

NEWSLETTER

produced by the Friends of the Cowra Regional Art Gallery

THE CALLEEN COLLECTION 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



Above: View of the Exhibition

Saturday 16 December, 2017 was a special occasion for the Cowra Regional Art Gallery marking the 40 Year Anniversary of the Calleen Collection.

Mr. Angus Trumble Director of the National Portrait Gallery, opened the Exhibition speaking of the importance of such a collection.

Following is the introduction written for the Exhibition Catalogue by Cowra Regional Art Gallery Director Brian Langer.



The *Calleen Collection* forms an important and distinctive association with the Cowra Regional Art Gallery as its foundation collection since it opened in 2000 .

The *Calleen Collection* comprises a diverse range of works acquired through private support as the winners of the acquisitive *Calleen Art Award*. Both *the Calleen Collection* and the *Calleen Art Award* were established in 1977 by Cowra arts patron Mrs Patricia Fagan, OAM. Her generous legacy and vision have played a pivotal part in the development of this splendid collection of modern and contemporary Australian art (mainly paintings) as well as the development of the *Calleen Art Award* that now forms part of the Gallery program.

The *Calleen Art Award* encourages the creative practices of many artists in the region, and appeals and inspires the imagination of the local community and visitors to Cowra.

I would like to acknowledge Calleen Trust trustees, Jenni Fagan and Peter Fagan for their generous support of the *Calleen Collection* and the *Calleen Art Award*. Thank you to the Cowra Shire Council for the ongoing support and the NSW Government supported by Create NSW.

Finally, thank you to the artists in the exhibition, the members of the Gallery Advisory Committee, the Friends of the Gallery Committee, and the Gallery volunteers whose support is invaluable.

I hope you enjoy this stimulating and wonderful exhibition as we celebrate the *Calleen Collection: 40 Year Anniversary*.

Brian Langer
Director Cowra Regional Art Gallery.



Left: Angus Trumble, Jenni Fagan, Brian Langer, Steph Cooke MP, Mayor of Cowra Cr. Bill West, and Peter Fagan.

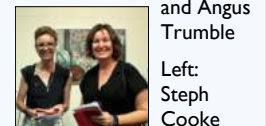
Below Left: Cowra Regional Art Gallery Director Brian Langer speaking on the exhibition and introducing National Portrait Gallery Director Angus Trumble.



Above: Rowan Mathews - 2009 Calleen Award winner with Jenni Fagan and Angus Trumble



Above from left: Tony Dagg with Libby Murray and David Henley; Centre: Susie Blume and Ruth Fagan; Above right: Barbara Proctor, Jenni Fagan, and Vanda Cassim. Below: a view of the exhibition.



Left: Steph Cooke MP for Cootamundra with Gallery Administration officer Jacque Perry.



upstART

2017

The 14th Year of upstART opened in the Cowra Regional Art Gallery on 25 November 2017.

With 80 entries from 9 High Schools around the region, the high standard of the works presented portrayed the quality and enthusiasm of both teaching staff and the participating students in years 10,11,12 from this region. A total 12 awards were presented this year, plus a People's Choice Award which was decided at the close of the exhibition.



The Awards Judge for 2017 was art teacher, artist, graphic designer and currently ceramicist, Michelle Coombes (shown at left) had high praise for the young artists. Mayor Cr Bill West who opened the exhibition, encouraged them to continue on with their art no matter what else they may do in their future lives. It was a delight to view the talent on display.

As usual an excellent crowd of students, friends, parents and teachers attended the opening and enjoyed pizza on the lawn outside afterwards.



Top Above: Part of the crowd at the Opening. Above: Michelle Coomes, Director Brian Langer and Mayor Cr Bill West who opened the exhibition.

Janita Stapelberg from Molong with her winning Painting *Aspirations*



RESULTS.

OPEN SECTION AWARDS

Painting Award

Winner - Janita Stapelberg, Yr.11, Molong CS

Drawing Award

Winner - Lily Corkhill, Yr.12, HCC Young

Mixed Media

Winner - Madison Harcombe, Yr.12, SRCS Cowra.

H.Com.- Charlotte Simpson, Yr.12, HLHS Grenfell

Photography Award

Winner - Cody Smith, Yr.12, Canowindra HS

Winner Ceramics Award

Patrick Hutchison, Yr.12, Cowra HS

Sculpture Award

Winner - Julia Stanley, Yr.11, Canowindra HS



Patrick Hutchison with his Winning ceramics - *Wounded Inheritance*.



