

# ka *Walking backwards into the future* mua, ka muri

**BEVERLY RHODES**

17 September – 24 October 2021



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*Walking Backwards into the future.*

## **Beverly Rhodes**

September 17<sup>th</sup> until October 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

Toi Gallery, PĀTAKA ART + MUSEUM

'Ka mua, ka muri', walking backwards into the future, is a whakataukī, or Māori proverb, that expresses the importance of looking to the past to guide the future. Beverly Rhodes' father left when she was just five years old, severing a link to part of her family history. In her late 40s, Beverly discovered the secret of her Ngāi Tahu whakapapa.

*Ka mua ka muri. Walking backwards into the future* is a reflection of Beverly's memories of loss and identity. The works in the exhibition acknowledge and explore her rediscovered family history, helping Beverly forge a new path into the future.

Beverly paints her family members and tīpuna from old family photographs taken at special occasions. The paintings' soft pastel colour palette recall the muted colours of the hand-tinted photographs taken in the 1940s and 1950s. Non-figurative works represent events, both past and future. A suitcase stands in for her father, while an ACME wringer represents her mother.

In the final painting of the series a toroa (albatross) flies over Lyttleton Harbour towards Cape Reinga, and from there on to Hawaiki, as it carries Beverly back to her tīpuna. The toroa represents Beverly's hope for the future as she reconnects to her Ngāi Tahu whakapapa by learning te reo and through wānanga with the Ngāi Tahu visual arts collective, Paemanu.



**Rikki Paana (Richard Burns) age 12**

Oil on canvas

400 x 400mm

NFS



**Rikki Paana (Richard Burns) age 90**

Oil on canvas

400 x 400mm

NFS



**Tipuna**

Oil on canvas  
1200 x 1200mm  
\$2200



**Dad the likely lad**

Oil on canvas

600 x 600mm

\$950



## **The wedding**

Oil on canvas

750 x 750mm

\$1200



**Four generations**

Oil on canvas

600 x 600mm

\$950





**Corrugated iron and hollyhocks**

Oil on canvas

750 x 750mm

\$1200



**Smiling girl**

Oil on canvas

600 x 600mm

\$950



**Nana and Grandad at the races**

Oil on canvas

600 x 600mm

\$950



**Gone**

Oil on canvas  
1200 x 1200mm  
\$2200



**Nana and the girls**

Oil on canvas

600 x 600mm

\$950



**Wallflower**

Oil on canvas  
1000 x 1000mm  
\$1900



**A father's case**

Oil on canvas

750 x 750mm

\$1200



**A mother's ACME**

Oil on canvas

750 x 750mm

\$1200





**Toroa over Whakaraupo (Albatross over Lyttleton)**

Oil on canvas  
830 x 1200mm  
\$2200



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