

Diverse art exhibition on display

Serigraph Gallery in Neerim South is currently hosting an exhibition featuring nine local artists from

www.gippslandartists.com

The artists all recently featured at the prestigious ARTmelbourne07 in Carlton with assistance from the Baw Baw Shire.

The exhibition was officially opened at Serigraph Gallery on Thursday, May 24 in partnership with Creative Gippsland. The featured artists are Kerrie Warren, Phil Henshall, Laurel Foenander, Elisabet Smedbakken, Trav Hendrick, Chris Cochran, Laurie Collins, Leonie Ryan and Amanda Goodge.

The exhibition offers great diversity due to the various artists and styles represented.

A strong oil painting by Laurel Foenander titled "Troubled Waters" and a powerful "Time for New Beginnings" by Elisabet Smedbakken contrast with the delicate color pencil rendering of "Galahs on a Branch" by Trav Hendrick.

Found pieces are the stimuli for the sculptured "Fish" and inventive "Woman with Table of Fruit" by Amanda Goodge, while the sculptures of Laurie Collins, "Learning to Fly" and "Birtha the Ballerina", are very whimsical pieces.

Kerrie Warren's "Big Ant Tracking" is a large abstract expressionist piece, bold in its use of reds and yellows and fluid in application.

Christine Cochran's use of gold and copper leaf again shows her skill and confidence in the rendition of this medium. "Forest Walk" conveys a strong depth of being amongst the bush, the shedding of bark revealing the inner skin. "Sentinel" is a very expressive example of presence - the solidity, the burls and the powerful mass of this red gum.

Leonie Ryan's "Chronicle of Elements Feminine" is an exploration into the elements and Mother Nature in sculptural form, through the use of photography, Perspex and resin. Another work, "Obelisk", is an attempt at creating an illu-

sion with photography.

The exhibition is an excellent example of the various creative talents within our region.

The artists thanked Baw Baw Shire cultural development officer Karen Whitaker-Taylor, Ingrid Thomas and the

Baw Baw Shire for their hard work and commitment in making ARTmelbourne07 possible.

The exhibition will be open to the public at The Serigraph Gallery, Main Neerim Road in Neerim South until Sunday, June 17.

The Serigraph Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10.30am to 4.30pm (excluding Friday, June 1).

For further information call Christine or Keith at The Serigraph Gallery on 5628 1519.



Leonie Ryan is one of nine local artists currently exhibiting work at The Serigraph Gallery until June 17. Leonie is pictured with two of her works, "Chronicle of Elements Feminine" and "Obelisk".