



The Welcome Swallow Gallery

~ Our River ~



Hong Cumming, Ribbon River, 2026

Catalogue
28th August – 16th October 2026

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This is our 44th exhibition of original art. Although there have been many paintings of the Waikato river, a focused review has yet to be compiled. Until now.

We do not need to look too far to see how the art masters have represented rivers.* Monet, obsessed with reflections in water, did a whole series on the Thames, as shown in a 2017 exhibition at *Tate Britain*.

British artists, Turner and Constable respectively used the rivers Thames and Stour to project atmosphere and social commentary. **Vincent van Gogh** also painted his *Starry Night* interpretation as, *Starry Night over the Rhone*. As part of his landscape studies, New Zealand artist Douglas Badcock included rugged river compositions such as his 1974, *Above the Rapids*.

Curated exhibitions on rivers are less evident. What do *artists* see, what should we know about landscapes and the fabric of life? What insights and winding narratives might be gleaned from an exhibition designed to unlock the secrets of the Waikato River?

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In twenty-five compositions, the artists in this exhibition have employed every form of art expression and interpretation, equally covering the length and breadth of the Waikato river, source to mouth.

Vantage points to view, include: flying over, driving over, swimming in, rowing, sailing, cultural heritage, seasonal ambience and finally, geographical context. *Our identity*.

Even a cursory review of this exhibition demonstrates how the river has a formative influence over many aspects of our lives. Surely, encountered, embraced, admired and deeply respected. *Our River*.

ACCCT Board, August 2026

Gallery artists presenting in this exhibition

Rosanne Croucher

Hong Cumming

Rebecca Dowman-Ngapo

Chris Greenslade

Kirsten McIntosh

Martin Necas

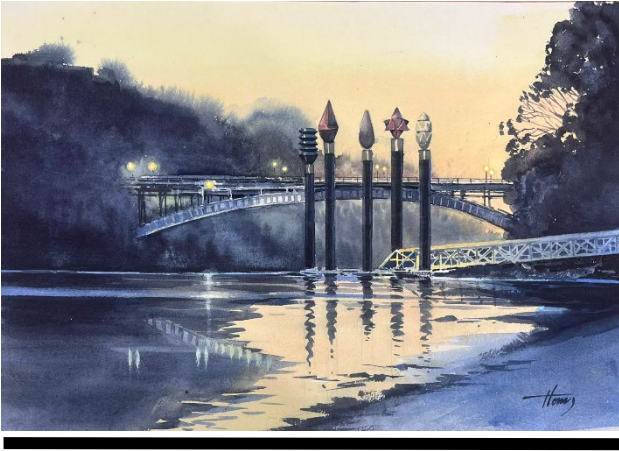
Bernadette Parsons

Juliet Roper

Sandra Turner-Barlow

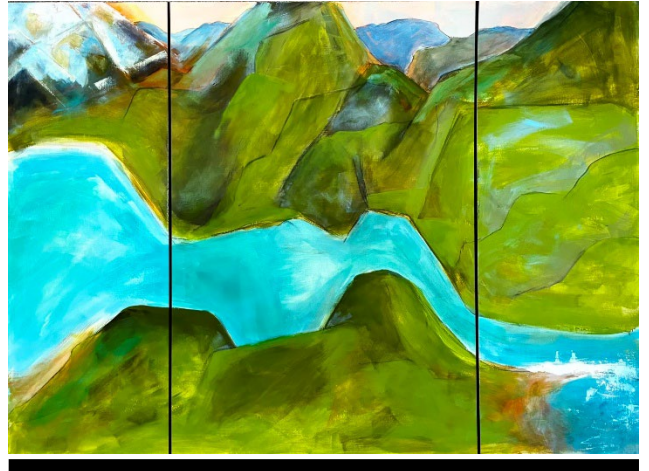
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1.



Hong Cumming

River of Light
Watercolour
340x490mm
Price: \$3000



Juliet Roper

Watching the River Flow
Acrylic on Board
600x800mm
Price: \$2700

3.



