

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026

# arts news

raising the profile of the arts in the Echuca Moama region

The Foundry Arts Space was deeply saddened to learn in April, of the passing of Leanne Cuffe, fellow artist, committee of management member, friend and finance guru.

Leanne was an enthusiastic and committed member of the Foundry, regularly contributing her artwork to exhibitions over many years. Despite the challenges of her disability, she continued to paint with determination and grace, adapting her technique as her hand mobility changed. Her work carried a distinct personal voice, marked by bold colour choices, gentle abstraction, and an emotional honesty that resonated with viewers.

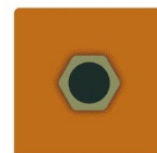
Leanne served as treasurer for the Foundry over several years, meticulous in her accounting and records. She was aware of our need to create "profit for purpose" and to operate within our means. Open to new ideas, she always kept a cool level head in discussions to ensure projects/ideas were viable.

Leanne was dogged in her approach to solving a problem. We owe her gratitude for the many hours she spent resolving several financial issues with banks and government departments.

Leanne will be greatly missed, her quirky sense of humour, her friendship and her skills made her a valued and loyal colleague.

THE FOUNDRY

# ARTS SPACE



ECHUCA-MOAMA



Vale, Leanne Cuffe



## VOLUNTEERS WEEK: MAY 17 - 23

Whilst we missed the chance to truly celebrate our amazing volunteers, we wanted to take a moment to say THANK YOU! This community doesn't exist without our generous volunteers and the many hours spent manning the gallery, hanging the work, cleaning, all of the admin and so much more!

We hope to celebrate you all properly soon!

Open daily 11am - 3pm during Winter

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



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# 2027 EXHIBITION CALENDAR COMING SOON

## (2027 EOI/APPLICATIONS OPEN 1 JUNE - 31ST JULY, 2026)

The annual exhibition program is designed to offer the opportunity for any artist from any field of the arts to exhibit in this unique space. The curators will be looking to build a diverse program of exhibitions and events to showcase what's happening in the contemporary arts scene. The aim is to deliver a fresh, unique experience to the community and visitors to the Echuca Moama region.

The Foundry Arts Space is a not-for-profit, volunteer run community organisation, notably to raise the profile of the arts and cultural activities in our region. Established in 2010, we have been in the heart of the historic Port of Echuca precinct since 2015. The Foundry welcomes artists, musicians, and all creatives to share this historic but contemporary building. The Foundry attracts over 10,000 visitors a year.

**For all information & to submit your Expression of Interest, visit the website!**

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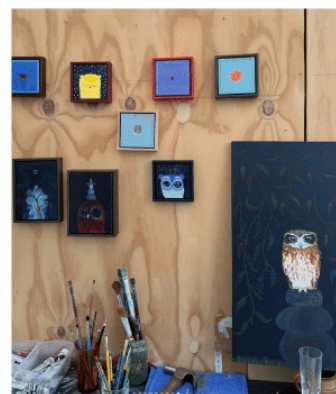


### 'MESSENGERS' - OLIVIA RAE RAZUKI APR 2 - MAY 3, 2026

It is always an absolute pleasure to host Olivia Rae Razuki (nee Lawton) and her latest collection "Messengers" was no exception. An array of owls, tiny creatures and motifs from nature filled the gallery, many finding homes with buyers across the month. This was an uplifting and joyful collection, celebrating the small but powerful moments in life. Opening night saw many visitors enjoying a warm night surrounded by beautiful work.

In Olivia's own words:

*"The mystic in me believes there is significance in small occurrences; dreaming of an owl atop a house, seeing the same number everywhere, a ladybug landing on my skin. Some call it luck or a vivid imagination but I call it a message from the universe. Welcome to the world of my 'Messengers'."*



### CAMPASPE STUDIO ARTS TRAIL 2-3 MAY, 2026

The Campaspe Studio Arts Trail is always an exciting weekend to look out for in our creative communities.

