

Wellington's royalty turned out in force.



John Key, Michelle Robertson and Chris Parkin.



John Key and Maurice Bennett.

Chris Parkin, Hekia Parata and Wira Gardiner.

MUSEUM HOTEL LAUNCH

It was one of the hottest invitations in town when Museum Hotel in Wellington launched The Long Gallery. This wonderful addition to the already divine hotel was officially opened by Prime Minister John Key and was celebrated by invited guests who sipped Lanson Champagne and were treated to exquisite nibbles from the Hippopotamus restaurant. What started out as a hotel-entrance restyle has turned into a major project in true Chris Parkin style. The hotelier is a major supporter of the arts and The Long Gallery is specially designed to display artworks so they can be seen and enjoyed by passers-by, as well as providing a stimulating first taste for arriving hotel guests. Wellington's royalty turned out in force, with Mayor Kerry Prendergast, Ruth and Paul Pretty, promoter Stewart McPherson and MP Hekia Parata among the guests. Maurice Bennett's portrait of John Key - made out of 4204 pieces of toast, has taken pride of place on the gallery wall.

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Ruth Pretty and Kerry Prendergast.



Carolyn and Maurice Bennett.



Wayne Eagleson, Emma Holmes and Chris Parkin.



Jane and Kerry Hart.



Dean Proudfoot and Lynne and Graeme Sandri.



Annabel Leask, Jackie Blinkhorne and Stewart McPherson.