

6 Degrees



1 May – 27 June 2010

How would you connect one of Hawke's Bay's first telephones to a major artwork by one of our leading contemporary artists? The latest exhibition at the Hawke's Bay Museum and Art Gallery uses the popular idea of the six degrees of separation to create a story that links some of the collection's oldest items to its most recent addition.

The concept of the six degrees of separation hinges on an idea that everyone on earth can be connected through six steps. Sometimes known as the 'human web,' the model explores how common relationships can link seemingly distant people. The Hawke's Bay Museum and Art Gallery have adapted the idea to fit the stories of the collection – finding fascinating connections and unexpected similarities hidden within the stories, places and people related to the objects we care for.



Six Degrees is a light-hearted journey through the collection that will surprise and delight. Join us to celebrate some of the stories of our diverse and fascinating collection, as well as getting to see our latest acquisition – Dick Frizzell's major painting *Please Keep Us Safe While We Sleep By The Fire* (2003), which has been generously donated by the artist.



In addition

With the McLean Gallery focussed on the treasures within the Hawke's Bay Museum and Art Gallery, we felt it fitting to give equal billing to the gracious building that houses our collection. Alongside *Six Degrees* we are delighted to showcase the historic plans and drawings of the 1935 Hawke's Bay Art Gallery and Museum by architect Louis Hay.

As a major part of the Hawke's Bay Museum and Art Gallery redevelopment, Louis Hay's Gallery and Museum building will be carefully restored, including the reinstatement of the original Herschell Street entrance. Look forward in time by looking back at Hay's original vision as we anticipate what promises to be an exciting period in the Hawke's Bay Museum and Art Gallery's history.

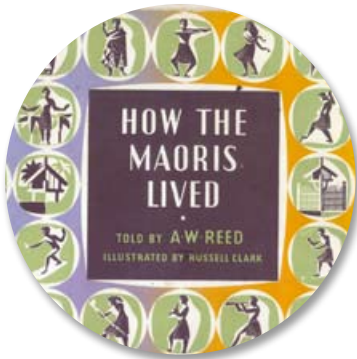


Exhibition opening

Friday 30 April 2010 at 5.30pm

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