This year, the Foundry played host to two very talented local artists Elizabeth Jaworski and Penny Silver. Whilst the weather was not the greatest, we still saw many keen visitors and meaningful conversations with the artists were a plenty!





Linden Lancaster provided a deeply intimate look into her creative practice through her exhibition 'Beside Barmah'. Linden generously shared insights into her creative journey through her mixed media pieces displaying intricate quilts, delicate water colours and considered collages.

Accompanying her work, Linden shared her own sketchbooks and experimentations providing a rare look at the mind of a working artist.

We were also lucky enough to host an artist talk by Linden surrounded by her work. Patrons were treated to words of wisdom ranging from techniques to finding inspiration.

Thank you so much Linden for sharing your time and work with our community.



## MEMBERS GALLERY - APR - JUNE, 2026

# MEMBERS GALLERY @THE FOUNDRY

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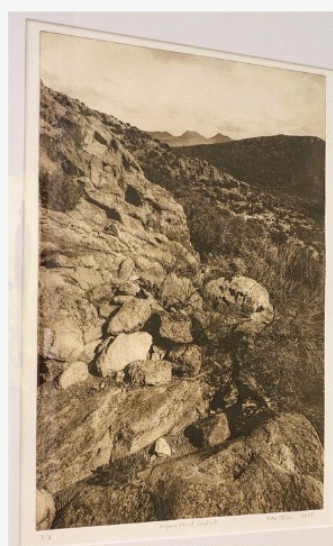
*New members have joined  
The Foundry Arts Space  
especially to exhibit in this  
Members' Gallery*



Judy Anderson



John Daniels



Nina O'Brien



Della Nelson



Peter Anderson



Rowena Turner



Kristen Dyer



Linda Clark



Carol Spencer



Jill Peters



## OUR MEN, WAY MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF DEADLY

This year's exhibition is all Male, with artwork from local community, across the state, St. Joseph's College students and features a memory wall of our heroes.

Artists featured include:

Brett Wilson

Baymos Handy

Chuck Firebrace

Jack Anselmi

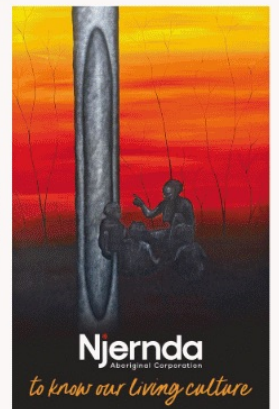
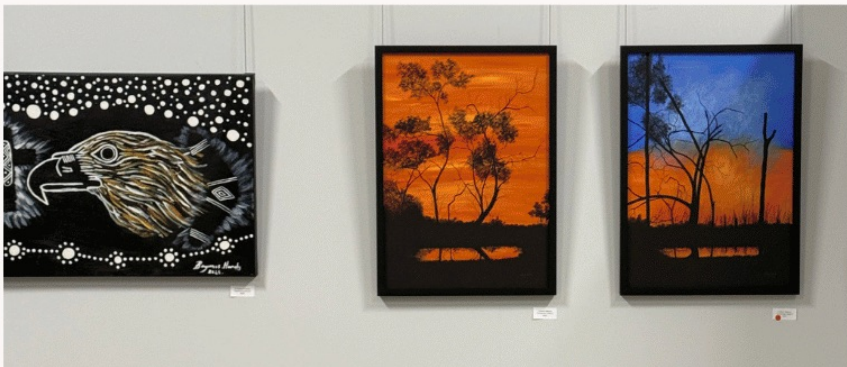
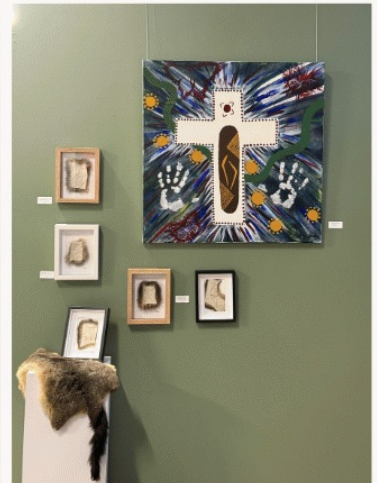
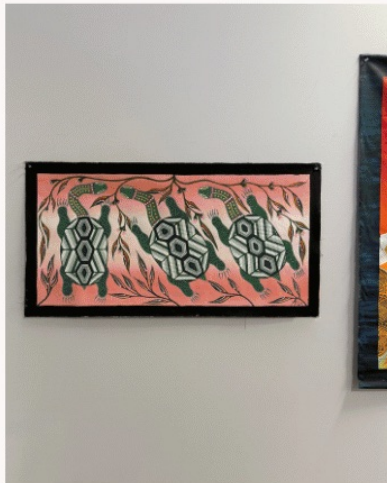
Kevin Williams

