

### **One-off designs on display at annual student exhibition**

West Coasters can get a glimpse of the region's emerging art talent at this year's Tai Poutini Polytechnic Jade and Hard Stone Carving Exhibition from 20 November.

The exhibition is open to the public at the Left Bank Art Gallery in Greymouth for two weeks from 20 November to 4 December. Students will showcase their work from the past year, including carved jewellery and sculpture. As usual, visitors will be able to take one-off pieces of art home with them as the work will be on sale.

Tutor Sheree Warren says this year's students have produced another exciting exhibition where visitors can see their progression through the design and carving process.

"It's been a great year for our carving programme, as we work with students to hone their skills, expand their design minds and help them prepare for a career doing what they love," she says.

Held at the end of every year, the much-anticipated exhibition is an opportunity for students to showcase their efforts over the year and gain experience presenting and selling pieces in a real world environment. Tai Poutini Polytechnic's carving programme is unique in New Zealand, with budding artists learning not just the technical skills they need for their careers, but also the practical side of presenting work, liaising with galleries and engaging customers and visitors in their designs.

"I'm sure visitors to this year's exhibition will once again be delighted by the designs and work on display. There are plenty of new ideas and pieces to look at and we're looking forward to welcoming everyone to view our exhibition."

Along with carving pieces for the exhibition, students this year have been busy on a one-off project to gift a limestone sculpture to the town. The Polytechnic is contributing to the Greymouth CBD Beautification Project by donating a student-made sculpture that uses the elements to reflect the West Coast.

### **TPP Jade and Hard Stone Carving Student Exhibition**

Left Bank Art Gallery

1 Tainui Street, Greymouth

20 November – 3 December 2021

**Photo caption:** Tai Poutini Polytechnic's Hard Stone and Jade Carving Diploma student Emily Cannan presenting her artwork named 'Natures Adornment' at this year's Jade Exhibition.

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