

muswellbrook regional arts centre

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The 40th Acquisitive Muswellbrook Open Art Prize 22 February - 29 March 2009

The 2009 Muswellbrook Open Art Prize is also the fortieth held since the Prize was established in 1958. This year the adjudicator, Ron Ramsey Director Newcastle Region Art Gallery, will select a winner from entries, which have come from NSW QLD Victoria and South Australia. With prize money totalling \$23,000 across the three sections of the Prize, paintings, works on paper and ceramics, the exhibition features work of the highest standard. The Muswellbrook Open Art Prize has a long tradition of attracting the best in Australian contemporary art with previous winners including Fred Williams, David Aspen, Elwyn Lynn, Michael Bell, Sydney Ball, Ray Taylor, Greg Daly, Mike Parr, Angus Nivison and the 2007 winners Hanna Kay, Jane Lander and Gudrun Klix. This years prize has attracted several previous winners as well and with one hundred and seventy one works submitted it looks like being a very exciting event! **Opening 6.00pm Saturday 21st February 2009.**



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Habitat 2006 by Hanna Kay, winner 2007 Muswellbrook Open Art Prize
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Box Of Vessels/Water Catchment Area

Two important works by previous winners of the Ceramic Award representing the open and closed container form. Peter Tilley's Box Of Vessels draws on the Canopic vessels from ancient Egyptian funerary rites whilst Joanne Linsdell's cluster of white marble dust rimmed containers act as receptacles for a water catchment area. Box of Vessels/Water Catchment Area will be on display in the Community Room from Tuesday 10 February 2009.

***Mirror Mirror* – a selection of previous winners from the Collections**

This small cross section of the Collections demonstrates an interesting feature with typical signature works by the artists of one collection appearing with similar works from the same time frame, in the other. The artists have been successful in winning the acquisitive Open Art Prize on the one hand and, on the other, have been independently acquired by the private collector Max Watters during the same era. The result is one of reinforcement rather than duplication of a theme or idea. The viewer gets an insight into the artist's *modus operandi* and a fascinating glimpse into Muswellbrook's permanent Collections. On display in the Max Watters Gallery from 22nd February to 29th March 2009.

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARTS CENTRE:

22 Feb - 29 March 2009

Muswellbrook Open Art Prize

Mirror Mirror selections from the Max Watters & the Muswellbrook Shire Art Collection

Opening 6.00pm Sat 21 Feb 2009

4 April - 10 May 2009

The Paper Trail - selected works from the Muswellbrook Shire Art Collection

Miniatures XIII

Signs of Tension Aspects of the Max Watters Collection

Bruce Webber **Military Artefacts** Collection 21 - 28 April

Opening 6pm Friday 3 April 2009



Carole Corrie & Tracy Smith delivering their works for the 40th Muswellbrook Open Art Prize



Celebrating 50years of the Muswellbrook Shire Collection
A detailed, illustrated & informative catalogue for sale. Only \$25

The **muswellbrook regional arts centre**, located on the New England Highway at the corner of Bridge and William Streets in the heart of Muswellbrook, is open from 10am-5pm Tuesday to Friday; 10am-1pm Saturdays; 2pm-5pm Sundays. Closed Mondays and Public Holidays. Phone 02 6549 3880 or visit www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au.

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ART CLASSES WITH MAX WATTERS

Monday

12.30 - 2pm Challenge, Muswellbrook

2.30 - 5pm Hunter Park Family Centre
Contact Janelle: 02 6543 566

6 - 8pm Wybong Community Hall

Tuesday

4 - 6pm Muswellbrook PCYC :45411434

Thursday

2 - 5pm McCully's Gap Art Group held at The Pot House

6 - 8.15pm The Pot House, Muswellbrook
Contact Max: 02 6543 2875

Friday

2.30 - 6pm Scone Youth Art Group

Saturday

1.30 - 4pm Aberdeen Art Group

NATIONAL YOUTH SELF PORTRAIT PRIZE 2009

The national portrait gallery invites all young Australians between 18-25 to enter the National Youth Self Portrait Prize;

\$10,000 prize, entries close 30 April 2009 ph: 6102 7000

Scone ADFAS 2009

March 10th

Organic Gems as Adornment: Amber, Coral, Pearls & others

March 11th

Maggie's Roadshow' - Gems from Life- A look at Amber, Ivory & other organic Gem Materials

Mrs Maggie Campbell Pedersen FGA ABIPP

Scone Arts & Craft Hall enquiries ph: 6545 0471

An Appeal to Local Artists.

For some time now the Arts Centre have staged raffles of various local artists work, including Max Watters and Bruce Tindale. If you are a local artist who is interested in donating a work to be raffled you should see the Arts Centre staff and they will organise for a suitable display and publicity of your donation. These raffles are a vital way of earning subsidiary funds used exclusively for the purchase of artworks for the collection and all donations would be most gratefully received. Accordingly the Centre see this as a way for you to get some kudos around the donation and display of your work and the Arts Centre to obtain direct contributions to the purchase fund.

