

# STARKWHITE



## Starkwhite Queenstown Event - Art and the Anthropocene: How art helps us think about our place in a changing climate

4pm, Saturday 22 April 2023 at Starkwhite Queenstown, 1–7 Earl Street

**an•thro•po•cene** (*n*) The current geological epoch, in which humans are the primary cause of permanent planetary change.

Join Associate Professor Susan Ballard as she explores how artists have engaged with histories of nature, geology, and extinction within the context of our changing climate and ecosystems. As the realities of climate change impact Aotearoa New Zealand and the rest of the world, art has become an increasingly present and powerful way of developing meaningful connection with urgent societal issues. How are artists challenging inaction as well as fixed concepts of nature?

**Susan Ballard** is an Associate Professor of Art History at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington where she teaches courses on art writing and the environment. Her book *Art and Nature in the Anthropocene: Planetary Aesthetics* was awarded the best book in the AAANZ Arts Writing and Publishing Awards 2022.

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