



## **One Tree Art Prize**

**Artist:** Jan Rowe

**Title:** The Lake Wanaka Tree

**GPS:** -44.6983,169.1175

This unique tree was originally planted as a fence post made from a willow tree back in the 1930's to keep livestock from wandering. The post being submerged in water, eventually sprouted and developed over the years into an amazing willow tree still fully submerged in the water of Lake Wanaka, creating the impression it was floating upon the lake as a silhouette against the backdrop of the Southern Alps.

Today the tree has survived both the fluctuations of the lake levels and vandalism when it was axed in 2020 but still managed to re sprout.

It's a survivor! and has continued to grow showing how resilient trees can be. This is why I chose to paint this amazing tree.