

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2026

# arts news

raising the profile of the arts in the Echuca Moama region

This edition of The Foundry Arts Space Newsletter we are spotlighting our new roster coordinator - Julie Spiers! Julie is an integral part of the Foundry team and is a valuable member of our ordinary committee, having been a part of the Foundry for three years now, Julie is taking on another role as Roster Coordinator!

If you've attended an opening you would've seen the amazing platters of food Julie organises and prepares. As well as ensuring we are all well fed on opening night, Julie gives the gallery much needed clean and tidy each month.

In her spare time, Julie enjoys exercising, particularly walking (bonus points if its incorporated into an overseas adventure!). A creative too, Julie is a self proclaimed 'patchwork addict', dying her own fabrics and sharing her creations to any and all her family members. Her generosity extends further, with a love of gardening Julie is regularly inundating friends with veggies from her ever expanding garden - a garden she would spread bigger if only her hose were longer!

**Do you have a little spare time? Would you like to volunteer your time and talents?**

email Julie at: [roster@thefoundryartsspace.org.au](mailto:roster@thefoundryartsspace.org.au)

## FOND FAREWELL TO ANDREA.

This month we farewell our super-efficient administration assistant, Andrea Velt. Andrea has been with the Foundry since March 2022. In that time Andrea has co-ordinated dozens of exhibitions, created and maintained the roster, answered 1000's of emails, updated our POS and internet systems, and graciously performed the many tasks asked of her by the committee of management.

Her bookkeeping knowledge has been invaluable, tightening up our financial systems and processes.

The committee of management members will be taking over the various roles previously done by Andrea. We ask for your patience as we learn our roles and for any changes we need to implement.

I wish Andrea all the best for her future and thank her for her outstanding work as administration assistant at the Foundry. I do hope that as her busy schedule permits, we will see Andrea at our opening events.

Judi Lawler, Chairperson .



Andrea Velt

*"After several years as Administrator for The Foundry Arts Space I will be finishing up and handing over my duties to Members of the Committee of Management. I would like to thank all of the Members & Volunteers who have helped me to keep the doors of the gallery open by volunteering their precious time especially our "REGULARS" who showed up week after week .... (you know who you are). Once again a huge thank you for helping me manage a difficult task".*

*Sincerely,  
Andrea Velt*

*"The best part hands down about being a part of the Foundry family, is the involvement with others in the community.*

*I love meeting the artists and learning their stories, where they have come from in their artistic journeys and what inspires them. Also the visitors to the gallery are amazing, we get fellow artists, visitors to the town who are more often or not totally surprised at the professionalism and talent and also the locals who pop for a chat and a look see.*

*The generosity of our supporters and sponsors, who are keen to support our gallery, who find it a great way to encourage our Arts Space and are joy to be involved with."*

Thank you so much Julie for being a part of this months newsletter!



Julie Spiers

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Closed Tuesdays except school holidays. 13 - 17 Murray Esplanade, Echuca



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## LEE NELSON THURSDAY MORNINGS

LEE HAS ALWAYS ENJOYED DOING ART, EVEN THOUGH HE HATES GETTING HIS FINGERS DIRTY. HE HAS ALWAYS GOT ON REALLY WELL WITH TESS (HIS ART TEACHER), AND HAS LEARNED MANY LIFE AND SOCIAL SKILLS, SUCH AS TURN TAKING, FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ETC. WORKING ONE ON ONE HAS MADE HIM BLOSSOM INTO A CONFIDENT YOUNG MAN. HE HAS NO ATTACHMENT TO HIS ARTWORK AND WOULD BE REPEATING THE SAME KIND OF STUFF IF IT WAS NOT FOR TESS MAKING HIM EXPERIMENT. HE ABSOLUTELY LOVES SELLING HIS ARTWORK AND IT REALLY BOOSTS HIS CONFIDENCE AND INSPIRES HIM TO DO BETTER. HE ENJOYS HIS THURSDAY MORNING LESSONS WITH TESS AND IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HER UNFOLD.

