

AUCKLAND ART GALLERY TOI O TĀMAKI

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Auckland Art Gallery welcomes new director Rhana Devenport

Rhana Devenport was welcomed this morning by Auckland Art Gallery and Regional Facilities Auckland staff to celebrate her first day as Director of Auckland Art Gallery.

She arrived with a delegation including representatives from New Plymouth District Council and Taranaki Iwi, and was greeted by a powhiri led by members of the Gallery's Haerewa Māori Advisory Committee.

Rhana Devenport joins Auckland Art Gallery after seven years with the Govett-Brewster Gallery in New Plymouth. She replaces former director Chris Saines who moved to Brisbane in April 2013 to become the Director of the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art.

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Background information: RHANA DEVENPORT

Rhana Devenport is a museum director, curator, writer, editor and cultural producer with over twenty years experience working with art museums, biennales, art festivals, private collections and cultural organisations. During her seven-year tenure at the Govett-Brewster Gallery she has broadened audiences, led the curatorial programme and played a key advocacy and fundraising role with the major Len Lye Centre expansion project that is now under construction.

Previously positions include Manager of Public Programmes with the Biennale of Sydney (2005-2006) and Senior Project Officer with the Asia Pacific Triennial, Queensland Art Gallery (1994-2004), where she played a formative role in the Triennial's development. She was also Curator in Residence with Artspace Auckland (2005) and Visual Arts Manager with the Sydney Festival (2004).