## **Sarjeant Gallery Trust Board**

## Trustee responsibilities and expectations

The Board of Trustees bears legal authority and responsibility for the property of the Trust and advancing the aims of the Trust as set out in the Trust Deed.

**RESPONSIBLE TO**: The Sarjeant Gallery Trust Board Chair and the other Board members.

## **EXPECTATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Members are expected to:

- Sustain and advance the Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua Whanganui's mission, traditions, values, and reputation.
  - o The Mission of the Trust is expressed in the *Purpose* set out in the Trust deed:
    - "To uphold and maintain (so far as relevant to matters of art) the terms of the Trusts created by the Will and Codicils of the late Henry Sarjeant, the principal benefactor of the Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare o Rehua. "to establish and maintain in the Borough of Wanganui a Fine Art Gallery... as a means of inspiration for ourselves and those who come after us."
  - The Values of the Trust are:

Ōritetanga
Kaitiakitanga
Whakawhanaungatanga
He here kia mōhio
The principle of guardianship
The principle of partnership
The principle of informed decision-making

- The Vision of the Gallery is:
  - "The Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare O Rehua Whanganui is a source of inspiration that delights, surprises, entertains and informs; a wise steward of its collections; and generous in giving access to its art works and sharing its scholarly knowledge."
- Learn about how the Gallery functions—its uniqueness, strengths, needs, finances, educational programmes, and its place in New Zealand's cultural life.
- Disclose promptly and fully any potential or actual conflicts of interest, and personally maintain exemplary ethical standards.
- Be committed to supporting the Gallery as a whole rather than any part of it or any personal or political cause.
- Support the consensus of the board after fully exercising the responsibility to debate and disagree.
- Maintain confidentiality as required or appropriate.

## **KEY TASKS**

 Regularly attend and participate in meetings of the board, well informed and prepared in advance.

- To prepare for Board meetings by reading the minutes, agenda and other relevant papers circulated before a Board meeting.
- Regularly attend meetings of board committees as assigned, well informed and prepared in advance.
- Provide philanthropic support through personal contributions and the identification and solicitation of potential contributors to the Trust.
- Serve as a public advocate and ambassador for the Trust and the Gallery, and wherever possible attend events in support of the Trust and the Gallery.
- Advocate the Trust's interests, but speak for the board or the Trust only when authorised to do so by the board or the chair.
- To raise ideas and concerns, and suggest priorities consistent with the vision, definition and mission of the Trust.
- The expected time commitment is 3 -4 hours per month.