WORDS BY DELLA, HIS MUM.



## "Beldari Potters" 6 - 29 March, 2026

### BELDARI POTTERS

#### The potters:

Chris Stephens Bronwen Quill  
Jane McMullen Kerry Williams  
Linda Clark Sivanne Binks  
Sue Bentley Tim Davey



\* Studios open Friday 5-7 pm

#### ECHUCA

| Maggie Ellis \* (Ceramics, drawing, painting, textiles)  
| Kris Tilo (Ceramics, drawing, painting, video)  
Factory 20A, rear of Darling Works, 11-19 Darling St

| Elizabeth Jaworski (Painting)  
| Penny Silver (Painting, printmaking)  
The Foundry Arts Space, 13-17 Murray Esp

| Ellen Lee (Painting, drawing)  
48 Howell St

#### TONGALA

| Jill Conway \* (Painting)  
| Teena Cox \* (Painting)  
| Trevor Davison \* (Drawing)  
| Dianne Plattfuss \* (Drawing)  
| Murray Ross \* (Painting)  
| Christine Savage \* (Painting)  
| Kaylene Travaskis \* (Collage)  
Tongala Street Art Studio, 46 Mangan St

| Jenni Craft \* (Leathercraft, leather art)  
1082 McBain Rd

#### KYABRAM

| Dey Alexander (Painting, collage)  
54 Church St (rear entry on Tulloh St)

| Gillian Banks (Basket making)  
| Anne Churches (Rug weaving)  
| Kerri-Ann Organ (Patchwork, quilting)  
| Maria Radanov (Painting, drawing)  
| Kerrie Raglus (Painting, drawing, collage)  
| Sue Reid (Textile art)  
Kyabram Town Hall, 199 Allan St

| Chris Hartley (Painting)  
15 Goegon Dr

| Ali Wallace (Drawing, painting)  
170 Sinclair Rd

#### LANCASTER

| Margaret Wilson (Fibre art)  
72 Sinclair Rd

#### RUSHWORTH

| Angie Russi (Ceramics)  
41-49 High St

#### COLBINABBIN

| Cathy Branson (Painting)  
"Donore", 3332 Heathcote-Rochester Rd

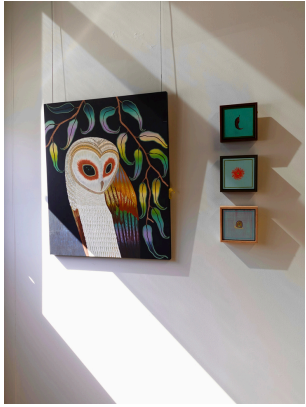
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| Edie May \* (Glass art, leadlight, lapidary)  
Tram studio, opp 33 Stevens St

#### ROCHESTER

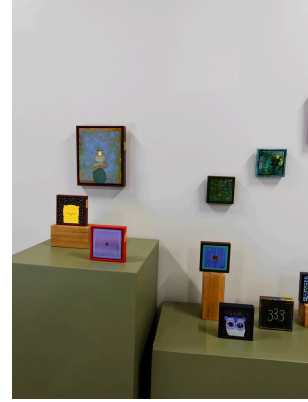
| Sonya Else \* (Textile art)  
17 Diggera Road

# “Messengers” Olivia Razuki 2 April - 3 May 2026



Olivia Rae Razuki is a visual artist based in Naarm / Melbourne. She creates richly detailed works that explore themes of transformation, devotion, magic and spirituality. Deeply inspired by nature, the inner world and Australian flora and fauna, Olivia's practice is rooted in storytelling and emotional resonance. Each painting is a portal, inviting viewers to linger, reflect, and find meaning and beauty in the mysterious.

(Locals may know Olivia as Liv Lawton!)



