

JUNE/JULY 2025

arts news

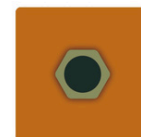
raising the profile of the arts in the Echuca Moama region



SUMMER HOURS: Sept - May

Open each day 10am to 4pm (closed on Tuesdays)
Open on Tuesdays during school holidays

THE FOUNDRY
**ARTS
SPACE**



ECHUCA-MOAMA



Our latest exhibition, "Our Women, Our Strength", as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations, was a huge success. I had the pleasure of welcoming the large crowd to the Foundry. Vicki Walker welcomed us to Country, the young dancers were delightful, and a delicious supper was served. Thank you to committee members, Jenny Turner, Maggie Ellis, Gav North. Congratulations to Vicki Walker, who co-ordinated the artists and the exhibition and Denise Morgan-Bulled who is passionate about passing knowledge to the next generation, particularly weaving. Vicki and Denise spoke on the many positive chats they had with visitors and Jenny commented on the great teamwork and respect from all involved. Over 1000 visitors viewed the exhibition.

Two very different exhibitions open this Friday, Olivia Razuki, "Where do all the owls go to dream" and Gav North "I have something to say". We are delighted to welcome Olivia back to the Foundry and Gav is a member of the Foundry exhibition team.

French Impressionists at the NGV and Brett Whitely at SAM. Two very different styles, but what a time I had visiting both. If you have the opportunity, they are both outstanding exhibitions.

Would you like to join our team who keep the gallery open for visitors? As the cold winter recedes, what better way to enjoy spring, than sit in the sunshine in our foyer (as I do), welcoming fellow art lovers. Our new point of sale machine is so very easy to use, there's free tea and coffee, the heater is working well, and you meet new people. The team is happy to do a buddy shift to show you the ropes and Andrea, our administrator, will help you to navigate the roster. Call in or phone Andrea on 0475 448 452.

The annual members exhibition in December and January is not that far away, so get those inspirational juices flowing. If you haven't exhibited before, why not put a toe in the water and exhibit one or two pieces at no cost to you. Entries will open soon on our website.

See you at the Foundry,
Judi Lawler
Chairperson.



13 - 17 Murray Esplanade, Echuca, 3564

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Aunty Vicki Walker

Vicki Walker spoke to us about this year's NAIDOC exhibition:

"We've named it 'Our Women, Our Strength'. The theme for NAIDOC this year is 'The next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy' so the work that's in the space will be a whole new generation of women in particular who are taking up the craft, and traditional craft that was done by our elder women. So it's a pretty special exhibition because it is only women.

Denise Morgan Bulled who has always done these alongside of me is the reason these exhibitions take place every year. We have a fabulous relationship with The Foundry Arts volunteers and absolutely love the NAIDOC exhibitions every year and really look forward to them. We are so well supported by this crew that it's comfortable. When you hear that laughter that's because we are comfortable and it feels safe for us to be here and it feels like we're actually loved and it's pretty nice.

This is the 14th year that some of our women have been involved, popping artwork in. Some of them aren't with us any more and that's a little bit sad. Every year we try to include Vera Cooper who was also with us from the very beginning. We have a little piece of her work included again this year with a little story attached to that. So that's pretty special for us as well. Some of her family come in and do little things here with The Foundry.

Some of our women come in and sit around and talk with the other members of The Foundry and do some work. It doesn't happen all the time but that just indicates how comfortable we are to be in this space. It's not often in too many spaces that we feel like that, so always a big thanks to the Foundry members.

There's a lot of Yorta Yorta women and there's a lot of weavers and master weavers from right across the state. Not all of them just weave. Denise is a weaver but a lot of them are artists who have held exhibitions themselves and have work in the National Gallery. There's a lot of really big work and installations and collaborative work that these women have done as well. I think it's going to be very moving and probably one of the best we've seen.

The women this year are doing some of their traditional craft or things that only women do. Even though men might have knitted or made nets, these are traditional daily women's things. So it's working with fabric and fur and feathers and fibre. There's lots of really beautiful things."

Vicki Walker



This basket, over 140 years old from country, which Denise carefully preserves is a remarkable piece of heritage.



