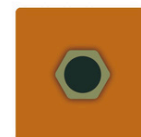


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THE FOUNDRY

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ECHUCA-MOAMA

# arts news

raising the profile of the arts in the Echuca Moama region



## A MONTH OF ART IN OUR REGION.

February and March have been an art lover's paradise for Echuca/Moama and the wider region. The Campaspe Shire's Ripple Fest is in full swing, the Studio Arts Trail was hugely successful, and our two recent exhibitions have been outstanding.

Penny Silver, Kathleen Watson and Liz Jaworski welcomed large numbers to the Foundry during the Studio Art Trail weekend. The artists made many sales and were able to explain and demonstrate their art with visitors, while also promoting the Foundry. Thank you to these three talented and generous artists.

Our latest exhibitions, Osmosis and Addictogenic Landscapes, showcased a variety of styles and concepts. The opening nights of both were very well attended, with solid sales.

The first Members Gallery has been a great success. It has complimented the main exhibition while enabling several members to exhibit their work at no cost. We feel this will be of great benefit to our members and enhance our visitor's experience.

I have been attending the bridge Art project meetings. Due to budget changes, they are now finalising a revised building design. This exciting project will be a great addition to the local art scene.

Remember that expressions of interest are now open for The Foundry Art Space 2026 exhibition program and Gargarro Botanic Garden Art work 2025.

I look forward to meeting you at the Foundry,  
Judi Lawler.



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Team members: Chris Stevens, Leanne Cuffe, Emma Bradbury, Gavin North, Kristen Dyer, Peter Caton

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# OSMOSIS

**JAN 31 - FEB 23, 2025**

**KATHLEEN WATSON** painting  
**JOAN STEVENS** painting  
**HEATHER TURNER** basketweaving  
**JESS SZIGETHY** sculpture



## #artinourregion - Castrail, 22-23 Feb 2025



The Foundry Arts Space provided exhibition space and promotional support to the wonderfully successful Campaspe Artists Studio Trail, run by Kyabram's Dey Alexander.



# ADDICTOGENIC LANDSCAPES

Kristen Dyer

28 FEBRUARY - 23 MARCH 2025  
OPENING CELEBRATION: 7 MARCH @ 6PM

Artist Kristen Dyer with  
Echuca lifestyle coach  
and counsellor, Shaylee  
Anderson.



Kristen Dyer felt elated with the positive responses to her artworks during opening night on Friday 7 March. "It's great to see the paintings in such a wonderful space."

The exhibition was officially opened by Echuca life coach and counsellor Shaylee Anderson. Exploring the relationship between environments, trauma and addiction, Kristen wants people to think about the intersection of addiction and the environment and how they impact one another, when they see her work.

Through her work she comments on the existence of 'socio spacial' dynamics and the resilience of people navigating these tough surroundings.

Credit: Lua Ikenasio, Riverine Herald.



## Members Gallery - Gallery 2. Feb 28 - Mar 23, 2025

### MEMBERS GALLERY @THE FOUNDRY

*painting to sculpture and everything in between.*

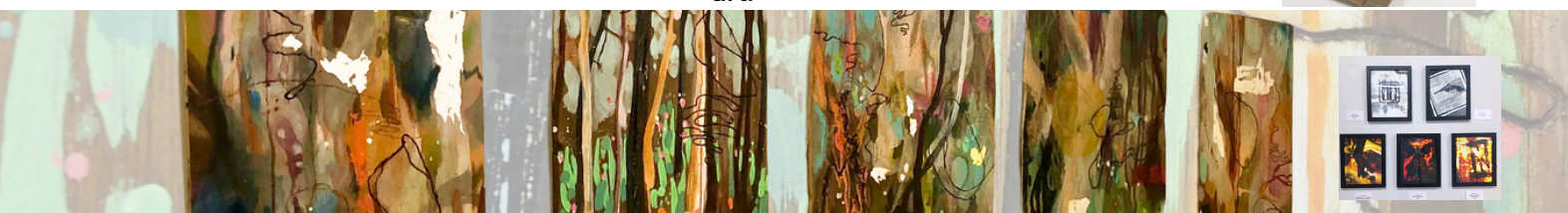
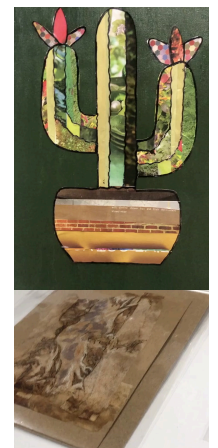
Foundry Members Gallery offers opportunity for members to exhibit their recently created artworks, not previously seen in The Foundry Arts Space. If you're a Foundry member, you can exhibit. If you're not a Foundry member you can pay \$35/\$30 membership fee to join. There's no exhibition entry fee for Members Gallery @ The Foundry! You may only exhibit the same items once this year. Simply submit a description of your artworks along with a photo using the form from the website or the gallery.



