



Kaitiakitanga: A connection between human kind and the natural world which is a role of guardianship.

Artist's note on symbolism

Kaitiakitanga to me means to reconnect and protect the environment. This image depicts various aspects of our Canterbury landscape.

Kowhaiwhai represents the water and its journey up to ranginui and its relationship with our weather systems.

Maunga could depict Aoraki Mount Cook and his three brothers who make up significant peaks of Kā Tiritiri o Te Moana, Southern Alps.

Mokihi/waka used to navigate the waterways.

Reflection of the alps in the water – reflective of many important bodies of water within our takiwā such as Te Tai o Mahaanui – Ihutai – Ōpawaho, Ōtakaro and more as we journey further inland.

Taonga species (treasured) of our takiwā (region).

Artist Bio: Morgan Matthews-Hale, Kaitiaki Studios

Kaitiaki Studios is an ever-evolving space of artistic development led by Artist/Designer Morgan Matthews-Hale based in Ōtautahi, Christchurch.

Morgan prides herself on the ability to include Māori design, with reference to local narratives or values of each individual or organisation. Connecting our communities with stories and tikanga from Te Ao Māori in a way that is inclusive and collaborative.

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