

# muswellbrook regional arts carnivale

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## Muswellbrook Local Art Awards 2009

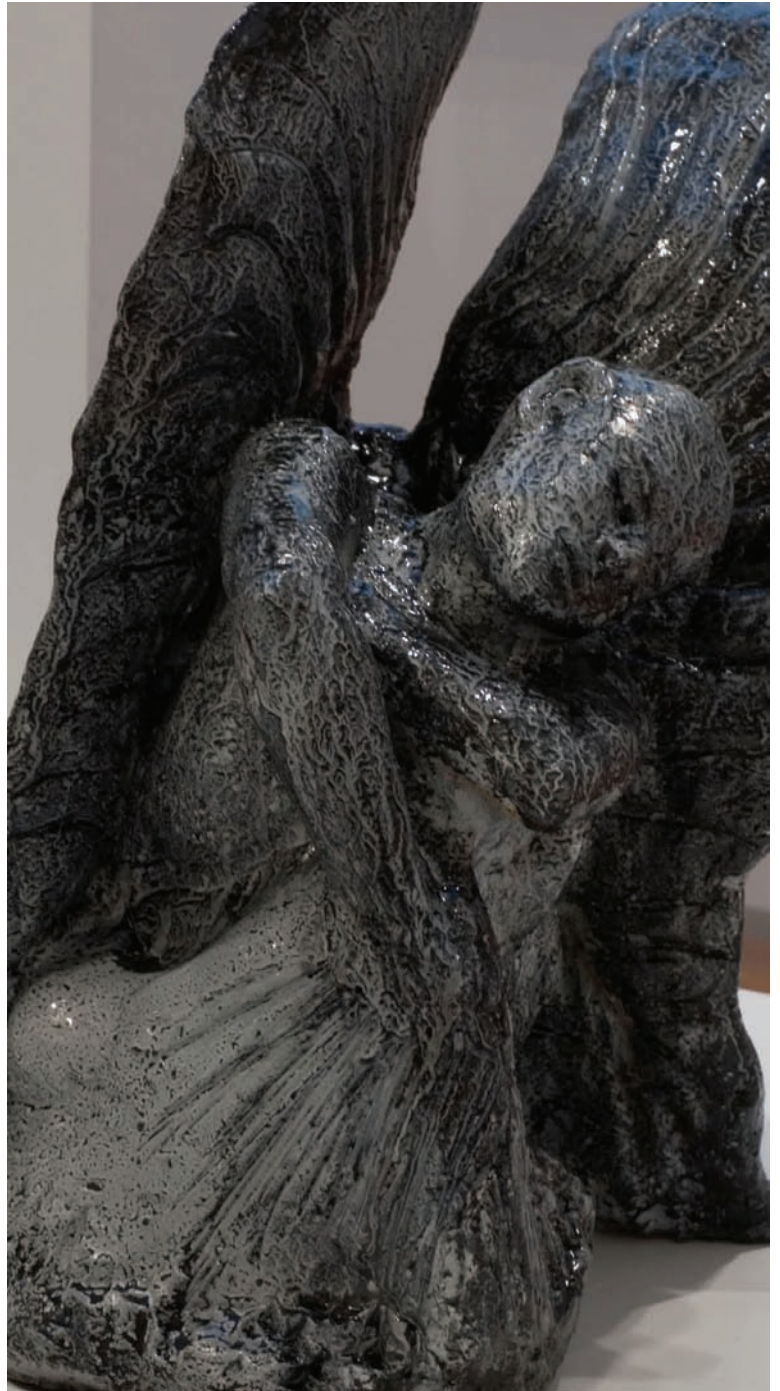
The Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre will once again host the annual Muswellbrook Local Art and Ceramic Awards in October. This year the total prize money up for grabs is four thousand dollars and entries are already being received at the Arts Centre from young and older artists alike.

The exhibition will be officially opened by Councillor Martin Rush, Mayor of Muswellbrook Shire at 6.30pm on Saturday 24 October and will run until Sunday 29 November.

Adjudicator for this year will be Virginia Mitchell, Director, Cessnock Regional Art Gallery.

The awards provide a great opportunity for local artists to put their work out in the community across a variety of mediums, exhibited under Art Gallery conditions.

The exhibition will run until Sunday 29 November and will be on display with Steel selected 3-D works from the Max Watters Collection.



Craig Dunn Mojo (Detail) 2008 Second Prize Local Ceramic Award

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# Opening Night Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre

A huge crowd of approximately 150 plus people were in attendance at the opening night of the latest suite of exhibitions at the Arts Centre. The three exhibitions are **Andrew Antoniou's A Rolling Narrative**, **Self Rising: Self Portraits** by members of the **Muswellbrook & District Camera Club** and **Upstairs Art from Murrurundi**. The camera club membership were all heartily congratulated by those attending on their collective achievement for the exhibition. Andrew Antoniou gave an artist's talk to a different crowd on Saturday morning after the opening night. During his talk Andrew pointed up various things in his works and whilst not laying them bare he did explain his way of working and his reference points in say contemporary rock music which was extremely interesting and elucidating. The members of Muswellbrook Districts Camera Club will be giving an *artists talk on Sun 18th of October 2009* the day the exhibitions close. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.



