

Art takes Long way

Art-lovers gathered for a first peek as a new gallery was unveiled at the Museum Hotel.

About 200 people, a who's who of Wellington, attended the launch of the Long Gallery on Tuesday night.

Chris Parkin, hotel owner and art-collector, has put a private collection on display – adding to the hotel's reputation for its quirky artwork, paintings and sculptures.

Prime Minister John Key opened the gallery which is in the foyer at the entrance of the hotel.



Maurice Bennett and Prime Minister John Key in front of an artwork bearing a striking resemblance . . .



Museum hotel owner and art collector Chris Parkin with Wellington city councillor Ray Ahipene-Mercer.



National MP Hekia Parata.



Wellington Mayor Kerry Prendergast.



Paul Pretty and Carolyn Payne.