



*"Bringing art to the people
and people to the arts"*

Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery

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Opening Hours

Monday to Friday:

9am to 5pm

**Weekends & Public
Holidays**

11am to 3pm

Christmas - New Year period:

11am to 3pm

Closed:

Good Friday & Christmas Day



Friends Newsletter

March 2018

On Show Now

2 February – 11 March

'Island to Inland'

Contemporary Art from
Kangaroo Island.

'Island to Inland' brings together artworks that explore the unique aspects of Kangaroo Island including the environment, history and isolation, and the way in which they shape the lives of those in the community who call the island home.



'Seekers'

By Audrey Harnett

Made of mixed media, ink on paper, wood, bone, wire & glue with lamps.

An understanding of the human desire for journeying, the fragility of life and the perils often encountered along the way.

The 'Seekers' represents voyages made by the early Settlers and explores the personal and spiritual endeavours undertaken by the artist.



'Edges'

By Maggie Welz

Ink on paper (cropped)

Represents the plants and animals that inhabit the edges of the Pelican Lagoon, capturing the complexity of life that dwells there.

Welcome to 2018 and an exciting new year of exhibitions and events!

We begin with a celebration of talented South Australian regional artists in 'Island to Inland'; Contemporary Art from Kangaroo Island'.

Developed by Country Arts SA and the Flinders University Art Museum and curated by Eleanor Scicchitano and Celia Dottore this exhibition presents a wonderful opportunity for regional artists to express the isolation of island life. An experience that is relevant to all regional artists that are challenged by location and their environment. But this situation itself has many benefits for artists who can immerse themselves in that environment to create great art.

Looking ahead we have Craft Anonymous, a marriage of regional and metropolitan textile, glass, metal and ceramic artists. This project, touring regional galleries over the past two years was realised from the Adelaide City Councils emerging curators program and showcases the contemporary relevance of 'handmade': where old techniques meet new ideas.

As we move to the middle of the year look out for Tarpari, held every two years showing work from the regions aboriginal artists and our first touring exhibition comes to us in early May from Museums and Galleries Qld.

'Wanton, Wild and Unimagined' is a playful exhibition of sculptured recycled plastics where the artist, Alison McDonald, has spent many hours manipulating the humble plastic bottle, and collecting thousands of plastic lids to make a variety of unimagined and impossible creations inspired by plants, oceans and John Wyndham's book 'The Day of the Triffids'.

I think you would agree there is enough diversity of materials, themes and artistic expression to 'have something for everyone' in the exhibition program so be sure to visit your regional gallery over the next few months.

We look forward to seeing you!

Jenni Frost



We value the support of our partners and sponsors

Belalie Wines

The Picture Framer

Upcoming Exhibition

16 March – 29 April

'Craft Anonymous'

Addresses ideas around the body, approaching themes of adornment, embellishment, desire and sense of belonging.

With contemporary art context, the 9 Artist tell their story of where old meets new, through weaving, embroidery, knitting, felting, enamelling and hand dying.



Image: 'Going Bush: Bloatee' by Sera Waters

4 May – 17 June

'Tarpari'

Art works celebrating the talent and diversity of Aboriginal artist from the Yorke and Mid North regions.



Image: 'Bush Berries' by Karen Williams

22 June – 5 August

'Wanton, Wild & Unimagined'

A playful exhibition of sculptured recycled plastics that stirs the imagination and evokes environmental reflections by Townsville artist Alison McDonald.



Image: 'Trickle' by Alison McDonald

Special Event

8 March

'Gypsy Fire'

A live performance by 10 String Spanish Classical Guitarist Matthew Fagan. Accompanied by Czech Violinist Romana Geermans for an uplifting, captivating night of Gypsy, Celtic, Flamenco, Classical and more.



7.30pm start, doors open at 7pm
Adult \$30, Family (2 adults 2 children) \$55,
Under 16 \$15, Under 3 free
Get your tickets now for a great night of entertainment.

In the Gallery

So far 2018 has been productive in the Gallery.

With an astonishing amount of visitors, local and from afar enjoying the diverse range of artwork of Proo Geddes, Sandi Hill and Alison Way with 'Sister Art' over the holiday period.

Some well deserved maintenance was undertaken recently, with freshly painted walls sparking life back into the Gallery in time for the installation and presentation of the current exhibition 'Inland to Inland'.



Thanks Andy and Harry for a fantastic job.

VIP Sneak Preview

Friends of the Gallery are welcome to a VIP Sneak Preview of exhibitions prior to being open to the public. We value your support and encourage you to bring a friend and join us for nibbles and light refreshments prior to the exhibition commencement date.

Check your emails (or post) for your VIP invitation.



Above left: Henry Beard, Graham & Lorraine Chapman.



Above right: Owen & Mary Lewis at the VIP Sneak Preview of 'Inland to Inland' 1 February.

Welcome to the T&A

Deb Myers

The new Arts & Cultural Facilitator with the Port Pirie Regional Council and Country Arts SA Mid North & Yorke.

Deb will be facilitating Art events and supporting artist around the region.

So look out for something happening near you!

Contact Details

To continue to receive important information, VIP invitations and newsletters.

Please inform the Gallery of any changes to your contact details.

If you are an artist and would like to hear about Art Prizes and opportunities, or would like to become a volunteer, contact Gallery staff on

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