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FROM THE GALLERY DIRECTOR

To all our friends and supporters, thank you for your patience during these difficult times. The Gallery shut down in March due to COVID-19 restrictions understandably caused a reshuffle of the 2020 program including the cancellation of a major exhibition and changes to the Gallery public program events and activities.

Since re-opening in June the Gallery has presented two exciting touring exhibitions. Both of these innovative exhibitions were very well received and struck a chord with visitors, many visiting the Gallery for the first time.

Due to the need for a degree of flexibility in our current climate we have been posting regular updates on the Gallery website, facebook and twitter. The gradual increase of online and virtual activities is an exciting development for the Gallery which allows for a range of options we can offer our Friends of the Gallery, artists and supporters (printed material will continue to be mailed to Friends of the Gallery subscribers).

An exciting change to the Gallery calendar is the Calleen Art Award shifting to a Springtime event. However for the first time in the history of the Calleen Art Award the announcement of the winner will take place online (see the Gallery website for more information). This year you will have the opportunity to encounter an exhibition connecting with a wide-range of painting styles and diverse issues. The judge for 2020 is Steven Alderton, Director and CEO, National Art School.

Coming up in November is upstART 2020 comprised of works by students in Stages 5 and 6(Years 9, 10, 11 and 12) from 10 high schools in the region. There is also coming up in December a survey exhibition by Yvonne Boag (previous Calleen Art Award winner) and alongside this intriguing exhibition is a showcase of recent acquisitions.

Before signing off I would like to thank Gwen Clark who retired in December 2019 as the editor of the Gallery Newsletter. Gwen produced 58 editions of the Newsletter dating back to 2005. This is a unique achievement and also underscores her commitment and contribution to the Gallery as a volunteer and long standing member of the Friends of the Gallery Committee. Gwen's newsletters can be downloaded from the Gallery website.

I hope you enjoy the Spring program of exhibitions, online activities and school holiday workshops for children.

Until next time, Brian

AUTUMN/WINTER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS







Top: Visitors viewing JUDY WATSON heron island suite #1-#20 (detail) 2009-2010, part of As far as the eye can see. **Middle:** School children with TJUNKAYA TAPAYA Ngayulu Minyma Tjanpinya, I am a Tjanpi Woman, part of Obsessed: Compelled to make. **Bottom:** Still from Zoom interview with ADC CEO, and exhibiting artists Greg Daly and Liz Williamson, for the opening of Obsessed: Compelled to make.

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During the October school holidays the Cowra Regional Art Gallery is presenting Creative Workshops for children aged from 7 to 9 years and 10 to 12 years on Thursday 8 October and Friday 9 October. These workshops are designed to inspire young artists, and under the guidance of local artist tutors Libby Murray and Catherine Bennett children will discover the fun of making art and crafts.

The location for these fun activities is the Nguluway Room next to the Art Gallery, 77 Darling Street, Cowra.

Please register early - The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm and Sunday 2pm to 4pm.

Contact the Gallery on 63402190 for registration forms and any further information.

Day 1 Yarn Bombing - Thursday 8 October 2020

with Tutor Libby Murray

In this workshop participants will explore the craft of yarn bombing. A variety of natural and man made objects will be available to use, including rocks, twigs, boxes and plastic containers. All materials will be provided

<u>Session 1 – For ages 7 - 9 from 10am to 12pm</u> <u>Session 2 – For ages 10 - 12 from 1pm to 3pm</u>

All Materials provided - Cost \$10 pp

Day 2 Mixed Media Madness - Friday 9 October 2020

with Tutor Catherine Bennett

In this workshop participants will be able to create a mixed media artwork on canvas board using tissue paper, threads and fabric, pens, pencils, crayons, paint, leaves and more. All materials will be provided but If you would like to bring some special things to glue on, please do.

<u>Session 1 - For ages 7 - 9 from 10am to 12 pm</u> <u>Session 2 - For ages 10 - 12 from 1pm to 3 pm.</u>

All Materials provided - Cost \$10 pp

*Limit of 8 participants per session due to COVID-19 social distancing

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For the safety of everyone at The Cowra Regional Art Gallery please note the following conditions of entry



Please do not enter if you feel unwell



Provide your contact details at the front desk



Please use hand sanitiser provided on entry



CRAG has a maximum allowable number of 15 visitors at one time



Retail transactions Eftpos only



Please limit your time in the exhibition space to 30 minutes



Please observe social distancing markers



Please take your printed guides home with you



Temporarily not accepting any tour groups

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Find us, like us and follow us for insights and updates to the Gallery program.

EXPLORE OUR WEBSITE

The Cowra Regional Art Gallery website contains up to date information on our exhibition program, public programs, Gallery collection and more. Continue your gallery experience online with exhibition commentary, films, and interviews. Discover works from *The Calleen Collection* alongside historical research and engaging essays. And keep informed on important Gallery information such as our COVID-19 Conditions of Entry.

www.cowraartgallery.com.au

SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAM

4 OCTOBER TO 15 NOVEMBER 2020



The Calleen Art Award was founded as an acquisitive art prize by art patron and collector Mrs Patricia Fagan, OAM and first awarded in 1977. The winning work was to form the nucleus of an art collection for the people of Cowra to be known as 'The Calleen Collection'.

In 2020, the Calleen Art Award offers a magnificent showcase of finalists. Visitors will have the opportunity to encounter an exhibition connecting with a wide-range of painting styles and diverse issues by 52 artists from across Australia.

22 NOVEMBER TO 6 DECEMBER 2020



The 18th annual **upstART Exhibition and Awards** showcases the work of regional students in Stages 5 and 6, encompassing a broad range of styles and subjects. The exhibition includes experimental and creative approaches to painting, ceramics, mixed media, photography and sculpture. This is a "must-see" exhibition presented in association with high schools in the Central West.

13 DECEMBER 2020 TO 7 FEBRUARY 2021

Yvonne Boag: Travelling, Leaving, Settling, Scotland, Korea, Australia: Paintings, Works on Paper and Artists Books

For more than 20 years, Yvonne Boag has divided her time between South Korea and Australia, spending seven months each year in Seoul.



Dealing with themes of displacement and alienation, this exhibition intends to focus on Boag's artworks depicting her own personal experiences with migration, immersed in the deep links and multi-layered relationships between Scotland, Korea and Australia. Curated by Akky van Ogtrop. Image: Yvonne Boag, Sounds of Gangseo-gu, 2016.

The Collection in Focus 2020: New Acquisitions

This exhibition of new acquisitions to the Cowra Regional Art Gallery collection showcases works of art received during the past 2 1/2 years through the generosity of private donors; important acquisitions through the Calleen Art Award; purchases in association with the Friends of the Gallery; and donations by collectors received through the Commonwealth Government's Cultural Gifts Program.

The exhibition includes paintings by Rowen Matthews, Christine Wrest-Smith, Sinead Davies, Ivan Goodacre, Tam Cao and Dagmar Cyrulla alongside etchings by Max Miller, John Olsen, Lloyd Rees, and Clifton Pugh.



77 Darling Street, Cowra NSW 2794 ADMISSION FREE

Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm. Sunday 2pm-4pm.

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