

arts news

raising the profile of the arts in the Echuca Moama region



chair report

Welcome to the last Foundry Arts Space newsletter for 2023 and my first chair report. Since our last newsletter we have excited our visitors with Marco Luccio's, 'stunning works and wowed people with the Vivid Artists exhibition. Visitors were fascinated by Marco's postcard style. The Vivid artists were thrilled to see their work on display and happy to see their art sold. Both were well received with many sales and favourable comments.

At our Annual General Meeting in November, we farewelled Faye King from the committee. Faye has been instrumental in writing and winning several grants and will continue to assist with grant writing as required. Our heartfelt thanks to Faye.

Tim Smallwood stepped down as our chairperson, after 3 years in the role. Tim initiated some much-needed improvements to the Foundry – shop cabinets, glass dishwasher, new POS system. Tim was very involved with the exhibition team and maintained a close relationship with Campaspe Shire and our sponsors. My thanks to Tim for his leadership and friendship.

Tim will stay on the committee and assist the exhibition team. I am also delighted to welcome Kristen Dyer and Julie Spiers to our committee.

Your new committee is Judi Lawler, chairperson, Chris Stephens, deputy chair, Maggie Ellis, secretary, Tarli Bird, newsletter, Leanne Cuffe treasurer, Liz Dellar, social media, Foundry shop, Jenny Turner. Kristen Dyer, Tim Smallwood and Julie Spiers, general committee, and exhibition team. Andrea Velt will continue as administration assistant.

The Foundry has finally moved into the 21st century! Internet is now available at the Foundry for our volunteers whilst doing their shift. The password is available at The Foundry.

Friday December 8th was the opening of the Summer Salon, our 23/24 members exhibition. The variety of work is amazing and offers plenty of Christmas shopping opportunities. The Summer Salon runs right through Christmas until late January 2024.

On behalf of the Foundry Arts Space, I would like to thank the volunteers who have kept the Foundry open all year. Without your presence, the community would miss out on visiting our fabulous exhibitions.

I look forward to the 2024 exhibition calendar which promises to be exciting and varied.

Finally, may I wish you all a safe and prosperous New Year.

Judi Lawler
Chairperson.



RECENT EVENTS:

VIVID EXHIBITION OPENING



Wow! Viewers were amazed at the variety and artistic talent of the artists that exhibited in the recent VIVID exhibition. There were around 80 pieces on show and on the opening night there were red dots going everywhere around the gallery walls with the public quickly getting into snap up artworks.

It was fantastic to see many of the artists at the opening to witness how much the public engaged with their work and were struck by the diversity of the works on show.

Vivid provide quality disability support services to adults living with a disability with sites at Echuca, Kerang, Swan Hill and Kyabram, Vivid provides opportunities and support across a wide region of Northern Victoria.

FEATURE ARTIST : MARCO LUCCIO OPENING



Feature Artist Marco Luccio entertained the public with his exhibition 'Cities and Stories.' Marco told stories around his New York based works and the extremes he goes to get interesting viewpoints. The images of Marco's artworks don't do his work justice and the scale and depth Marco achieves with his dry point etchings is something you need to see in person. Throughout the exhibition Marco held a few popular drawing workshops. If you missed them he regularly takes drawing workshops at the NGV.

SUMMER SALON MEMBERS EXHIBITION

Our annual EMAI members exhibition is on currently until 28th January. Here are a few our exhibiting artists:



Lynne Gilliard in front of 'White Water' which shows the playful swirls of beach water hitting the sandy shore. This large statement artwork would look fantastic on a large wall and bring back memories of beach holidays at the beach-where you want to be on a Summers day!



Eugene Dopheide in front of 'Flying Gulls' and 'Gull Homecoming.' These photographs were taken whilst spending time at Phillip Island.



Heidi Falzon in front of her artwork 'Vicissitudes,' which represents her journey of grief and how she felt like she was on a rollercoaster. When you stand in front of this dynamic artwork you get a sense of journey and get drawn into the unique and ever changing pattern.



Elaine van Dyke in front of her wall of 'Recollection' artworks. These small originals are recollections of travels around Australia and viewers are encouraged to recollect their own travels and see if they can relate to any of the scenes.



Judith Anderson in front of 'Secret Fish.' As the title suggests there are fish hidden in this energetic artwork. The more you look into this artwork the further in you see and you are encouraged to see how many fish you can spot!

Have you thought about Gallery Sitting?

Our volunteers play a crucial role in helping The Foundry Arts Space operate. Currently we are on the hunt for more volunteers that are interested in gallery sitting.

What does gallery sitting involve?

Gallery sitters ensure our doors stay open by being at the gallery for a 3 hour shift: either 10am-1pm or 1pm to 4pm.

