



# AKAROA COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

June 2022

## What's coming up...

### Matariki The Exhibition



Come and see our exhibition of new works celebrating Matariki and the Winter Solstice. Join us for the launch, Friday 24 June at 6pm, 67 Rue Lavaud Akaroa.

### Easel-ly Arty - Discover Colour

Our children's art workshop is now going ahead in July - see <https://akaroaarts.co.nz/easel-ly-arty-discover-your-whenua-tutored-kids-drawing-workshop-come-and-draw-with-us/>



## Welcome to ACAC!

Despite covid disruptions forcing the cancellation of many of our activities, we have continued to host events when it's been safe to do so. An enthusiastic group came together for our oil painting workshop with acclaimed artist Siene de Vries. The weather was good, which meant that our artists had a fabulous time out in the open, painting and sketching beautiful Banks Peninsula scenery. Our Garden Sculpture with our splendid tutor John Harding, also went ahead, enabling artists to create wonderful works for their gardens. I hear there are plans to have an outdoor sculptural exhibition of the works that have been created at the workshops over the years, so watch this space!

And this month, we have finally been able to host once again an event in our popular series of lectures, *Artistic Controversies*. Dr Reuben Woods presented a fascinating exploration of graffiti and street art to an enthusiastic audience. Great stuff.

While the current health restrictions have made it difficult to host our Film Club gatherings, we are hoping to start them up again in late July. We are also looking at hosting a couple of members-only special winter events. So again, watch this space - and keep warm!

Marie Connolly, Chair of ACAC



Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life - Picasso

## Coming up...



### Double Literary Event with Carl Nixon

#### A conversation with Carl Nixon

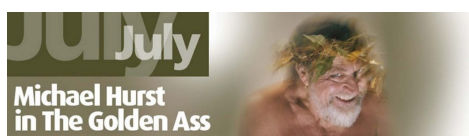
July 8 at 6pm, Gaiety Theatre, Akaroa.

#### The Art of Fiction Writing

A weekend workshop to hone your writing skills.

For details see <https://akaroaarts.co.nz/double-literary-event-with-carl-nixon/>

### Michael Hurst in the Golden Ass



A fabulous theatre production at the Gaiety Theatre by one of New Zealand's finest actors. Come and see Michael Hurst perform his new play as a fundraiser for Landings at FrenchFest.

For details, see <https://akaroaarts.co.nz/the-golden-ass-michael-hurst/>

## Membership - come and join us!

As a community Arts Council we are keen to reach as many people as possible who are interested in the arts. While some of you will want to enjoy our workshops, some of you may also want to support the participation of others. We believe that bringing people together through the arts contributes to the strengthening of our communities. And so we are keen for you to join us.

Our membership subscriptions (\$10 per year for individuals, \$15 per household) will directly support access to art through workshop subsidies. Our members will receive our quarterly newsletter, and will be invited to events, including our end-of-year function where we celebrate the year and the achievements of our artists.

We rely on our membership, and the grants we apply for, to support our activities. No matter where you live, we encourage you to join us in our collective support of the arts in Banks Peninsula! So if you would like to work with us to support the arts in our community go to our website <http://www.akaroaarts.co.nz/> or email us on [art@akaroaarts.co.nz](mailto:art@akaroaarts.co.nz). We'd love to hear from you.