"Our basket culture, our strength and our artistic knowledge base ...It's still here. We have not lost it and we're not ever going to lose it."



"I was given by my Elder, the privilege of knowing and doing the basket weaving. I think It's something that I now need to do, and that's what I have been doing." Denise Bulled-Morgan



Artist and Yorta Yorta, Wamba Wamba, Dja Dja Warrung and Kamilaroi woman Merring Jippa Murray, coordinated the exhibition celebrated Indigenous women's art and weaving traditions



The Dhungala Yalka, or River Children, dance group performed a spiritual animal and water dance.



Exhibit celebrates Indigenous women



Honour history, culture and achievements



Workshop Space available, workshop leaders wanted



Recent sumi-e workshop with exhibiting artist Isabelle Kawai Vincent

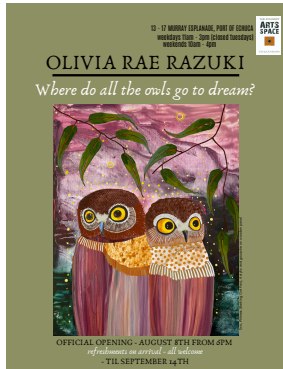


Workshops are always in in high demand and The Foundry Arts Space is happy to provide space for them.

Exhibiting artists are always offered the opportunity to hold demonstrations and workshops during their exhibitions.

If you know a community group wanting to use the space, let us know. Talk to the Exhibitions Team about your proposal. admin@thefoundryartsspace.org.au

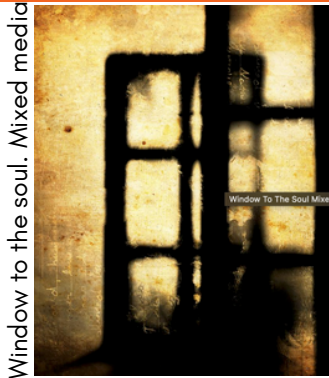




olivieraerazuki

"Where do the owls go to dream? explores the unseen forces that guide us... intuition, memory, and the framework of our inner worlds. The owl protagonists are not simply birds—they are archetypes, messengers, protectors, and fragments of our own becoming. Inspired by the landscape that shaped my earliest sense of magic, these painted portraits and textile talismans offer a quiet invitation: where do we go when we close our eyes... and who is watching over us when we do?" *Olivia Rae Razuki*

Olivia Rae Razuki creates richly detailed works that explore themes of transformation, the inner world and spirituality. Growing up in Echuca on Yorta Yorta land, Olivia is deeply inspired by nature and local flora and fauna. Each painting is a portal inviting viewers to linger, reflect, and find meaning and beauty in the mysteries and magic of life.



Window to the soul. Mixed media

gavinjamesnorth

"My art is confronting and honest. I like to produce works that have the potential to make people feel uncomfortable. The subjects I deal with are usually based around raw emotion, and are often topics that people tend to turn a blind eye to." *Gavin North*
This exhibition contains adult themes. Children must be supervised by an adult.

Gavin has had success as an artist both at home in Australia and abroad. He holds a diploma of visual arts from Victoria University, and a Bachelor of fine arts— painting from The Victorian College of the Arts.



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2026

EXPRESSIONS

OF INTEREST

CLOSE 30 SEPT

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

The annual exhibition program is designed to offer the opportunity for local and national artists to exhibit in this unique space. The curators will be looking for a diverse range of exhibitions with a cross section of art styles and genres. The aim is to deliver a fresh, unique experience to the community and visitors to the Echuca Moama region.

The opening date for Expressions of Interest submissions is 1 July, 2025 and the closing date is 30th September, 2025.

The Foundry Arts Space Inc. (formerly Echuca Moama Arts Initiative Inc.), is a not-for-profit volunteer run community organisation established in 2010 to raise the profile of the arts and cultural activities in our region.

The Foundry Arts Space is located in a restored foundry building in the heart of the historic Echuca Port precinct. The Foundry Arts Space welcomes artists, musicians and all creatives to share this historic but contemporary building. The Foundry attracts over 10,000 visitors a year.