If you are on the am shift you need to pick up the key up from a nearby shop to open the doors. Whilst on your shift you are involved in welcoming visitors in the doors and using the point of sales computer for any sales.

Why should I consider gallery sitting?

Seeing visitors interact with the artworks on display is rewarding. The gallery has heating/cooling so that the space is comfortable throughout the year.

If the gallery is quiet it can be a great space for you to work on any small artwork or craftwork and gallery visitors are encouraged to bring art/crafts that they are working on into the space.



To volunteer, contact [Andrea thefoundry@emai.org.au](mailto:Andrea.thefoundry@emai.org.au) 0475 448 452



Want to help spread the word about our gallery?

Be sure to like, comment and share our Facebook and Instagram posts.



COMING SOON TO ECHUCA PARAMOUNT

THE BLACK SORROWS IN CONCERT

FEB 9TH

JOE CAMILLERI HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUSIC SCENE FOR DECADES AS THE LEADER OF JO JO ZEP & THE FALCONS, AND THE BLACK SORROWS, AND AS WRITER OF RADIO ANTHEMS HIT & RUN, SHAPE I'M IN, CHAINED TO THE WHEEL, HARLEY & ROSE AND NEVER LET ME GO.



THE JOY OF LIVE MUSIC, THE EXCITEMENT OF WATCHING GREAT PERFORMERS AND THE THRILL OF THAT OLD THE BLACK SORROWS' MAGIC IS WHAT THESE GIGS ARE ALL ABOUT!

DO NOT MISS YOUR CHANCE TO SEE THE BLACK SORROWS LIVE!

TICKETS:

ADULT \$69 - PURCHASE ONLINE OR IN STORE
GROUP OF 6+ \$64 - ONLY AVAILABLE IN STORE

Cheap Tuesday (Excluding Public & School Holidays)

Just turn up!

All tickets \$13.50!



Rochester
Mural
Festival

7th - 14th of April 2024

rochestermuralfest.com.au

WHATS ON IN OUR REGION:

KYABRAM TOWN HALL GALLERY

CENTRALLY LOCATED AT 199 ALLAN ST.

OPEN 10-4 PM MONDAY - SATURDAY

FOUR GALLERY SPACES

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www.kyabramtownhall.com.au

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PARKING AT REAR OF HALL OFF BRADLEY ST

Kyabram Town Hall Gallery is run by volunteers. We are very proud of our large gallery spaces and the quality of the exhibitions we bring to our community.

Second-hand book sales and Gallery Shop open. If you would like to be involved with the hall contact 0490371641.

December/ January Exhibitions:

- JUDITH HUTCHINS- Contemporary Art. Opens 27th November ends 3rd February 2024. Gold coin donation
- ISOLATED VIEW- Work by Splinter Contemporary artists. Opens 6th November ends 3rd February 2024. Gold coin donation.
- SHEPPARTON TEXTILE ARTISTS – Opens – 30th Oct ends 23rd December. Gold coin donation.
- SANTA'S CAVE – 14th Dec -22nd Dec 11am-5pm

SAM- Shepparton Art Museum. Ellen Lee | Landscapes; of sight, of sound 21 October 2023 – 28 January 2024

Ellen Lee's solo exhibition Landscape; of sight, of sound presents a series of large-scale abstract works on paper that explore her personal, sensory experience of nature. Derived from blind contour drawings (a process of drawing without looking at the paper), her works layer gestural marks and pigment to create a mapping of the landscape. Each work is the culmination of notations from multiple excursions, offering to the audience an extended moment to pause and be present.



Wednesday to Sunday, 10 th – 14 th January, 2024 GIRGARRE MOOSIC MUSTER

Welcome to the friendliest, most inclusive and most affordable acoustic festival along the Murray River. More than 40 workshops, jams and singalong opportunities, bush dance, free public concerts in evenings with guest artists, open mics galore, impromptu bands, free instrument loans, plus farmers' market, food and fun. All genres, including bluegrass, folk, country, blues, Celtic, pop, jazz, gospels, Aussie bush songs, and contemporary. Camping (unpowered) on site, catering provided.

Children under 12 free.

Time: 9am approx. till late

Venue: Girgarre Town Hall (air-conditioned), 9 Morgan Crescent, Girgarre (35 kmsouth-east of Echuca)

Full program and tickets: www.girgarre.com.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GirgarreMoosicMuster>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/girgarremoosicmuster>

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THE FOUNDRY
ARTS SPACE

SUMMER SALON 2023-24

13 - 17 MURRAY ESPLANADE ECHUCA

8TH DECEMBER FROM 6PM
TIL 28TH JANUARY 2024

OUR ANNUAL EMAI MEMBERS' SUMMER EXHIBITION IS ON AGAIN, DROP IN FOR UNIQUE, HANDMADE, HIGH QUALITY ART AND CRAFT.

SEE YOU SOON