

Melanie Roger took over the long running Anna Bibby Gallery in 2010, renaming the space Melanie Roger Gallery at the beginning of 2011. Today the gallery continues to work with and represent both established and emerging artists to present some of the best contemporary art in New Zealand to both local and international audiences and collectors.

Says Melanie “I take a collaborative approach with the gallery. I am interested in supporting the creation of new and exciting work and developing artists’ careers both within New Zealand and internationally.”

The gallery’s stable of artists includes longstanding relationships with Stanley Palmer, Gavin Hurley, Sam Mitchell and Kristy Gorman as well as newer rising talents such as Kirstin Carlin, Matt Ellwood, Tessa Laird, Erica van Zon and Tiffany Singh. As well, the Gallery works regularly with guest artists including Billy Apple, Peter Peryer, Patricia Piccinini and Victoria Munro on selected curatorial projects both within the space and externally at Art Fairs and pop up exhibitions.

Melanie herself brings over twenty years of experience within the art world to the gallery. She has held senior management positions at Gow Langsford Gallery (Auckland / Sydney) and John Leech Gallery where she worked closely with senior artists such as Michael Parekowhai, Max Gimblett, Dick Frizzell, John Pule, Shane Cotton and Judy Millar, as well as Reuben Paterson, Sara Hughes and John Walsh nurturing and developing their careers. Previously she worked for four years at the Auckland Art Gallery in a diverse range of roles within public programmes, marketing, education and curatorial. She was Director of Roger Williams Contemporary from 2006 - 2008 working with Judy Darragh, Simon Morris, Jeena Shin and internationally Patricia Piccinini and Polixeni Papapetrou to name a few. She followed this with a position as Development Director for Auckland Festival 2009 and has worked throughout as a freelance curator, consultant and writer. She was on the board of ARTSPACE from 2008 – 2013 and was on the board of Arts Advocates Auckland from 2008 – 2009.