Sam Bux

Stuart Hearn

Select St. Joseph's College students,  
plus many more.

Opening night was well attended with over 70 people through the doors and many pieces purchased.







*echuca-moama's biennial art prize event celebrating expressions of nature in art and works relating to our changing natural environment.*

**OPENING EVENT AND  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS**  
6PM FRIDAY JULY 17 2026  
**EXHIBITION DATES**  
17 JUL - 16 AUG 2026



**MORRISONS**  
Riverview Winery & Restaurant



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.au** to express your interest.

Paintings by 2 artists will be displayed for 3 months with commission from sales going to The Foundry Arts Space.



**MORRISONS**

## Here's what we do:

- Gallery-sit
- Meet and greet visitors
- Help with sales
- Help serve food at exhibition openings
- Help set up exhibitions



13-17 Murray  
Esplanade

You don't have to be an artist to volunteer! Just enjoy being surrounded by art and arts supporters.

**email Julie:**

**roster@thefoundryartspace.org.au**

Mornings or  
afternoons  
10am-1pm  
1pm-4pm

You choose your own  
regular timeslots



**MEET OUR  
VOLUNTEER  
COMMUNITY**



## ✓ Here + There

Thursday, 2 July - Thursday, 27 August

**Here + There** is a collaboration between Campaspe Shire Council, curator/artist Ellen Lee and Kyabram Town Hall Gallery, offering a fresh perspective on Council's Art Collection. Local artists respond to selected works, creating an engaging mix of past and contemporary practice. Workshops and gallery activations run alongside the exhibition - come along to experience the creativity or join in.



### 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

## ✓ Echuca-Moama Winter Blues Festival

Thursday, 23 July - Sunday, 26 July

Shake off winter and wrap yourself in the warm sounds of the blues! With more than 60 artists performing in local pubs, clubs, cafes and restaurants, the Echuca Moama Winter Blues Festival promises a fantastic four days of live music. Head to [winterblues.com.au](http://winterblues.com.au) for full details of the event.



**Experimental Drawing: A Playful Two-Day Drawing Intensive with Elaine Camlin**

Saturday 25th July (10am-4.00pm) and Sunday 26th July (10.00am-3.00pm)

Explores playful, intuitive drawing processes through experimental mark-making.

[Learn More](#)

**Introduction to Oil & Cold Wax with Carolyn Harrington**

15th and 16th August 2026 9.00am-4.00pm

Step into the expressive world of oil and cold wax painting.

[Learn More](#)

**Bookmaking for artists with Sue Wood**

Saturday 19th September 10.00am-4.00pm and Sunday 20th September 9.30am-3.00pm

Supplies March 23 (2).jpg

Simple, versatile handmade books using minimal equipment and easy-to-learn techniques.

[Learn More](#)

**Loose & Expressive Watercolour: Understanding Tonal Values with Nina Volk**

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October

Explore loose, expressive watercolour painting with a focus on how tonal values influence mood.

