

GALLERY NEWS

WINTER 2021

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10 AUGUST TO 13 OCTOBER 2021



weapons for the soldier

PROTECTING COUNTRY, CULTURE AND FAMILY

A touring exhibition by
APY Art Centre Collective and Hazelhurst Arts Centre

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Due to ongoing changes to COVID-19 restrictions, in line with the NSW Health Advice, please check the Gallery website prior to your visit. If you have any questions please contact Gallery staff during business hours on (02) 6340 2190.

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FROM THE GALLERY DIRECTOR

Welcome to the latest instalment of the Gallery Newsletter 2021. Thank you for your patience and support during these challenging and uncertain times.

On a positive note the Gallery hosted a special event on Wednesday 9 June 2021 to open the Cowra Sculpture Park and launch a unique collection of public sculptures gifted by Macquarie University to Cowra Council.

The Macquarie University Art Gallery and Cowra Regional Art Gallery have collaborated several times over the past 7 years on a diverse range of exhibition projects. The professional association of both galleries and Macquarie University's support resulted in the gifting of the selected sculptures by leading Australian sculptors to Cowra with the aim they would be installed in the new Cowra Sculpture Park.

On the day of the Sculpture Park opening the event began in the Japanese Garden Education Centre due to inclement weather. Cowra Mayor Bill West officially opened the Sculpture Park and Rhonda Davis, Senior Curator, Macquarie University Art Gallery spoke about the Macquarie University gift of public sculptures.

Following the launch, a change in the weather allowed guests to move outside for an informative and engaging "talk and walk" by Leonard Janiszewski, Curator and Historian, Macquarie University about the sculptures (see the images opposite) . A short film of this tour is now available to watch on the Gallery website.

The donation by Macquarie University of these marvellous sculptures together with the existing sculptures provide a distinctive display of public art in the landscape of the Sculpture Park and also increases the richness of visitor's experiences taken away from their visits.

For regular updates about the Gallery program and opening hours please check the Gallery website www.cowraartgallery.com.au

Until next time Brian Langer, Gallery Director.



Top to bottom: 1. Leonard Janiszewski, Curator and Historian Macquarie University, Cowra Mayor Bill West, Brian Langer, Gallery Director Cowra Regional Art Gallery, and Rhonda Davis, Senior Curator Macquarie University Art Gallery with sculpture donation: Anita Larkin, H2O, 2003. Photo: Cowra Guardian. 2. Guests enjoyed a tour of the sculpture park led by Leonard Janiszewski. Photo: Effy Alexakis. 3. Leonard Janiszewski with sculpture donation: James Rogers, Grubbed 1991. Photo: Effy Alexakis.

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BECOME A FRIEND OF THE GALLERY

The Friends of the Gallery advocate public awareness of the Gallery and appreciation of the visual arts. Individual supporters and their generosity have played a vital role in helping us to ensure a vibrant future for the Cowra Regional Art Gallery.

As a Friend of the Cowra Regional Art Gallery you will join a social and vibrant community of art lovers while supporting the ongoing success of a leading public gallery in NSW. Joining the Friends is a great way to meet new people and keep in touch with the Gallery program of diverse exhibitions, special events and social activities.

To become a Friend of the Gallery, to renew your membership or to update your details please visit our website www.cowraartgroup.com.au/about/friends-of-the-gallery, complete the PDF form with the required information and return to the Cowra Regional Art Gallery. Alternatively, please contact the Gallery on (02) 63402190.



Left: The Friends of the Gallery enjoy refreshments in the Civic Centre Foyer following a special screening of *Dust Cloud* and talk with Director and Writer Trudi Houston. **Right:** Brian Langer, Gallery Director presents Trudi Houston, Director and Writer with a bouquet.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Front: cover Taylor Cooper and Witjiti George, *Pilati and Malara: A story of love and war 2018* (detail), acrylic on linen, 200 x 300cm. Courtesy the artists and Kaltjiti Arts. **This Page top left to right: 1.** John Gollings Floor Talk with Anouska Phizacklea, Gallery Director, Monash Gallery of Art. **2.** CWA Cowra enjoy the exhibition John Gollings: the history of the built world. **Bottom left to right 3.** Lachlan Valley Biennial Art Awards (LVBAA) Judge Emma Collerton, Curator, Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, being interviewed for Prime 7 News about the exhibition. **4.** Cowra artist Linda Chant with her Highly Commended drawing, *The Stems Fell Gently* at the LVBAA.

GALLERY PROGRAM

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Weapons for the soldier - Protecting Country, Culture and Family

This exhibition brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian artists who have made new work to examine complex and varied responses to weaponry, warfare, and their connection to protecting land and country.

A touring exhibition by APY Art Centre Collective and Hazelhurst Arts Centre.

Artworks: **Kunmanara (Ray) Ken**, *Weapons for the soldier* 2018, acrylic on linen, 300 x 200 cm. Courtesy of the artist and Tjala Arts. Photo: silversalt photography. **Vincent Namitjira** *Unknown soldiers* 2018 (detail), acrylic on army surplus material, 122 x 91 cm each. Courtesy of the artist, Iwantja Arts and This Is No Fantasy.

Note: Please refer to the Gallery website for program updates

24 OCTOBER TO 5 DECEMBER 2021



Calleen Art Award 2021

The Calleen Art Award is a major Gallery event, founded in 1977 by Mrs Patricia Fagan OAM with the aim to foster originality, creativity and excellence in the visual arts. Its ongoing development as a nationally significant and prestigious art award is due to the support of the Calleen Trust providing prize money of \$25,000 for 2021. Recent winners include Zoe Young (2020), Wendy Sharpe (2019), Brian Robinson (2018) and Zai Kuang (2017).

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VOLUNTEER CALL OUT

The Gallery is supported by our generous volunteers who assist in a range of positions, from greeting visitors at our front desk, helping with administration duties or assisting with exhibitions and events.

If you are interested in becoming a valued volunteer please contact the Gallery. Expression of Interest forms are also available on the Gallery website or at the Gallery office.

FOLLOW US

Find us, like us and follow us for insights and updates to the Gallery program. The Gallery can now be found on Instagram too!



GALLERY WEBSITE

The Cowra Regional Art Gallery website contains up to date information regarding the gallery program including closures due to lockdowns. Online you'll also find exhibition walk-throughs and recordings of recent openings, and floor talks.

www.cowraartgallery.com.au



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

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