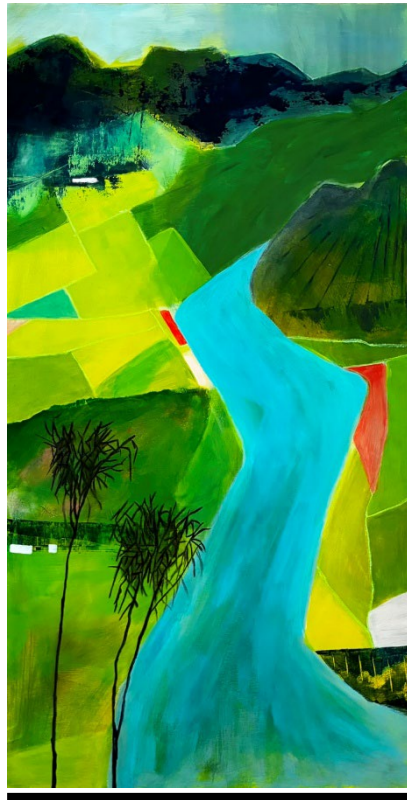
Hong Cumming

Ribbon River
Watercolour
540x730mm
Price: \$5500

4.



Juliet Roper
River Country 1
Acrylic on Board
730x390mm
Price: \$1700



Juliet Roper
River Country 2
Acrylic on Board
730x390mm
Price: \$1700

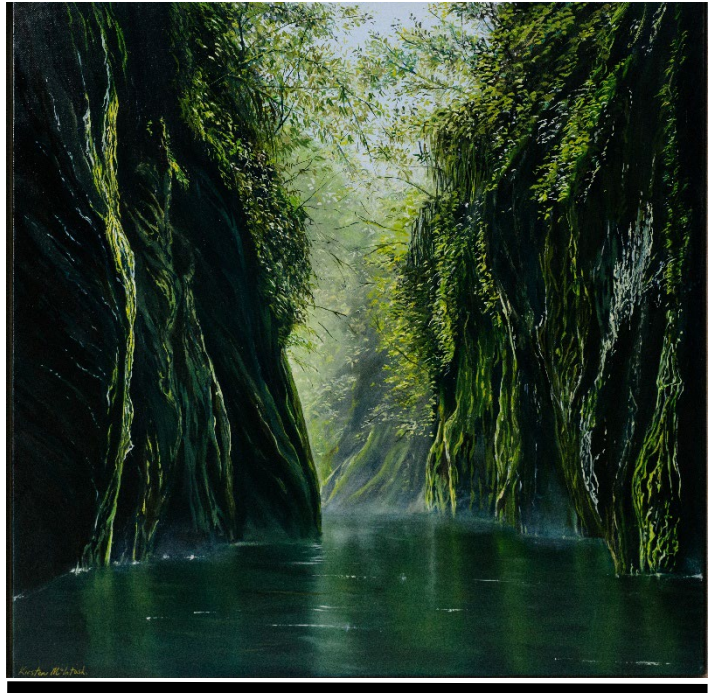
Juliet Roper
River Country 3
Acrylic on Board
730x390mm
Price: \$1700

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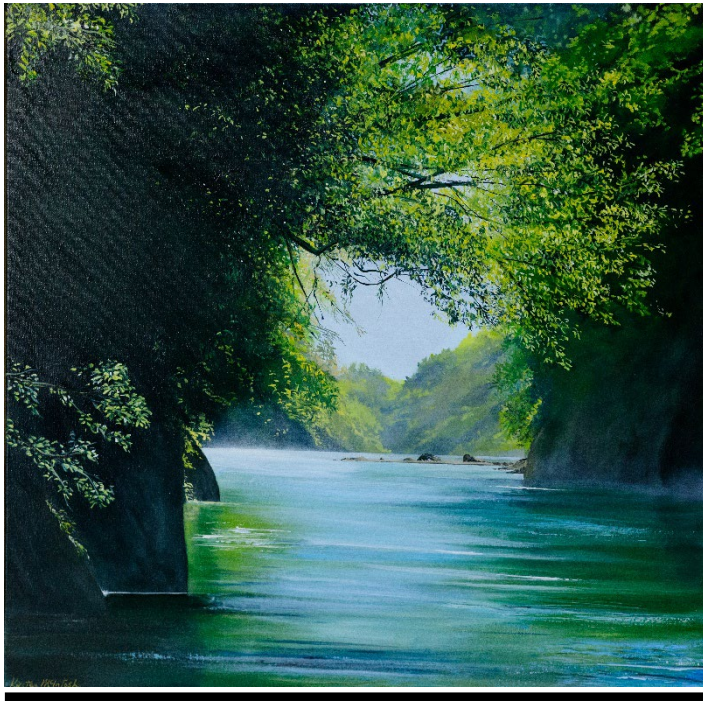
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8.