[Learn More](#)

### HERE + there

A COLLECTIVE CONVERSATION

3 JULY - 26 AUGUST 2026

**EXHIBITION OPENING**

Friday 3 July, 2026  
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Kyabram Town Hall Gallery

Anne Churches, Sonya Else, Geraldine Gallivan, Linden Lancaster, Ellen Lee, Maree Santilla, John Stevens and Kevin Williams

Campaspe Shire Council warmly invites you to **Here + There: A Collective Conversation** at Kyabram Town Hall Gallery. Curated by artist Ellen Lee, this exhibition celebrates both the Campaspe Shire Art Collection and the creative community that exists within the region, highlighting the diversity of local artistic practice. Through engaging with the collection, the exhibition revisits past reflections with a contemporary perspective, fostering an exchange between our history and our present, artist to artist, and between a Collection and its Community.

RSVP via the QR or follow the [link here](#).

Design by artist Geraldine Gallivan and Colourit

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Shepparton Art Museum

FACING MODERNITY:  
**DEGAS**  
to  
**PICASSO**  
FROM THE  
AUCKLAND ART GALLERY  
TOI O TĀMĀKI



**Archibald Prize 2026**  
at SAM: 5 September  
— 1 November

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE**

Experience Australia's most prestigious portrait prize at SAM in this Victorian-exclusive showing

**RABBIT TRAX.**

**RTP PROMOTIONS**

**THURSDAY 23RD JULY**

**ECHUCA WINTER BLUES**

**OPENING NIGHT**

**RTP OPEN MIC NIGHT AT THE GYPSY BAR**

**MUSICIANS. SINGERS. POETS. EVERYONE WELCOME.**  
ACOUSTIC. ORIGINALS. COVERS.  
SOLO OR BAND.

**GET IN CONTACT TO REGISTER YOUR OPEN MIC SPOT FOR THE NIGHT LIMITED SPOTS!**

**GOOD MUSIC. GOOD VIBES. WINTER BLUES.**  
THE GYPSY BAR • ECHUCA

**festival stories**

16-18 OCTOBER 2026

**COMING SOON**  
To Echuca Moama

### ART OF THREE

**PEPPIN HERITAGE CENTRE**

**2 JULY - 4 AUGUST**

**JANE BRADFORD** **MARIANNE WAKEFIELD** **PINKSTORY ART**

Their first joint exhibition, Art of Three has brought the artists' styles together in a single space. Three lives bonded by kin and friendship, and the love of art.

**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!



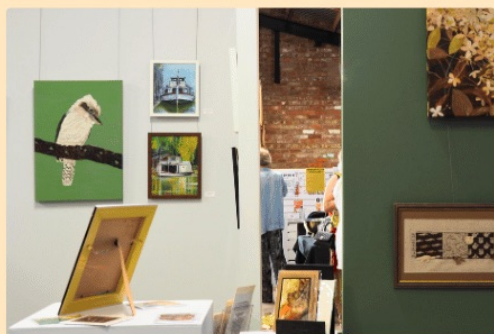
# MEMBERS GALLERY @THE FOUNDRY

*painting to sculpture and everything in between*

**MEMBERS EXHIBITION 21 AUGUST - 13 SEPTEMBER**

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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).

Contact Jenny 0428 495 497  
jennyltur55@gmail.com,  
details also on the website to apply!



ECHUCA-MOAMA



## 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

GRETIL 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

## THE BRIDGE ART PROJECT:

A lot of progress has been happening over the bridge at the new Moama Art Gallery. Please see below from the Bridge Art committee:

Things are moving forward with the gallery due for handover this week (June 29), we are currently preparing a (late!) NAIDOC exhibition, so if you want to submit work, please have it in to the gallery by **12 July**.

Other dates to keep note of:

**AUGUST 1:** a 'soft opening' for supporters

**SEPTEMBER 6:** (Father's Day) the golf ball drop raffle will be drawn at Rich River Golf Club (via cannon!). First prize \$5000, second \$1000 and third, \$500. Order your tickets soon.