## Coming next: Linden Lancaster 8 May - 8 June, 2026

My work is deeply connected to place, reflecting the landscapes, people and stories shaping my home on the edge of the Barmah National Park in Northern Victoria, Australia. Living on a farm at the door of the forest I am surrounded by the shifting dynamics of drought, flood and fire- elements that regularly appear in my work.

As an internationally exhibited and award-winning artist, I draw on over 15 years of experience as an art quilter, now expanding into painting, printing and collage on paper and board. My practice is informed by active participation in groups such as the Superb Parrot Project and Nathalia Wildflower group.

I am an explorer of the interaction between media and subject, inspired by the interplay of natural and cultural elements in the place I call home. Sharing this passion with others through art is integral to my practice, as I strive to inspire connection and dialogue with diverse audiences.

Linden Lancaster



Picola' detail by Linden Lancaster

## The Foundry Arts Space 2026 Environmental arts prize “Nature Speaks”

Help spread the word! Our Art Prize only comes around every two years, don't miss your chance to be involved!

17th July - 16th August, 2026

Celebrating a range of artistic practices, encompassing both expressions of nature in art, and socially and ecologically motivated works relating to our challenging, changing natural environment.

13-17 Murray Esplanade, Echuca  
[thefoundryartspace.org.au](http://thefoundryartspace.org.au)

ARTS PRIZE 2026  
 NATURE SPEAKS

PRIZES: Winner \$2500, Runner up \$750, Local artist \$500, Peoples choice \$500, Hangers' prize \$250.

ENTRIES OPEN: 1/5 - 30/6  
 DELIVERY OF ARTWORK:  
 Sunday 12th July, 3-5pm  
 Monday 13th July, 9-10am  
 EXHIBITION DATES:  
 17th July - 16th August

EXHIBITION OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PRIZES:  
 6pm, Friday 17th July

Entry forms to be downloaded from the website  
[www.thefoundryartspace.org.au](http://www.thefoundryartspace.org.au)  
 or picked up from The Foundry Arts Space, 13-17 Murray Esplanade, Echuca

ENQUIRIES:  
 Anna Walsh  
 0404 180 143  
[artsprize@thefoundryartspace.org.au](mailto:artsprize@thefoundryartspace.org.au)



Images from the 2024 Art Prize

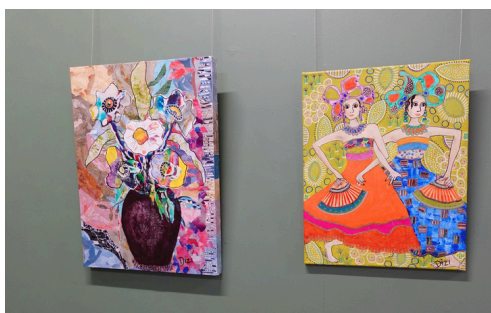
# MEMBERS GALLERY @THE FOUNDRY

*painting to sculpture and everything in between*

Our April members gallery is full to the brim with a wonderful variety of work from a dozen of our members. From portrait sketches, abstract landscape, still life and birdlife there is something for everyone. Not to mention our freshly painted gallery walls complimenting the art perfectly. Be sure to come in and have a browse whilst seeing Olivia's exhibition.

Interested in exhibiting next time? The Member's Gallery is a perfect way to test the waters of exhibiting with a gallery. Your work is curated by our experienced exhibition team and paired with complimentary pieces. We open up Gallery 2 at various times through out the year to give our artistic Foundry members a unique opportunity to exhibit. Members can apply at any time. No hiring fees, just some volunteering required!

The next Member's Gallery will be 21.08, feel free to contact Jenny on 0428 495 497 if you have any queries about being involved!



Graham Hearn

Calling artists! Morrison's Winery in Moama is displaying Foundry members' artworks in the restaurant. Interested? Artists please contact coordinator/curator [grahamhearnart@outlook.com](mailto:grahamhearnart@outlook.com) to express your interest. Paintings by 2 artists will be displayed for 3 months and commission from sales goes to The Foundry Arts Space.

