

Display tackles domestic violence

A confronting public art display will tour Auckland to bring home an important message about domestic violence.

Ponsonby-based artist Mandalina Stanisich first displayed her art installation *Top Secret* at Queen Elizabeth II Square in November last year (*Auckland City Harbour News*, November 16).

The 2.2 metre structure represents a house which on the outside is conventional

but on the inside contains elements of the suffering caused by domestic violence.

A badly beaten boxing bag held together with tape represents old scars while a baby's rattle calls attention to how children are often victims of domestic violence either directly or indirectly.

"While I have been very fortunate to grow up in a loving family surrounded by love and support, other people aren't so lucky," Ms Stanisich says.

"Domestic violence is a problem that exists within every section of society."

Ms Stanisich says she received a lot of positive feedback on the installation last year.

She aims to reach as many different demographics as possible and is taking the piece on a "roadshow" to five different locations in Auckland to build up to the International Day of the Elimination of Violence against Women or White Ribbon

Day on November 25. The work will be displayed at Auckland City Hospital from November 21 to 28.

Go to givealittle.co.nz and search Mandalina Stanisich, or see opticaldelusionproductions.com for more information.

No secret: Artist Mandalina Stanisich wants to raise awareness about domestic violence with her travelling work *Top Secret*.

