



The Dowse is a museum with lots of different rooms called **galleries**. Each gallery has art in it for people to look at, talk about and think about. As I walk from gallery to gallery I might see other people looking at the art or talking about the art too.

At museums people use **museum manners**. They walk, they use quiet voices and they don't touch the artwork unless someone who works at the museum says it's okay.

When I get to The Dowse I'll go in through sliding glass doors and say hello to one of the **hosts** at the desk. If I need any help or if I have a question while I'm at the museum I'll ask them.

Then, I'll choose which way to go first. The Dowse has an upstairs and a downstairs. If I go **upstairs** I can use the red stairs or the lift. After I look at the art while I'm upstairs I can go to the Family Lounge and make my own piece of art. I can also look at a book or play with the puppets.

PATAKA—NUKU TEWHATEWHA



Downstairs in one of the galleries I will see a piece of art that is a building. It's called Nuku Tewhatewha and it used to stand outside in a forest. It's a pataka. It's quiet at the pataka. If I want a break, I can sit on a seat by the pataka and rest awhile.

When I'm ready to leave I will say good bye to the host. I might share with them what I think about something I saw. When I go **outside** I could have a run around the square. There are paths in the concrete I can follow and a sculpture that looks like a giant snake I can climb on. There is even a metal robot lying in the pond for me to find and look at.

I might go back to The Dowse again. Next time there will be some different art for me to see, but Nuku Tewhatewha will still be there.