transport to Dargaville
Friday	23 October	10am Works for Dargaville pick up transported to Dargaville. 12 midday – 4pm: Works for Dargaville pickup ready for pick up from Lifestyler House from 12 midday - 4pm.

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ENTRY FORM – Please enter online via form on www.mangawhaiartists.org

Entry numbers are limited. One entry per media category. Enter from 1 September 2026. Enter online or email to: kaa@mangawhaiartists.co.nz. Update your entry with all details no later than 5pm Friday 18/9/26.

Name:	Kaipara art group: (Tick) ☐ Dargaville Arts Association ☐ Mangawhai Artists Inc ☐ White Rock Gallery ☐ Ruawai ☐ Other (specify)
Email:	Your phone number:

	Insert details
Artwork Title	
Dimensions 2D = no greater than 1M*1M 3D – no greater than 1M*1M*1M; No more than 20Kg	
Medium	
Is your artwork for sale? Please circle	Yes / No
Price including 20% commission	
Category entered (tick or circle)	☐ 2D Painting ☐ 2D Other ☐ 3D
Emerging Artist If you wish to be considered for the <i>Emerging Artist Award</i> , explain in no more than 300 words (approx. 1/2 A4 page) why you should be considered as an emerging artist. Attach separately if preferred, and enter a 2D or 3D category	☐
Artist statement (about your work) – Optional (no more than 200 words). Attach separately if preferred.	☐
Your bank account number Please provide your bank account number, this is required for payment if your work sells	
Entry fee	Pay \$30 by bank transfer at the time you submit your entry form – and no later than 18 /9/26
Include KAA and your name as a reference	☐ Bank transfer to: 12-3094-0185213-00 Name: Mangawhai Artists Inc Example: = Joe Bloggs Code = n/a Reference = KAA