The first members gallery was Feb 28 - March 23, 2025. When further windows of opportunity arise throughout 2025, timed to coincide with another exhibition in "Gallery One". The Exhibitions team will confirm which of your items are needed. Your submissions will be recorded and kept. You can apply at any time. Exhibiting members are asked to gallery-sit for 2-3 shifts during their Members Gallery exhibition: 10am - 1pm or 1pm - 4pm or a whole day. "Gallery Two" is a dynamic space with moveable walls allowing multiple configurations of art.

### OUR FIRST MEMBERS GALLERY featuredmembers:

Judith Anderson  
Marita Chappel  
Liz Dellar  
Dianne Giddings  
Lynne Gillard  
Gavin North  
Robbie Rymer  
Penny Silver  
Kerry Williams



Artworks by Robbi Wymer and Gavin North



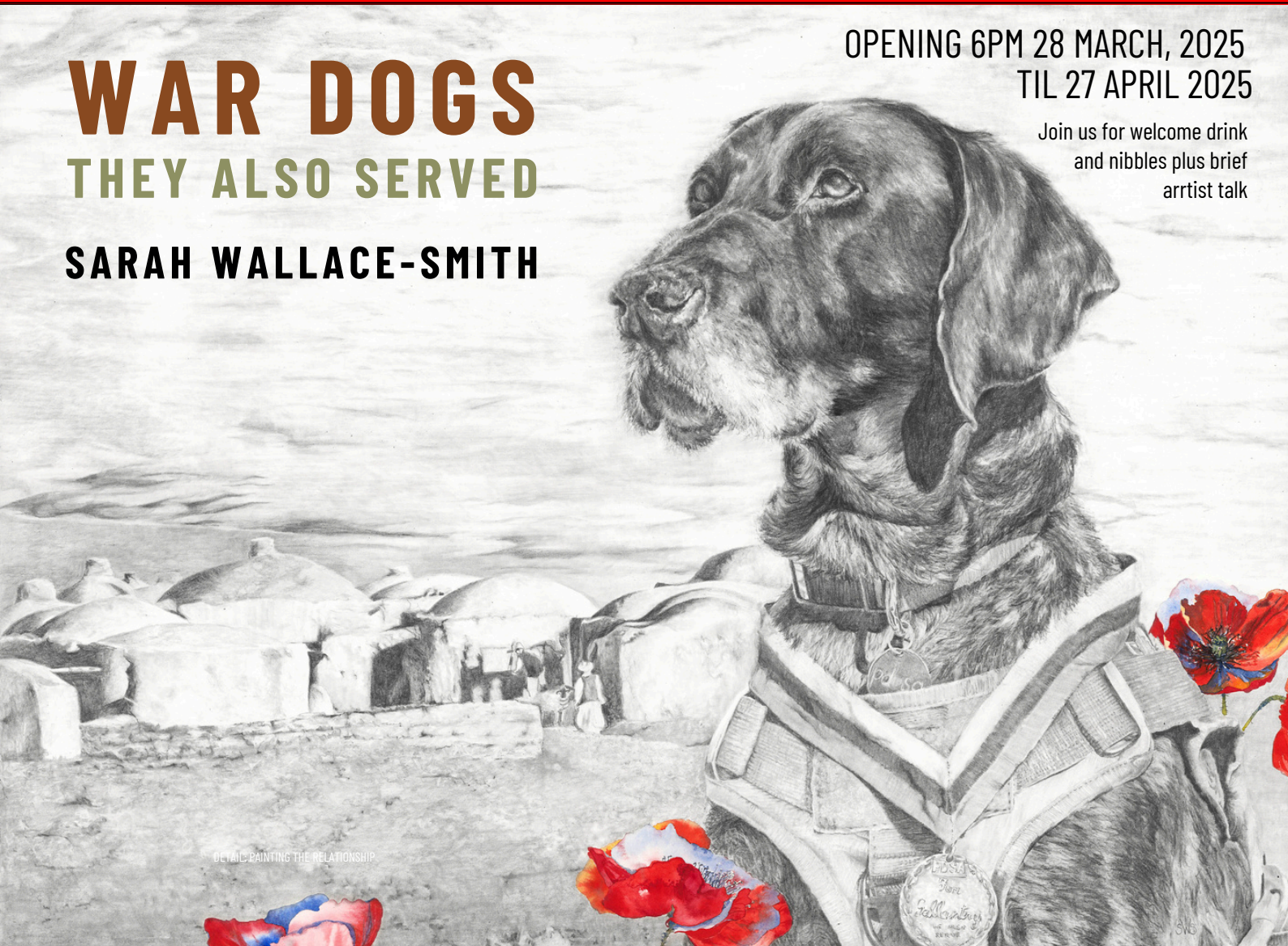
# WAR DOGS

## THEY ALSO SERVED

SARAH WALLACE-SMITH

OPENING 6PM 28 MARCH, 2025  
TIL 27 APRIL 2025

Join us for welcome drink  
and nibbles plus brief  
artist talk



DETAIL PAINTING THE RELATIONSHIP

## THREE WELL KNOWN AUSTRALIANS - Martin Shaw, Gallery 2

### A painting and a collection of letters.

Anyone who views the painting is welcome to guess who they think the three Australians in the painting are and submit their ideas at the exhibition.