Andrew Antoniou artist of *A Rolling Narrative* exhibition at the Arts Centre



Smiley .....Carolyn O'Brien



John & Brenda Huggett from Denman



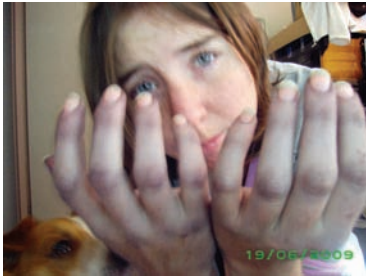
Angela, Sofia, Shayne and Austin Smith. Angela is a contributor to the *Self Rising* exhibition



Kristy Papagini artist from Murrurundi



Jasmine Riddle artist from Murrurundi



My Jeans Have Dyed By Rose Arrowsmith from the Self Rising Exhibition

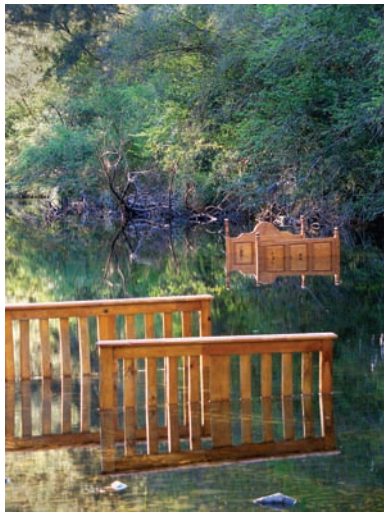
## Self Rising Selections

Reveal By Liz Wallis from the Self Rising Exhibition



## Keddies Prize Announced.!!

Australia's fifth largest cash prize for photography was announced on Friday night to a packed house in Murrurundi. The competition in its first year is set to become a regular biennial event for the Murrurundi District Arts Council calendar. Entrants to the prize were asked to interpret this year's theme – WATER - in black and white, with a focus on the significance of water in the natural environment. The winner of First Prize in the Open Section was Les Irwig for his photograph *Mangrove Mood*, Highly Commended in the open section was Toby Burrows for *Shelter* and Matt Harvey for *Still No Rain* and Charles McKean for *Every Drop Counts*. In the local section Garry Passfield took out First Prize with *Piscatorial Heaven* and Highly Commendeds were Awarded to Roger Skinner for *Small Cloud and Shadow Great Australian Bight*, Andrew Roberts for *Amidst The Thorns* and Sandy Archibald for *Doggy Paddle*. Edwina Casey won two awards! with her work titled *Weeping Willow* winning both the Under 25 years Local Section Encouragement Award and also Local Section Murrurundi Arts Council's Choice Award.



Suzanne Bartos *Riverbed* 2009

## Williams River Valley Artists' Project

Memory and Loss were the key aspects to be considered by the artists in formulating the responses to this project, incorporated in that were also the consideration of the local and worldwide implications of lost habitats and ecosystems. This project brings accordingly brings together a collection of works by both established and emerging contemporary artists' responses to the theme of the proposed Tillegra Dam Project in the Williams River Valley, near Dungog. This project is embedded in the community and the landscape through approximately two years of artist research, field trips and residencies beginning in March 2009. Artists were invited to investigate reflect on and make tangible the social cultural and environmental implications of damming rivers. In this case the artists were to consider the Williams River and its community in particular. Media employed by artists in this exhibition include video projection, photography, object and sound installation, not to mention ceramics and of course painting.

### The 22nd Acquisitive

## Muswellbrook Open Photographic Award

Exhibition: 13th March to 18th April 2010



Muswellbrook & Districts  
Camera Club



Anthony Mrazic *Mind Field* 2006-8 unfixed silver gelatin print  
Muswellbrook Shire Art Collection  
image courtesy of the artist



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Entry forms available from 1st January 2010 Contact: Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre 6549 3880 p [artscentre@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au](mailto:artscentre@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au) e or download from [www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au](http://www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au)

# THEPOTHOUSE..THEPOTHOUSE..THEPOTHOUSE



## Muswellbrook Ceramics Group

Muswellbrook Ceramics Group Incorporated is now in its 41<sup>st</sup> year, a testament to the passion and dedication of both past and present members to pottery, ceramics and all the associated media.

The Group meets at the Pot House in lower Brook Street Muswellbrook and over the years has provided an environment to develop and encourage the ceramic arts, fine arts and crafts as well as the all important social atmosphere needed to support the arts in a rural centre. The members over time have held pit firings, market stalls, fund-raised to support local ceramics awards and tutors,

assisted with exhibitions and entered such themselves and supplied a venue for painting and sculpture classes.

Meeting Tuesdays from 9am year round the Group invites the public to visit, participate or just have a look and will shortly be offering classes in beginning throwing techniques for the potter's wheel as well as hand building, sculpture and slipcasting.

Anyone interested in the classes or Group meetings are welcome to contact  
Mrs Daisy Robb on (02) 6543 1972  
or Scott Douglas Cooper on 0427 101 697 bh.

## **ART CLASSES**

with

## **MAX WATTERS**

### **MONDAY**

- 12.30 - 2pm - Challenge, Muswellbrook
- 2.30 - 5pm - Hunter Park Family Centre
- 6 - 8pm - Wybong Community Hall

### **TUESDAY**

- 4 - 6pm - Muswellbrook PCYC :45411434

### **THURSDAY**

- 2 - 5pm - McCully's Gap Art Group, The Pot House
- 6 - 8.15pm - The Pot House, Muswellbrook

### **FRIDAY**

- 2.30 - 6pm - Scone Youth Art Group, Susan Street

### **SATURDAY**

- 1.30 - 4pm - Aberdeen Art Group, Community Centre
- Any enquires please contact Max Watters 6543 2875

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(NEW WORKS)

PETER GILL

JEAN DAVIES

OCTOBER 7 - NOVEMBER 1 2009  
OFFICIAL OPENING: OCTOBER 9 AT 6.30PM

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ART DESIGN CUISINE

Haydon Hall Art Gallery  
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Opening hours: 10am - 5pm Tuesday to Friday, 10am - 1pm Saturday, 2pm - 5pm Sunday  
(closed Mondays and public holidays)

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