Winning Photography Award. Art work by Canowindra's Cody Smith. *The drama of it all and so it goes.*



Winning Sculpture by Julia Stanley, Yr.11 Canowindra



Winner Yr 10 Will Hazzard from Dubbo School of Distance Education with his acrylic *Will. I. Am*



HC Yr 10 CHS Ellee White with her work *Art Provera*



Madison Harcombe from St Raphael's Catholic School winner of the Mixed Media with Cr. Bill West. Above: Her Winning Mixed Media *Beautiful Destruction*.



HC Mixed Media 07.08.15 by Charlotte Simpson Yr 12 HLHS Grenfell

YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 AWARDS

Year 10 Award

Winner - Will Hazzard DSDE. Highly Com. - Ellee White, Cowra HS

Year 11 Award

Winner - Erin Coyle Molong CS

Year 12 Award

Winner - Sarah Williams Molong CS Highly Com. - Melanie Grogan, SRCS Cowra

Peoples Choice Award.

Katie Brown, Yr. 12, SRCS Cowra



Winner Yr 11 Erin Coyle from Molong with her mixed media *Headspace*..



Sarah Williams from Molong with her Yr 12 winning work *Hear no, see no, speak no.*

HC Yr 12. Mixed Media by Melanie Grogan of St Raphael's Catholic School Cowra. *Memories, Mourning, Moving On*



Some of the artists present at the Opening.

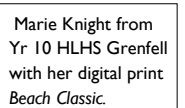


Kyle Diamond-Squires Yr 12 CHS with his ceramics *Repetition's Power in Nature*

Julia Williams from Yr 10 Parkes HS with her WC drawing *Portrait after Del Kathryn-Barton*



Marie Knight from Yr 10 HLHS Grenfell with her digital print *Beach Classic*.



Caitlyn Campbell from Molong Yr 10 with her Mixed Media printmaking.



Ceramic entries from Lucy Pattigale and Aalana Bush, both Yr 10 CHS

Pipi Coddington Yr 10 from Young with her Mixed media *Butterfly effect*.



Note Abbreviations:
 HS - High School;
 CS - Central School;
 KWS - Kinross Wolaroi
 SRCS - St Raphael's Catholic School - Cowra
 CRTHS - Canobolas Rural Technology High School - Orange
 HCC - Hennessy Catholic College -Young.
 HLHS - Henry Lawson HS Grenfell
 DSDE - Dubbo School of Distance Education

The awards section of upstART was well supported by local sponsors - *Webster Optometrists, the Vineyard Motel, the Yellow House* and new sponsor *eckersley's Art and Craft*. Community supporters of the awards were *The Friends of the Gallery, The Cowra Art Group* and Mrs Margaret Henley. In-kind sponsor was *LT131 Pizza*.

2017 Lachlan Valley Biennial Art Awards 14 October to 29 October.

Opening Night - Friday 13 October 2017.



Above: Cr Bill West Mayor of Cowra who Opened the Exhibition.

This is the 9th year of the Lachlan Valley Art Awards in the Cowra Regional Art Gallery. 47 regional artists presented 106 entries giving them an opportunity to have their works displayed in a professional space.

During the well attended Opening on Friday 13th October, Cowra Regional Art Gallery Director Brian Langer welcomed those present and Cowra Mayor Cr Bill West Opened the Exhibition.

Cowra Art Group President Ariel Piccles then introduced the Awards Judge Bradley Hammond, Director of the Orange Regional Gallery and Regional Museum, who gave a very interesting talk and then announced the Award winners.

The Major Award, the Barbara Bennett Memorial Award, was won by delighted Forbes artist Sampa Bhakta with her acrylic *Contemporary Landscape inspired by the colour of the Canola Field* shown above right.



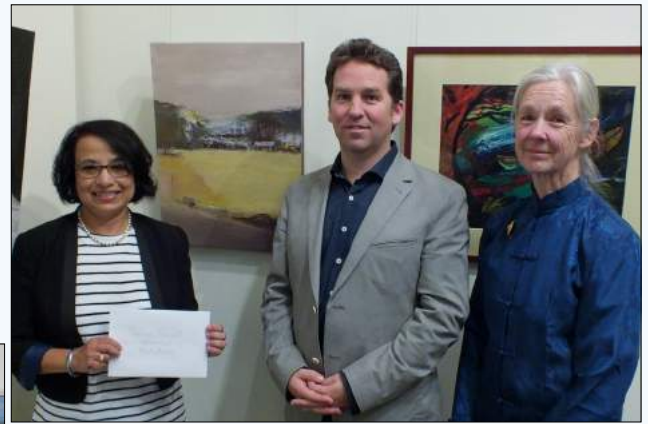
Catherine Bennett, representing the Bennett family, presented the Award to Sampa. The individual Awards were as follows.