"Three Well Known Australians" has been touring the country since 1983. People use their imagination and write their predictions. Responses are collated into yearbooks, which travel and are exhibited alongside the artwork.

The exhibition includes letters about the painting written by many well known Australians such as Prime Ministers and also a Melbourne tram driver.

Visit the exhibition between 28 March and 27 April, 2025 to speculate on the identity of the subjects, share your thoughts and view the guesses from previous years in yearbooks which have become a social commentary of the time.

### What is meant by "Well Known"?



It might be someone  
you know really well,  
like a family member?

Maybe someone who  
will still be  
remembered  
after 100 years

An icon, an  
institution, a place or  
a non-human?



Just imagine!  
It could be an  
occupation,  
an idea  
or a quote

Maybe someone who  
was well known but  
is now forgotten

Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of this historic exhibition. Come and be part of creating the continuing record of the social, political and economic history of Australia. Delve into the interactive and historical archive of the 3 well known Australians through time.





### Marita Chappel - In the Spotlight

Marita Chappel is highly valued at The Foundry Arts Space as a member, as an artist and as a volunteer. We hope you enjoy your complementary visit to the Paramount, Marita!



Marita grew up in Axedale near Bendigo, trained as a registered nurse in 1973 and worked in nursing for over 40 years.

"My husband Graeme and I had a dairy farm at Tennyson for 28 years. In 2008 we sold the farm and moved to Cairns for 13 years (kids not interested in farm). We came back to Echuca 3 years ago. I started painting 10 years ago. I have always loved craft - especially sewing and knitting. In Cairns I did an 8 week course in art - painting - and learnt the basics. I joined the Yorkeys Knob art group which met once a week and held an exhibition once a year.

I like to paint with acrylic and often use a toothpick to enhance feathers on birds. I tend to paint toward realism but I like to do an occasional quirky piece. I love nature, scenery and birds mostly. I am starting to use watercolour and ink art also. I find painting very relaxing and rewarding. I found it especially comforting and supportive last year having been diagnosed with breast cancer. It was a rewarding therapy. I attend 'Plumbers Shed' in Lockington each Monday for a fantastic get together with like minded people. I like painting while camping and I also paint at home.

I am a member of The Foundry Arts Space, joining 12 months ago."  
Marita Chappel



22-25 May 2025

We are so excited to have Maggie Ellis and Ellen Lee in residence in the Pump House as part of **Ripple Fest!**

Ripple Fest will culminate with a **youth exhibition in The Foundry Arts Space, 22-25 May, 2025.**

Supported by the state government's flood recovery funding, Ripple Fest promises to be an immersive celebration of art, culture, and community in our region.

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

<https://www.instagram.com/rippleartsfest/>

Ellen has been coming into her studio space early in the morn to sit and make in this beautiful light of day. Taking regular walks and collecting found objects on the banks of the Dungala, like coloured glass and broken ceramics, a gentle and soft river palette is starting to form in her space.

We're looking forward to seeing what this deep embodied observation of place will bring forth!

[@ellenlee\\_artist](https://www.instagram.com/ellenlee_artist) [@ellenlee\\_journal](https://www.instagram.com/ellenlee_journal)

Maggie has been exploring Aquatic Reserve's 'pond scum', bird life and river red gums through movement, poetic formings and diverse visual mediums. We can't wait to see what she makes for our Ripple Fest Pump House exhibition in May 2025!

[@magatron\\_ellis](https://www.instagram.com/magatron_ellis)



## 2025 EXHIBITION CALENDAR

JAN 31 - FEB 23: **OSMOSIS** KATHLEEN WATSON, JOAN STEVENS, HEATHER TURNER & JESS ZIGETHY, GALLERY 1

FEB 22-23: **CAMPASPE ARTISTS STUDIO TRAIL** ELIZABETH JAWORSKI, PENNY SILVER & KATHLEEN WATSON, GALLERY 2

FEB 28 - MAR 23: **ADDICTOGENIC LANDSCAPES** KRISTEN DYER

MAR 28 - APR 27: **WAR DOGS - THEY ALSO SERVED** SARAH WALLACE SMITH, GALLERY 1

**3 WELL KNOWN AUSTRALIANS** TRAVELLING EXHIBITION, GALLERY 2

MAY 2 - 25: **RIPPLE FEST CAMPASPE SHIRE YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL**

