

16 December 2018 to 3 February 2019



## Making a Splash: Mermaids and Modernity

This exhibition features a diverse range of new works, including painting, photography, sound and installation by ten artists offering fresh interpretations of the mermaid – such as, whimsical mermaid imagery and folklore, as well as new associations that connect contemporary issues with particular places and circumstances. Presented by the Cowra Regional Art Gallery, in partnership with Macquarie University Art Gallery.



Image: Image: Effy Alexakis, Gorgona shop, Plaka, Athens, 2017. Digital photograph; Lambda print, 20 x 25cm; 27 x 32cm framed. Collection of the artist.

19 January to 17 February 2019



## Operation Art

Operation Art is an initiative of the Children's Hospital at Westmead, in collaboration with the Department of Education and Communities This program encourages students from Kindergarten to Year 10 in schools across NSW to create artworks for children in hospital. It is an important state-wide visual arts exhibition that focuses on creating a positive environment to aid the healing and recovery process of young patients. The touring exhibition is comprised of 50 colourful artworks, including painting, drawing, collage and photography.



Image: Olivia Yates, *Monster*, 2017, Kindergarten, Samuel Gilbert Public School, Castle Hill.

## WELCOME ABOUT THE GALLERY

The Cowra Regional Art Gallery offers a changing program of vibrant and diverse exhibitions. During 2018, this includes innovative touring exhibitions across a broad range of contemporary art practices and upstART, the annual regional youth project.

The Gallery actively promotes an appreciation and enjoyment of the visual arts for all ages, including informed public events with guest speakers and workshop-based activities. More information is available on the Gallery Facebook and Twitter pages.

The Gallery prides itself as a friendly and welcoming public gallery with a gift shop that offers a unique range of cards, exhibition catalogues and art publications, as well as jewellery and merchandise crafted by artists from the region and beyond.



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**ADMISSION FREE**

**Hours:** Tuesday–Saturday 10am–4pm, Sunday 2pm–4pm (Mondays closed)

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### GET CONNECTED

[www.cowraartgallery.com.au](http://www.cowraartgallery.com.au)

The Cowra Regional Art Gallery website lets you browse current and upcoming exhibitions, as well as media updates and information about the Calleen Art Award.



Stay up to date with gallery events, workshops and special activities on Facebook and Twitter.



The Cowra Regional Art Gallery is a cultural facility of the Cowra Shire Council and supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW.

# COWRA REGIONAL ART GALLERY

JULY 2018 - JANUARY 2019



Front cover image: Eddy Bittner, *Lightning Fisherman, The Mermaid + The Mimi*, 2015, acrylic on canvas, 102.5 x 113 cm. Collection of Philip Hayward. Photography by Effy Alexakis. Photowrite.

# EXHIBITIONS

21 July to 2 September 2018



# Remember Me

## THE LOST DIGGERS OF VIGNACOURT

The exhibition focuses on photographs made by the Thuillier family, whose portraiture enabled Australian soldiers, moving through the French village of Vignacourt, to maintain a fragile link with loved ones in Australia. The Thuillier Collection covers many of the significant aspects of Australian involvement on the Western Front, from military life to the friendships and bonds formed between the soldiers and civilians.

This includes a showcase of selected photographs as handmade traditional darkroom prints and draws on the Memorial's own collections to tell the story of these men in their own voices. The touring exhibition also includes a selection of objects and a multimedia piece. An Australian War Memorial touring exhibition.



Image: Two soldiers of the 5th Australian Division, November 1916. Courtesy Kerry Stokes Collection, the Louis and Antoinette Thuillier Collection. AWM P10550.019.

9 September to 7 October 2018



## ARTEXPRESS

ARTEXPRESS is a showcase of Higher School Certificate work representing best practice in visual arts education. The exhibition is a wonderful event that connects communities through the visual arts, and offers us a glimpse into the lives, hopes and concerns of our young people. ARTEXPRESS grew from humble beginnings to a major event in New South Wales. The impact of the exhibition has surpassed its original function as a display of exemplary Visual Arts bodies of work and it remains internationally unique.

ARTEXPRESS is not one, but a series of exhibitions that take place over an 11-month period. The exhibition on show at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery (for the first time) is unique to the Cowra region, including works from both metropolitan and regional centres and from both Government and non-Government schools with fairness in regards to gender balance and expressive form. The exhibition includes everything from ceramics, drawing and graphic design, to painting, photomedia, printmaking, sculpture, textiles and fibre, as well as time-based forms.



14 October to 18 November 2018



## JamFactory Icon Gerry Wedd: Kitschen Man

Willow pattern ceramics submerged in political jibes, classic urns decorated with lyrical portraits, garniture figurines poised in confrontational narratives, Gerry Wedd's work is a day at the beach – with a smash of homebaked reality pie in your face for good measure.

Traditional ceramic styles imbued with meaty metaphor burst the seams of this solo exhibition by Gerry Wedd, showcasing the breadth of this iconic artist's career. This JamFactory Icon exhibition is one of an annual event celebrating masters of creative excellence.

*JamFactory Icon Gerry Wedd: Kitschen Man* is a JamFactory touring exhibition supported by Visions of Australia, an Australian Government program supporting touring exhibitions by providing funding assistance for the development and touring of Australian cultural material across Australia and the Australia Council for the Arts, the Australian Governments arts funding and advisory body.



Image: Gerry Wedd, *Gram Jar*, coil built, terracotta, coloured slip decoration, 1120°, 640 x 430mm. Photo: Andrew Cowen.

25 November to 9 December 2018



## UpstART 2018

*UpstART* showcases the work of regional students in years 10, 11 and 12 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 and the 15th annual youth art exhibition and awards presented by the Cowra Regional Art Gallery in association with high schools in the central west.



Image: Katie Brown, *Touch* (detail), Year 12, drawing. Winner, 2017 UpstART People's Choice Award.