Above is Cowra Regional Art Gallery Director Brian Langer during his opening address, with Art Group President Ariel Piccles.



Painting Oil/Acrylic
Winner was Barbara Holmes from Bathurst with her acrylic *Cattle Grid*. (at left)



Below right: Always popular Miniature wall.

Above: Winning artist Sampa Bhakta and Awards Judge Bradley Hammond with Catherine Bennett.

Watercolour, Pastel or Mixed Media



Winner was Wayne Roberts from Millthorpe above with award sponsor Brad Savage.

Drawing/Printmaking

Winner was Margaret Atkinson from Young shown at right with Judge Bradley Hammond.

Right: Margaret's award winning etching *Kitchen*



Wayne's winning pastel *Pippi Beach, Yamba*.

There were a number of the exhibiting artists (some shown below) amongst the crowd of 90 attending the opening. Including Opening night, a total of 566 visited the Gallery over the 2 weeks of the exhibition and many visitors cast a vote for their favourite for the People's Choice Award decided at the conclusion of the exhibition.

People's Choice Award

The counting of votes resulted in a win for artist Dermot Rodwell with his acrylic *The Return* seen above right with Art Group President Ariel Piccles who was awarded a Highly Commended for her charcoal miniature *Signs of Life*. (Far right).

Three other works Highly Commended were: David Lakes's oil painting below: *The View North - Garie*; and



Miniatures any medium.



Winner was David Lake from Newbridge above left with Bradley Hammond. Above: David's miniature *Granite Country* painted in oils.



Left: *Heavy Horse Tack Room*, a coloured pencil work by Leonie Bell from Boorowa.

Right: *Survivor- Merriwagga*, a water colour by Jane Patterson from Bathurst.



GALLERY HIGHLIGHTS

SOFT CORE



Photo: Installation View



Photo: Students from St Raphaels with *Cosmo McMurtry* by New Zealand artist Michael Parekowha,

An exciting touring exhibition comprising a diversity of 3D works many utilising tactile materials co-opted for their versatility and their mutability between function and emotion as well as an inflatable rabbit and several electronic installations opened at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery on Saturday 26 August 2017. Guest speaker at the opening was the exhibition curator Michael Do who also presented a floor talk to visitors. This “must-see” exhibition titled *Soft Core* presented artistic practices by artists from overseas and Australia. *Soft Core* was presented by the Cowra Regional Art Gallery in conjunction with Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre and toured by Museums & Galleries of NSW.



Photo: Students from Mulyan Public School visit the Gallery and the *Soft Core* exhibition.



2018 Summer Art Workshops for Children - 23 and 24 January.

During January the Gallery presented two fun art workshops for children from 8 to 12 years. Two local artists presented the activities - Trudi Refshauge and Catherine Bennett.

The workshops were:

Landscape Kaleidoscope with Trudi Refshauge using a range of paints and materials to create a landscape.

Wild Clay Animals with Catherine Bennett using hands and tools to create an animal, sea creature, etc which will be glazed and fired by Catherine at the completion of the workshop.



Left: *Landscape Kaleidoscope* workshop participants with their creations.
Centre: Allannah Maguire with her landscape.
Right: *Wild Clay Animals* workshop participants with their animals ready to be fired.
Photos by JP.

Coming up: Mandy Martin: Homeground – 10 February to 18 March 2018



Image: Mandy Martin and Alexander Boynes, *Willow Yellow*, 2016, pigment, oil, linen and digital projection loop. 180 x 320cms. Courtesy the artists and Australian Galleries.

This exhibition is a survey project that focuses on work created by Mandy Martin after she came to live near Mandurama in the Central West of NSW. The works chosen for this exhibition reflect 20 years in the region, and address Mandy Martin’s deep unease about the landscape in which she lives. Environmental issues relating to water security, the impact of the region’s coal-fired power stations and open cut mines are central concerns. *Homeground* features guest artists Alexander Boynes and Trisha Carroll.

A Bathurst Regional Art Gallery Touring exhibition curated by Sarah Gurich. *Homeground* opens Saturday 10 February at 2pm for 2.30pm. Guest speaker is **Robert Bolton** - Editor of 'Review' and Education Editor at the Australian Financial Review newspaper.



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“The Friends” is a volunteer organisation formed to support the Cowra Regional Art Gallery, and operates as a 355 committee of Cowra Shire Council. Meetings are now held at 5.30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Multi - Purpose room adjacent to the Gallery. All welcome.

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Food for thought to begin the year..... “Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.” And sadly “Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.”