

OKAY, WHAT IS IT?



Julie Blackler, of Gore, seems to be admiring a work by Mark Braunius in the Real Art Roadshow that's been open for public viewing in Gore. The exhibition, which travels in a truck around the country, continues its tour around high schools in the area until June.

Photo: EMMA CARLE

Mobile gallery on tour with Real Art

NEW ZEALAND's only travelling art gallery trucks into Gore today.

The Real Art Roadshow, designed to give Kiwi pupils the chance to experience real art "up close and personal", is available for the public to view today and tomorrow outside the Eastern Southland Gallery and from next week will travel to schools.

The Real Art Roadshow will also be at Gore High School from April 19 to 21, Blue Mountain College, April 23, Northern Southland College, May 5 and 6 and Menzies College, June 3 and 4.

There are two Real Art Road Show trucks travelling in different parts of the country at any time, one black and one silver, with each folding out into a gallery containing 60 artworks by a mix of well-known and emerging New Zealand artists.

The silver truck is coming to Gore, with works by Ralph Hotere, Mark Braunias, Julia Morison and Fiona Pardington.

The founders of the Real Art Show, Fiona Campbell, Rob McLeod and Gerald Barnett, had the idea to bring real art to geographically isolated locations so people could see the true scale, texture and colour of artworks, instead of relying on textbooks or website representations.

► All of the artworks on both trucks can be viewed online at realartroadshow.co.nz