Inside the house, showing the mixture of modern and traditional themes. Wiremu Pere is depicted on the centre post, with his mother, Riria Mauaranui, looking over his shoulder.

Rongopai is only one of a number of projects being carried out by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, and the Maori Buildings and Advisory Trust is on the lookout for more. If you know of other houses which meet the criteria laid out by Api Mahuika at the beginning of this article, write to:

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Rongopai during restoration work. The porch has been extended and two of the new panels can be seen. The inner three panels were restored at Dunedin Art Gallery by members of Te Whanau a Kai.