Sponsored by Paramount Cinemas Echuca

In the Spotlight - Vicki Walker

Vicki Walker is the valued Foundry Arts Space member who has been behind many NAIDOC exhibitions alongside Denise Bulled Morgan and Jenny Turner. Vicki has been a volunteer and committee member. Read her interview on page 2.



"MAKE IT"

Come and join our friendly, informal group one Sunday afternoon! Bring whatever you're making; new projects or works in progress. Stay for a chat, share ideas and join us for a drink. Gold coin donation.

Jenny 0428495497
2nd & 4th Sundays 3pm-5pm.

2026

"The Power of Small Moments"

Every year eight artists are chosen to paint eight new murals over a week (beginning 26 March 2026). Artists apply here:
<https://www.rochestermuralfest.com.au/>



Some easels are available - FREE.
Contact Judi Lawler:
chairperson@thefoundryartsspace.org.au

MEMBERS GALLERY @THE FOUNDRY

next date: works due in
sun. 14th sept. 4 - 5pm
mon. 15th sept. 10 - 11am
(opening friday 19th sept. 2025)

painting to sculpture and everything in between

WE'RE OPENING UP GALLERY2/WORKSHOP AT VARIOUS TIMES OF THE YEAR TO GIVE OUR ARTISTIC FOUNDRY MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXHIBIT.

DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. MEMBERS CAN APPLY AT ANY TIME (DETAILS OF THE ARTISTS WORKS WILL BE STORED) AND THE SPACE WILL BE CURATED TO ENSURE A COHESIVE EXHIBITION.

THERE WILL BE NO HIRING FEES (JUST ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER) BUT THERE WILL BE SOME VOLUNTEERING REQUIRED (YEP, THERE'S ALWAYS A CATCH 😊).

APPLICATION FORM ON THE WEBSITE;
WWW.THEFOUNDRYARTSSPACE.ORG.AU

ANY QUESTIONS?? CONTACT JENNY 0428495497



Members, don't be shy.
Show and sell. Come and buy!
Apply via the website.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE!
01/07/25 - 30/06/26
FULL - \$30
CONCESSION - \$25

Payments can be made at the Foundry Arts Space
EFTPOS facility available
OR Pay online via website
<https://thefoundryartsspace.org.au/membership-2/>

new and renewing members welcome

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 ← **Members Gallery from 19th Sept 2025**

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

DEC 5 - JAN 26: MEMBERS ART MARKET



EXHIBITIONS AUGUST 2025

- ALL TOGETHER NOW- ARTISTS STUDIO TRAIL Opens 16th August
- PIECES OF HOPE- PAULINE STEWART Opens 16th August
- CONNECTED BY A THREAD- ALBURY-WODONGA TEXTILE GROUP Opens 16th August
- SAME SHAPE SAME SIZE- Splinter Contemporary artists. Opens 12th August



Edward River Art Society | 58 Cressy Street Deniliquin NSW 2710



Exhibition: Through the Lens

8 August - 6 September 2025

See the world—and the stars—Through the Lens in this stunning photography exhibition by Deniliquin Camera Club, featuring the award-winning Southern Sky Astrophotography collection.

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Fabric Relief Printing with Paul Oswin

Saturday 23rd August 2025

Design and create print blocks to stamp imagery onto a tote bag or other fabric items.

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Creative Jewellery Workshop with Skye Bragg

13th and 14th September

Create Your Own Unique Sterling Silver Jewellery

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Half Day Ring Making Silversmithing Workshop with Skye Bragg

Sunday 14th September 1pm-4pm

Design & Create Your Own Unique Sterling Silver Ring

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Watercolour with Nina Volk

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th October

Join NINA VOLK multiple award winning artist for an immersive workshop that explores the delicate balance between looseness and realism in watercolor painting.

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Echuca Moama Photography Club meets at 7pm at Echuca Library on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. On the fourth Wednesdays experienced photographer and judge Harry Sheppard hosts question and answer sessions.
echucamoamapc@outlook.com



Workshop includes harvesting, storage, and preparation of fibres to make a basket. Techniques include, twining, weaving and making string. All materials included.

Bookings: [HTTPS://www.trybooking.com/DDPSD](https://www.trybooking.com/DDPSD)

Explore silo art and water tower art nearby.



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Katamatite



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Mathoura



Picola



Tatura



Kyabram



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