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Overseeing the development of exhibitions and events at this brand new gallery is no mean feat since there are 11 spaces on the go at one time. Claire, a Brooklyn apartment dweller loves frocks, fabric and the downtown Wellington vibe. When she is not at work she can be found enjoying everything our wonderful city has to offer.

Claire's favourite haunts:

For brunch... Capitol on Kent Terrace for its imaginative and often surprising brunch menu. It's also a great sunny spot to watch life go by.

For a great coffee... A latte from Pandoro on the corner of Allen and Wakefield Streets. Hits the spot on a Sunday morning after vege shopping at the Chaffers Street market.

For shopping... Can't stay away from D. Alexander Textiles on Dixon Street for heavenly fabrics; Avid on Victoria Street and Quoil, Willis Street for special jewels. A real treat for something mad and lovingly made is Craftwerk, a roving alternative craft fair which pops up every now and again at Abel Smith Street's Southern Cross Bar.

For a night out... Havana - a little world of 'grooviness' tucked away in an old cottage in Wigan Street - is a favourite for drinks because of its secret tucked away nature. Follow that with cheap eats at Satay Kingdom, Cuba Mall, then head along the Mall to the San Francisco Bath House where there is always a good band. If you're feeling more posh - cocktails and delicious dessert at Logan Brown - behind the closed doors you are transported to another world.

For relaxation... An amble through Central Park in Brooklyn to Le Moulin Bakery in Willis Street for a paper and baguette. A well-travelled chef friend says they are better than in Paris. Follow this with a leisurely browse through downtown's many book shops.

For indulgence... A decadent start to a day off is a glass of vodka-soaked raspberries in bubbly at Nikau in Civic Square. A great way to kick-start or finish a relaxed day and maybe even loosen the purse strings for shopping.

For free... There's nothing like exploring the green belt - a different experience every time.

With visitors... A discovery tour of the Waterfront Writers Walk. Favourites are the Bill Manhire quote perched on the edge of the water and Lauris Edmonds' precarious slab on the City to Sea Bridge.

Other favourite places... Of course as a Wellingtonian with an interest in TheNewDowse, one of the great things about downtown Wellington is that you can hop on the Stagecoach Flyer bus and in just 15 fast minutes be chauffeured around the beautiful harbour to TheNewDowse and back again. How fabulous is that!

"I think Lauris Edmonds is right - 'It's true you can't live here by chance, you have to do and be, not simply watch or even describe. This is the city of action, the world headquarters of the verb.' Downtown Wellington - there's no place like it." Claire Regnault.

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