Kirsten McIntosh
Beyond the Shade
Oil on Canvas Linen Blend
775x775mm
Price: \$4200

Kirsten McIntosh
A Passage of Light
Oil on Canvas Linen Blend
775x775mm
Price: \$4200



9.

Chris Greenslade

Flyover

Watercolour

485x640mm

Price: \$3500

10.



Chris Greenslade

Early Evening Rowers

Watercolour

380x530mm

Price: \$3000



Chris Greenslade

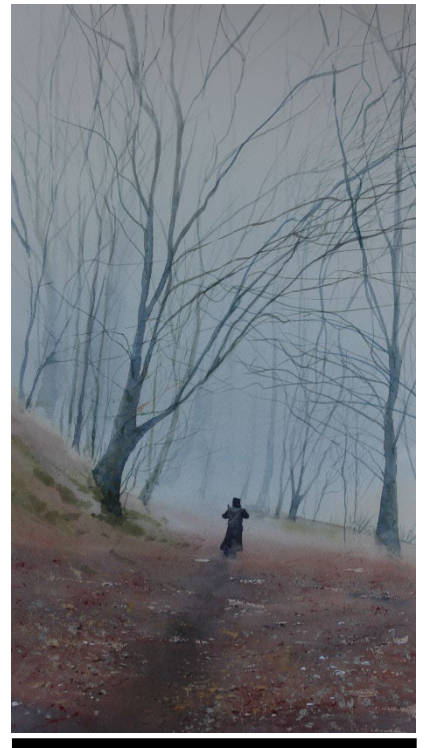
Waipa Delta

Watercolour

290x410mm

Price: \$2350

11.



Chris Greenslade

Lady in the Fog, Swarbrick Landing

Watercolour

460x290mm

Price: \$2500



13.

Sandra Turner-Barlow

Backs to the Highways

Acrylic on Board

900x600mm

Price: \$2500

14.



Rosanne Croucher

Drift

Oil on Panel

200mm d.

Price: \$600

15.



Rosanne Croucher

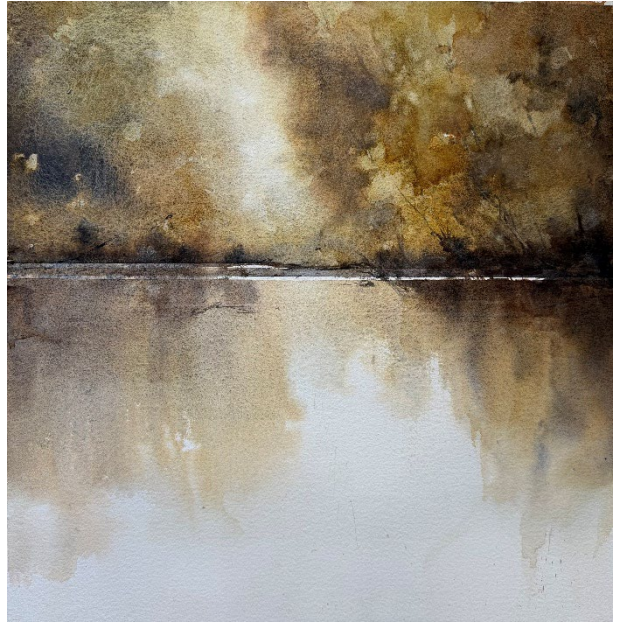
Winter Breath

Oil on Canvas

600x600mm

Price: \$3800

16.



Bernadette Parsons

Water's Edge

Acrylic on Canvas

770x770mm

Price: \$2500

17.



Bernadette Parsons

Voice of the Wetland

Watercolour

730x930mm

Price: \$3400

18.



Bernadette Parsons

Te Pūaha o Waikato

Watercolour

730x900mm

Price: \$3400



19.