**SEPTEMBER 19:** a cocktail evening at Morrisons (\$120/head for members; \$150/head for non-members)

**SEPTEMBER 25:** Grand Community Celebration for our grand opening on Friday 25 September at the gallery.

Remember to request and EOI for exhibiting in the gallery if you are an artist who would like to exhibit. We are seeking merch on consignment for the gift store too. Don't be shy!

Lynne Gillard,  
Secretary  
Bridge Art Project Inc  
0411 412 440

bridge art project

across rivers - across cultures - across history

past events

Coming next



## ArtSupport Australia

Practical resources, professional advice, and streamlined opportunities for artists & arts workers.

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

A valuable collection of information and opportunities for Australian artists for a small monthly fee!

## Artbid

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

Connect & collect great art

Artbid hosts online-only art auctions, offering both the thrill of a live-streamed auctioneer and the flexibility of timed auctions. Whether bidding in real time or placing bids at your convenience, you'll find premium contemporary Australian art at affordable prices.

Find works by your favourite artists or discover emerging talents—all in one accessible and dynamic platform.

## Affordable Art Fair

## MELBOURNE

27 – 30 AUGUST 2026

Affordable Art Fair returns to Melbourne, with exhibiting galleries joining from around Australia. We'll be showcasing a wide variety of original, contemporary artworks priced up to AUD\$10,000. Ready to make your house a home? Discover the joy of collecting art.



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INNOVATE AT DARLING WORKS



### Have you visited the creative hub that is Darling Works Echuca?

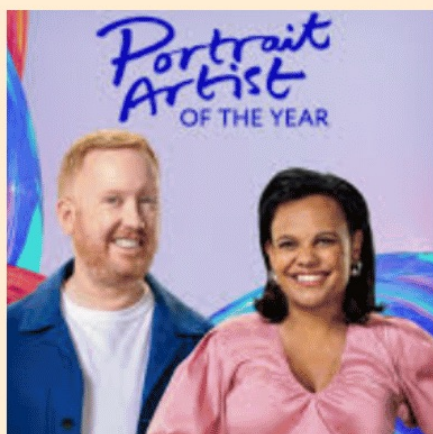
Located on Darling street, these old workshops have been reimaged into a variety of new spaces. From messy play to vintage stores to purpose renovated arts studios, its a lovely way to spend the morning browsing.

There's even a coffee cart 'Peggy the Coffee Van' brewing takeaways and providing snacks. There is plenty more to come with this space and the community is always looking for new ideas, contact them if you're looking for a space to launch something special!

<https://bit.ly/m/Darlingworks>

## Watch

Portrait Arts of the Year -  
ABC iView



Such a joyful, inspiring watch! So many truly amazing artists, how they can paint such masterpieces in such a short time frame is beyond me! It's also been renewed for another season!

## Listen

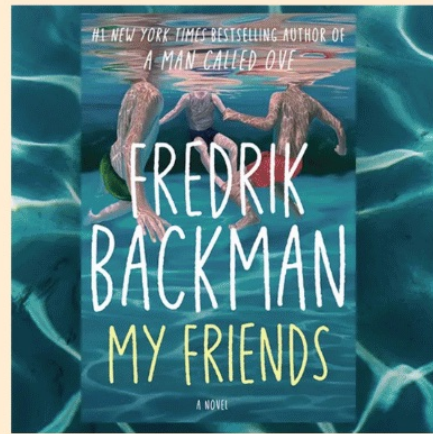
In Search of the Missing Artist -  
Background Briefing



A fascinating listen about the upper echelons of the Australian art gallery scene. A sort after elusive artist, allegations of plagiarism and a lot of money, this three part series has it all! Available on Apple podcasts.

## Read

My Friends (A novel) -  
Friedrick Backman



This book was beautifully written with so many quotes worth highlighting and remembering. Themes of art and meaning and life all intertwine through out, a truly beautiful, heart wrenching read.