

# GALLERY NEWS SUMMER 2022

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## GALLERY NEWS

### FROM THE GALLERY DIRECTOR

Welcome and Happy New Year!

At present the Cowra Regional Art Gallery remains open and will continue to present an exciting program of engaging exhibitions and stimulating outreach and public activities as promoted, in accordance with COVID -19 Public Health orders. The Gallery's main priority is the health and wellbeing of our visitors, staff and volunteers.

The program highlights for 2022 include the Gallery hosting the exciting Archibald Prize 2021 touring exhibition; a Cowra Regional Art Gallery Collection exhibition with a special focus on works by women artists; the presentation of the national tour of innovative and stimulating works by finalists of the Dobell Drawing Prize #22; a living treasures exhibition from the Australian Design Centre and the highly acclaimed Calleen Art Award acquisitive painting prize for 2022. The Gallery children's program includes the Young Archie exhibition of portraits by local young artists and Operation Art on tour, both displayed in the Cowra Library, and upstART exhibition in collaboration with high schools from the region.

The Gallery's website program AT HOME will continue with regular updates, artist interviews and exhibition openings (some live). During 2021 the Gallery's website and social media activities exceeded expectations engaging with over 80,000 visitors.

Finally, I would like express my deep gratitude for the ongoing strong support and assistance of the Gallery Advisory Committee and our remarkable volunteers who continue to contribute their time and expertise to the ongoing success of the Cowra Regional Art Gallery, and the loyalty and friendship of the members of the Friends of the Gallery.

Myself and the Gallery team look forward to presenting you with a vibrant program of visual treats during 2022.

Until next time.  
Brian Langer  
Gallery Director

### 2021 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



**Top to bottom:** 1: Visitors to *Weapons for the Soldier: Protecting Country, Culture and Family*. 2: Wayne Tunnicliffe, Calleen Art Award 2021 Judge and Head Curator of Australian Art at the Art Gallery of NSW, Peter Fagan, Calleen trustee, Rachel Ellis, winner of the Calleen Art Award 2021, Jenni Fagan, Calleen Trustee and Brian Langer, Director Cowra Regional Art Gallery at the opening of the Calleen Art Award. 3: Libby Murray, Gallery Advisory Committee member, Emma Collerton, Curator Bathurst Regional Art Gallery and Deirdre Bean, Calleen Art Award 2021 finalist. 4. Cowra Shire Council staff enjoy a morning tea at the Calleen Art Award 2021.



# GALLERY NEWS

## YOUNG ARCHIE ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

Young artists between the ages of five and 18 are encouraged to paint a portrait of someone special to them and submit an entry to the Cowra Young Archie Competition.

The Cowra Young Archie competition is part of the 2021 Archibald Prize Regional Tour that will be on display at Cowra Regional Art Gallery from Saturday 19 March until Sunday 1 May 2022.

The Young Archie competition is open to residents of the Cowra, Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Orange, Weddin and Hilltops LGAs.

The finalists from each category will be displayed in the Cowra Library whilst other entries will be included in an online exhibition on the Gallery website.

### Key Dates:

**Competition opens: Saturday 4 December 2021**  
**Entries must be received by Friday 11 February 2022**  
**Finalists will be displayed 11 March to 30 April 2022**  
**Winners will be announced on Friday 18 March 2022**

### Categories:

5-8 year olds  
9-12 year olds  
13-15 year olds  
16-18 year olds

Prize: One winner from each category will receive \$50 provided by the exhibition sponsor ANZ Bank

Entry forms are now available online  
[www.cowraartgallery.com.au/YoungArchie](http://www.cowraartgallery.com.au/YoungArchie)

# EXHIBITION PROGRAM

14 DECEMBER 2021 TO 30 JANUARY 2022



## ADRIENNE DOIG: IT'S ALL ABOUT ME!

Through the lens of self-portraiture, Blue Mountains-based artist Adrienne Doig (b1963), tackles the everyday with good humour and wit. Her survey exhibition draws upon the past three decades of the artist's practice. A Bathurst Regional Art Gallery touring exhibition curated by Emma Collerton.

Adrienne Doig, *Feminist Cliché (Dresden Plate)* (detail) 2012, patchwork, applique and embroidery on linen. Private collection courtesy of the artist and Martin Browne Contemporary



MARTIN BROWNE CONTEMPORARY

## SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Come to the Cowra Regional Art Gallery these school holidays for FREE Young Archie Portraiture Workshops. With guidance from Gallery staff, participants will create a portrait of a person who is special to them- someone who plays a significant role in their life. Finished artworks may be entered into the Young Archie competition, held in March-April, hosted by the Cowra Regional Art Gallery at the Cowra Library.

**When:** Every Thursday in January 10am-12pm (ages 5 to 12) and every Thursday in January 1pm-3pm (ages 13 to 18)

**Where:** Nguluway Room next to the Art Gallery, 77 Darling Street Cowra

**What to bring:** A photo of someone special to you and a drink/snack. All other materials provided.

Limit of 10 participants per session.

Register now online: [www.cowraartgallery.com.au/YoungArchie](http://www.cowraartgallery.com.au/YoungArchie)

## FOLLOW US

Find us, like us and follow us for exhibition insights, extra resources and important updates to the Gallery program.

The Gallery can now be found on Instagram too! Follow us at @cowraregionalartgallery



6 FEBRUARY TO 6 MARCH 2022



## Behind the Lines: The Year's Best Political Cartoons for 2021

The exhibition theme **Prophecy & Chance** acknowledges our discomfort with uncertainty and our quest to know what the future holds, rummaging in the fortune-teller's chest for a crystal ball.

31 JANUARY TO 24 FEBRUARY 2022

## Operation Art

Operation Art is an initiative of the Children's Hospital at Westmead contributing to the wellbeing of sick children and their families by creating work which is uplifting and gives hope to those who spend much of their time at hospital. A Cowra Regional Art Gallery outreach project presented in the Cowra Library.



18 MARCH TO 1 MAY 2022

# ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2021



## VOLUNTEER AT THE GALLERY



Volunteering at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery offers a unique and rewarding opportunity to experience the Gallery's exhibitions and public programs first-hand. It's a great way to get involved with art and our community, while gaining valuable experience within a cultural organisation.

Does this sound like an opportunity you'd like to be involved in?

For more information please contact the Gallery Monday to Friday between 10am to 4pm on 6340 2190 or email [cowraartgallery@cowra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cowraartgallery@cowra.nsw.gov.au).

## GALLERY WEBSITE

The Cowra Regional Art Gallery website contains up to date information on our exhibition program, public events and workshops, 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](http://www.cowraartgallery.com.au)



77 Darling Street, Cowra NSW 2794 **ADMISSION FREE**

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

**Tel:** (02) 6340 2190

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Please check the Gallery website before visiting.

The Cowra Regional Art Gallery is a cultural facility of the Cowra Shire Council