Rebecca Dowman-Ngapo

I Flow Where the River Goes

Watercolour

310x410mm

Price: \$950

20.



Rebecca Dowman-Ngapo

The Longest Journey

Watercolour

565x380mm

Price: \$1300

21.



Rebecca Dowman-Ngapo

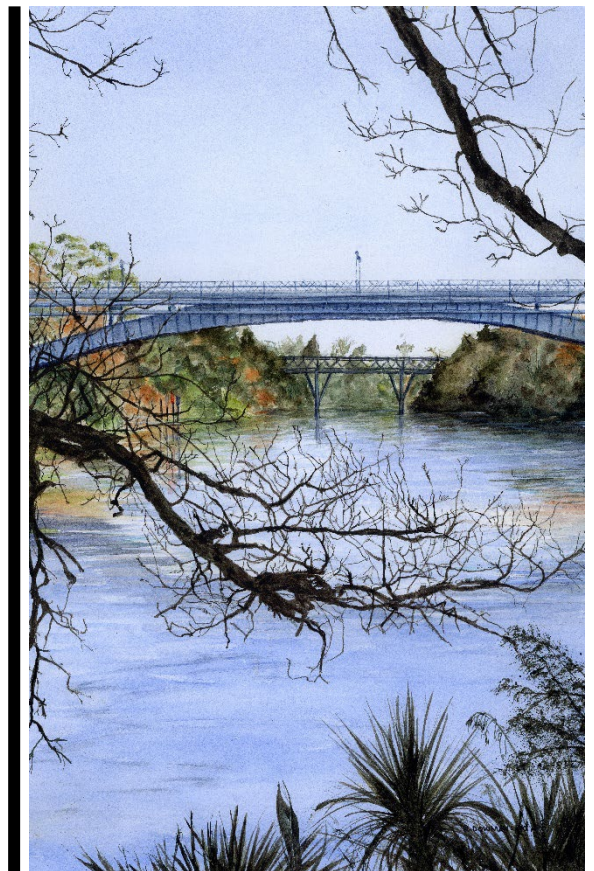
Threads of Life: River Palette

Watercolour

610x405mm

Price: \$1425

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Rebecca Dowman-Ngapo

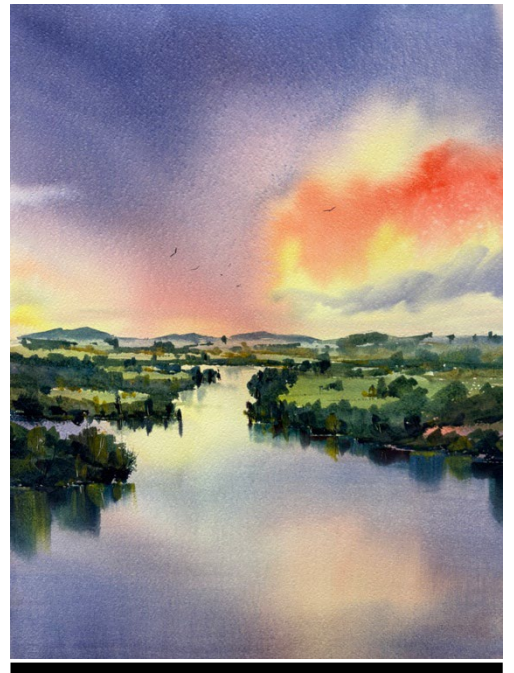
Between Branches and Bridges

Watercolour

565x380mm

Price: \$1200

24.



Martin Necas

Between Earth and Sky

Watercolour

530x360mm

Price: \$1000

23.



Martin Necas

Promise of a Sun Shower

Watercolour

400x600mm

Price: \$1250

25.



Martin Necas

Afterglow - diptych

Watercolour

2 x 420x290mm

Price: \$2200



JMW Turner, *The Fighting Temeraire, 1838, on the Thames*



Vincent van Gogh, *Starry Night Over the Rhone, 1889*



John Constable, *The Hay Wain, 1821*



Douglas Badcock, *Above the Rapids, 1974*



Claude Monet, *The Thames Below Westminster, 1871*

Throughout history, using powerful imagery, artists have sought to capture river scenes that present both social commentary and topographical insight

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