

Judge for yourself at local gallery

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The Old Courthouse Art Gallery on Featherston's main street is still going strong, with a steady stream of locals and out-of-towners popping in since the gallery opened in early December. Sales had been steady over the holiday break, according to co-owner John Dennison, who runs the gallery with his business and life partner, Thérèse Quinlivan. Some of the most popular artists included digitised canvas artist Andrew Fawcett, mixed-medium artist Olivera Milojevic, photographer Pete Monk, and Thérèse herself.

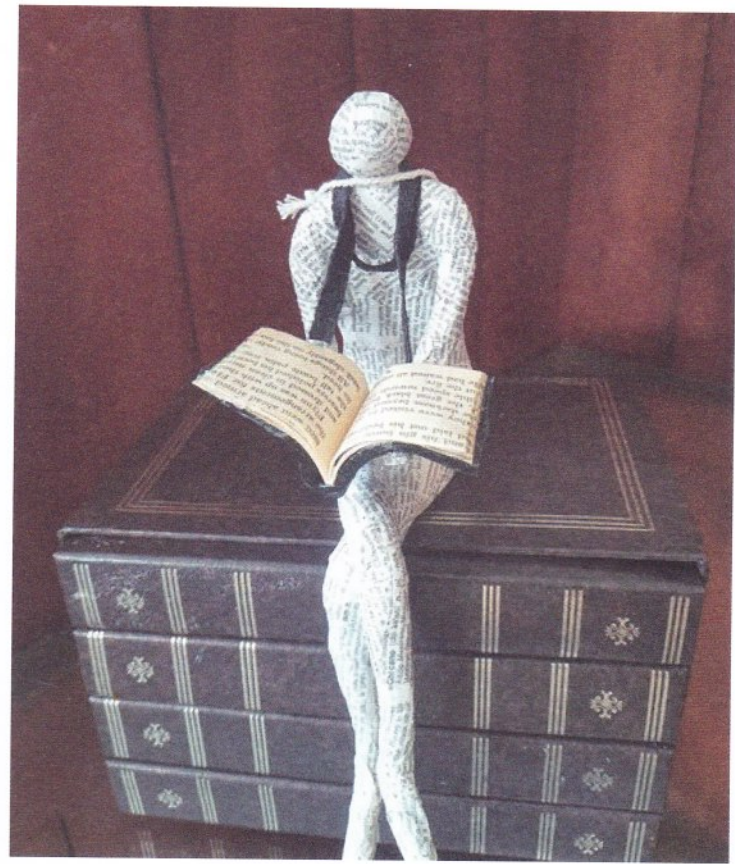
"We're trying to work on getting all sorts of price points, not just the larger items but some smaller items as well," said John. Gift ideas such as jigsaw puzzles and candles are also available. Another recent addition sure to be popular is the freezer full of organic, coconut-based ice-creams from Little Island Plant Based Creamery.

Future plans include a possible artist-in-residence scheme, with the artist also running public classes.

The gallery's official opening party was a big success, not least because it provided an opportunity for Featherston's artistic community to meet up and make connections, while building a network of gallery supporters.

"The artists really enjoyed meeting up, as it can be quite lonely being an artist," said John. "We're going to work hard at developing that group as well."

Pop into the gallery any time from Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm, or check out the Facebook page.



Mixed-media figurine by Olivera Milojevic

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