**Do you have an exhibition or creative event coming up?**

We'd love to feature it!

Please email [annammwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:annammwalsh@gmail.com) to be a part of our next edition of the newsletter!

Thanks to Crowies Paints Echuca for supporting our recent renovation. We love our fresh, new look.





- RAYMOND HILL - PLEIN AIR ARTIST Opens 24th March
- JUST GREEN - Splinter Contemporary Artists
- EDIE MAY Opens 16th May
- CAMPASPE STUDIO ART TRAIL 1st to 4th MAY
- IN DEEP WATER - Splinter Contemporary Artists
- EDIE MAY Opens 16th May
- BRENDA WOODS 6 VOICES-TEXTILE ART - Opens 9TH May
- RAYMOND HILL - PLEIN AIR ARTIST- Ends 29th May
- IN DEEP WATER - Splinter Contemporary Artists
- BRENDA WOODS 6 VOICES-TEXTILE ART - Ends 30TH June
- GRAHAM HEARN - ART EXHIBITION- Opens 25th May

Art Gallery of  
**Swan Hill**

© Art Gallery of Swan Hill 2025  
Horseshoe Bend, Swan Hill, VIC 3585

**OPENING HOURS**

Monday to Friday 10.00am - 5.00pm  
Saturday and Sunday 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Public Holidays 10.00am - 4.00pm

swanhillregionalartgallery.com.au

ROD MOSS - Moon Havoc ends 22 March 2026  
TERRY MARTIN - Homecoming ends 22 March 2026  
TUCKER'S PORTRAITS - 28 March - 24 May 2026

**Kyabram Town Hall Art Group**

**Come together, create, inspire!**

Our art group meets twice weekly on Tuesdays 5:30 to 7:30 pm and Thursdays 10:30 to 12:30pm. Come to one session, or both.

\$5 per session, plus \$5 annual membership fee.

BYO materials. Beginner tuition available. Tea/coffee provided.

FOR MORE INFO TEXT 0427 194 885



Some of our Foundry Arts Space members meet regularly on Monday mornings at the Lockington Plumbers Shed.

**Weekly Activities at Lockington Neighbourhood House**  
**Monday morning** - Casual Art Group @ The Plumber's Shed  
**Tuesday morning** - Men's Shed @ Lockington Business Centre Complex  
**Tuesday evening** - Locky Ukers @ The Plumber's Shed  
**Wednesday morning** - Community Garden Group  
**Wednesday afternoon** - Lockington Youth Action Group  
**Wednesday evening** - Ladies Woodwork in the Men's Shed

**Monthly Activities**

Lockington Neighbourhood House

**Second Thursday** - Cuppa Connection (free community morning tea) @ The Plumber's Shed.



**School Holiday Arts & Crafts Workshop for kids**

Bring your kids for a relaxed, creative session of painting, crafting, cooking, water-play and activities in the Community Garden (weather permitting).

Friday 10th April & Friday 17th April  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
Rushworth Community House

\$8 per child/per session (includes pizza lunch, & bottle of water or juice box).

For safety reasons all kids need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian please.

To book phone the Community House on 5856-1295.



**Print and Stitch Cyanotypes with Mel Anderson and Deirdre Prochilo**

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th April 2026

A hands-on workshop exploring the cyanotype printmaking process on paper, fabric, and mixed materials.

**Linocut Weekend workshop: Principles of linocut design and printing with Jennifer De Goursat**

Saturday 9th May & Sunday 10th May, 10.30-3.30pm

Learn to design and carve your own lino block, ink and print on paper, and experiment with simple creative applications.

**Print, Paint, Play - Gelli Plate Collage with Lou Graham**

Sunday 24th May 10.00am-3.00pm

Unlock the magic of creating your own designs on papers and monoprinting, where spontaneity meets intention.

