



Malcolm Roberts Patron

Malcolm Roberts has been an admired figure in Mangawhai over many years. Moving from Pakuranga he and Joanna farmed in the Mangawhai area. Some forty years ago, they created Penrose Farm as an exciting and safe place families with children could visit to enjoy a donkey ride, talking to chooks, learning about the trees and drinking home-made lemonade. It was a special destination for many years!

In 2008, Malcolm was part of the informal collaborative group that decided to form Mangawhai Artists Association. He became chair and has been a key player in the growth and development of Mangawhai as an art destination for artists and art lovers ever since.

He has participated in Art Trails, inviting other artists to collaborate in their big barn on the farm.

Malcolm has exhibited beautiful work in wood in the Kaipara Art Awards and in the Mangawhai Gallery, for example, finely crafted wooden chairs; and more recently the Gallery was graced by his unique wooden walking sticks.

As Patron, Malcolm has been a wise adviser and a true friend to Mangawhai Artists. He has rolled up his sleeves for working bees and the preparation for special events and added a gracious presence at Kaipara Art Awards and many, many Gallery openings.

In 2017, Malcolm, along with the youngest participant, proudly unveiled the Stingray Project on the Gallery exterior, as lead artist Rosina Kamphuis, the Mayor, Committee and members looked on and celebrated.

In 2018 Mangawhai Artists' patron Malcolm Roberts with his wife Joanna was on hand to guide visitors around the first Sculpture in the Garden weekend

In recent years Malcolm has been joined by Joanna Roberts as a patron, and their support has been consistent, willing, passionate and much appreciated.

Their sponsorship of the Christmas Exhibition and members event has been one of the highlights of recent years and an opportunity to connect and show appreciation to them.

Malcolm and Joanna, thank you for your dedication, support and commitment as Patrons of Mangawhai Artists. We wish you a happy retirement.