MAY 30 - JUN 29: **GIRLS, GODDESSES, GREATNESS** ISABELLE KAWAI VINCENT

JUL 4 - AUG 3: **ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION NAIDOC**

AUG 8 - SEP 14: **WHERE DO ALL THE OWLS GO TO DREAM?** OLIVIA LAWTON

**I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY** GAVIN NORTH

SEP 19 - OCT 19: **COMING HOME** GRAHAM HEARN

OCT 24 - NOV 30: **2025 OUR VISION** ECHUCA MOAMA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

DEC 5 - JAN 26: **MEMBERS ART MARKET**



FEB 23 - MAR 23

CHECK FOR POP-UPS  
SUCH AS MEMBERS  
GALLERIES!



**APPLY NOW**

**APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL SUN APRIL 13, 2025**

GARGARRO BOTANIC GARDEN ART PROJECT HAS \$30,000 TO ENGAGE AN ARTIST TO CREATE A PIECE OF OUTDOOR PUBLIC ART.

IF YOU ARE AN ARTIST WITH A CONNECTION TO THE GOULBURN, CAMPASPE OR MURRAY REGION, APPLY NOW

# ART

THE SUCCESSFUL ARTWORK IS REQUIRED TO BE 3D, SUITABLE FOR AN OUTDOOR PUBLIC SPACE AND OF A SCALE THAT WILL HAVE AN IMPACT. THE ARTWORK WILL SPEAK TO THE BOTANIC GARDEN AND THE ASPIRATIONS HELD FOR IT AND/OR TO COUNTRY, PAYING HOMAGE TO THE DISTRICT'S INDIGENOUS HERITAGE WHOSE PEOPLE KNEW THE VAST PLAIN AS GARGARRO.



**GARGARRO**  
BOTANIC GARDEN

Gargarro Botanic Garden Ltd (GBG) has received a grant of \$30,000 from the Shire of Campaspe to fund a piece of public artwork, which will be on permanent display in the Gargarro Regional Botanic Garden. Artists who have a strong connection to the Kaiela (Goulburn River), Yakoa (Campaspe River) and Dungala (Murray River) regions, are invited to submit Expressions of Interest. If you live, work or play in this area, we would love you to apply. First Nations artists are highly encouraged to apply.

**DETAILS AND FURTHER INFO:**

<https://thefoundryartspace.org.au>



**"DECADES OF A WET PALETTE"**

Kyabram Town Hall Gallery

**glenda cornell**

Official Opening 2pm Saturday 12th April.

**3rd April - 31st May 2025**

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Savoy Singers - "Music to Make You Smile"  
Songs from classical theatrical productions.  
Echuca Moama Uniting Church. Tickets \$25 at the door. 2pm April 6, 2025. Phone 54821430



March 30 - April 5, 2025

<https://www.rochestermuralfest.com.au/>

**Come to Rochester and watch the murals being painted!**



**"CREATIVE SEEDS"**  
Workshops  
Rochester Heritage Courthouse



**"Mixed Media Art" Workshop with Tina**  
SUNDAY 30th at 1pm. 6 places available  
\$50 per person  
All materials provided. 2 to 3 hours workshop.



**"Fairy Pot Plants" Workshop with Shaz**  
MONDAY 31st at 2pm. 6 places available  
\$50 per person  
All materials provided. 2 to 3 hours workshop.



**"Pebble Art" Workshop with Annie**  
TUESDAY 1st April, at 1pm. 6 places available.  
\$25 per person.  
All materials provided. 2 to 3 hours workshop.



**"Coloured pencil and dry pastel drawings" Workshop with Shaz**  
THURSDAY 3rd at 2pm. 6 places available  
2 to 3 hours workshop. All materials provided



**"Bee Macrame" Workshop with Bee**  
FRIDAY 4th April, at 5pm. Make your own macrame hanger  
6 places available. \$60 per person.  
2 to 3 hours workshop. All materials provided

Light snacks, tea and coffee provided at all workshops.

Explore the Creative Seeds Exhibition too! To book a place for the workshop please Ph. 0409280509 by March 30th.



**2026**  
**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN**



**INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE**  
**[THEFOUNDRYARTSPACE.ORG.AU](http://THEFOUNDRYARTSPACE.ORG.AU)**

**FEELING CREATIVE?**

***Make it at The Foundry.***

*Come and join our friendly, informal group and bring whatever you're making, new projects or works in progress.*

*Stay for a chat, share ideas and join us for a drink.*

*2nd and 4th Sunday of the month* **Subject to change**

**3-5 pm**

**Sold coin donation**

*enquiries call Jenny 0428495497*