**MOTHER'S DAY**  
Sunday, 10th May 2026  
The Gunbower Butter Factory  
9am - 2pm

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Mum's Favourite Market Stalls**  
- Jesswood Candles - Mrs Beaver  
- Dancing Daisies Flowers - Artisan Acres

**Family Minis by**  
Jasmin Tarczon Photography  
bookings via www.jasminartarczonphotography.com.au

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**KYABRAM TOWN HALL GALLERY**  
February - March

**Places I've Been People I've Seen**

**Veronica Lamb**

Scribbler on High

OPEN 10-4PM MONDAY - SATURDAY

199 - 207 ALLAN STREET KYABRAM  
58521546 0490371641  
www.kyabramtownhall.com.au

**JUST GREEN**  
3 Feb to 2 May 2026  
KYABRAM TOWN HALL

Open Monday to Saturday 10 am to 4 pm.

**SPLINTER CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS**

**LINDEN POSTCARD SHOW**

**2026 ENTRIES NOW OPEN**

**At The Foundry...**

**NAIDOC Community Exhibition**

Opening June 12, 2026 until July 12, 2026 Gallery 1

**"Nature Speaks" Biannual Art Prize**

Opening July 17, 2026 until August 16, 2026 Gallery 1 & 2

**Membership renewals are due in May**

Stay tuned for news on membership options!

**Expressions of Interest for 2027**

will be brought forward 3 months, to allow artists extra time to expand their body of work before the 2027 calendar of exhibitions begins.

**Make It**

Bring your art or craft project along and join the Make It group on 2nd & 4th Sunday afternoons. Contact Jenny: jennyltur55@gmail.com



**ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS**

www.castrail.art

CAMPASPE ARTISTS STUDIO TRAIL

Discover our creative Campaspe community

Echuca - Tangala - Kyabram - Lancaster  
Rushworth - Colbinabbin - Corop - Rochester

Sat & Sun  
2-3 May  
10am-4pm

\* Some studios open  
Fri 1 May 5pm-7pm

Artists Penny Silver and Elizabeth Jaworski will be at work in The Foundry Arts Space as the second annual Campaspe Artists Studio Trail is held on the weekend of 2-3 May 2026. Information about each artist, along with a map of the studio trail is available on our website, www.castrail.art Maps are available in visitor centres and libraries across the shire, or you can pick one up from the first studio you visit.



Penny (rear) at The Foundry during last year's studio trail event

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**2026  
EXHIBITION CALENDAR**

THE FOUNDRY SUMMER EXHIBITION\* 5.12.25 - 26.01.26

BOBEN MAMMEN 30.01 - 01.03

LEE NELSON & BELDARI POTTERY 06.03 - 29.03

OLIVIA RAZUKI 02.04. - 03.05 GALLERY 1

MEMBERS EXHIBITION\* 02.04 - 30.04 GALLERY2

CAMPASPE ARTISTS STUDIO TRAIL 01.05 - 03.05 GALLERY2

LINDEN LANCASTER 08.05 - 08.06

NAIDOC COMMUNITY EXHIBITION 12.06 - 12.07

2006 ART PRIZE 17.07 - 16.08

TUESDAY JUNCTION 21.08 - 13.09 GALLERY1

MEMBERS EXHIBITION\* 21.08 - 13.09 GALLERY2

CAMPASPE YOUTH 18.09- 25.10 GALLERY1

ANNA WALSH 18.09- 25.10 GALLERY2

GRETL SCHILLER & MAREE SANTILLA 30.10 - 29.11

THE FOUNDRY SUMMER EXHIBITION\* 04.12.26 - 26.01.27

\* MEMBERS EXHIBITIONS ARE HELD IN GALLERY 2 OF THE FOUNDRY ARTS SPACE AT VARIOUS TIMES OF THE YEAR

\* OPEN TO FOUNDRY MEMBERS \*NO HIRE COST

\* COMMISSION FEE ON SOLD WORK APPLIES.

\* APPLICATION FORMS ON WEBSITE

WWW.THEFOUNDRYARTSSPACE.ORG.AU