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## editor's desk

Although it was tempting to stay in Central Australia we came back. They had a heat wave whilst we were there with 40 degrees most days so. The conference was good. Myself, Cr Jennifer Lecky from Muswellbrook and Anne Fisher from Dungog went and we all saw different presentations and managed to meet some people. There was a strong focus on the internet and film, and how the two meet, across the country. The ABC have launched a new website called *Artpost* this has been set up by ABC TV and is designed to be a map of the artists of Australia. They also plan to keep an eye on it and draw material for the Sunday Arts program from here. It is open to all and designed for people to be able to upload short films and slide shows easily!! We are going to look into running a couple of short courses on putting these together, and I would like to gauge interest in this, so if you would be interested in maybe doing a couple of 3 hr sessions please let me know. Meanwhile check out the site and see what is involved, <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/artpost/>.



Opening ceremony of *Art at the Heart* in the Todd River, Alice Springs.

The conference is organised in a manner not dissimilar to the

Olympics. The closing ceremony included a preview from Tasmania where the next National Regional Arts Conference will be held in 2010.

I would like to introduce Anne Fisher, mentioned above. Anne has recently joined the board of Arts Upper Hunter as the community representative for the Dungog area. Anne has formal training in Visual Arts and Education, she has worked as a community artist for many years on projects ranging from murals, photography and film, to cultural exchange projects in China and Turkey. Also joining the board is Cr Ian Lloyd QC as the Dungog Council representative. Ian specialises in criminal law (who hope we do not specifically need to call on these skills in the near future). He is also a keen woodworker and personally interested in following a career in furniture making.

As some of you are aware the Arts NSW grants closed on the 10th October, we have applied for two projects for Arts Upper Hunter. *Connectivity* is a project that would enable us to engage someone to assist us with populating our website and database, collecting and collating information relating to individual artists, groups, organisations, venues, and their areas of interest. We have recently bought into a new online database system especially designed for Regional Arts NSW to assist organisations such as ourselves in ordering filtering and distributing information. We hope that this new system will enable us to target and provide services more efficiently and with more relevance to individuals needs. The other project put forward called *Portraits of Place* is for intense film making workshops to be run in the Gloucester and Dungog areas. We are also in the process of putting in an application for an Artstart project for 2009. This will be a Hunter region wide project where people aged 12-24 would be able to attend arts camps offering skills ranging from Circus to photography, sound engineering and more, so stay tuned.

Enjoy, there is so much on in November that Christmas will be needed for rest and recuperation.

## November

### 1 & 2 Folk In Broke

This year the festival includes: Folk, Jazz, World, Choral, Ballads, Poetry, Drama, Storytelling, Workshops, Dance, Blues, Blackboard Concerts and Markets. All venues are under cover. Supported by Country Arts Support Program with funding from Arts NSW.

MacNamara Park, Broke Village Hunter Valley NSW  
For full details visit <http://www.brokefordwich.com.au/>

### 1 & 2 "Borderless"

Borderless explores the Irish/Australian connection from a woman's perspective and is delivered in song, [original and some traditional] history, anecdotes, research, and a little bush poetry. Features Maureen O'Brien.

1st - 1pm at the Broke Anglican Church

2nd - 10:30am at the Broke Village Hall.

For details visit [www.maureen.com.au](http://www.maureen.com.au)

### 1- 16 Norvill Art Prize 2008

A prestigious prize for landscape painting. The prize was set up by Mr Peter Norvill OAM in memory of his parents who love Australian landscape paintings. It is a biannual prize that has been going for the last 10 years. The people's choice prize will be announced at 3pm \$5000 donated by Macquarie Generation.

Exhibition closes 16th November at 4pm.

10am to 4pm. RSL Gallery, Mayne St, Murrumbidgee. For more details visit [www.norvillprize.org](http://www.norvillprize.org)

### 1-16 Salon des Refuses- the alternative Norvill Art Prize selection.

In 1863 Emperor Napoleon III decreed that the artists rejected by the Paris Academy should exhibit their works in a separate exhibition, "wishing to let the public judge the legitimacy of the art", thus started the tradition of Salon des Refuses.

The *Norvill Salon des Refuses* is at Haydon Hall, just 300 metres from the gallery holding the Norvill.

Haydon Hall, 66 Mayne St, Murrumbidgee. Open daily 10am to 5pm. Phone 6546 6969.

### 1-17 Mavis Tersteeg Retrospective Exhibition

Mavis was a much loved member of the Gloucester community and the exhibition shows the depth and breadth of her talent. Gloucester Art Gallery, Denison Street. Open Friday to Sunday 10am to 4pm. Free entry. For more details call 6558 3157.

### 1-25 2008 Muswellbrook Photographic Award, & the 2008 Muswellbrook Local Art Awards

Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, Cnr of Bridge and Market Sts, Tuesday to Friday 10am - 5pm,

Saturday 10am -1pm, Sunday 2-5pm. For details call 6549 3880.

### 1 & 2 Sculpture By The Sea, Bondi 2008

An annual event not to be missed. Apparently now attracting more than 500,000 people. The exhibition features in excess of 100 sculptures from 7 different countries, and this year's event has had rave reviews. Bondi to Tamarama coastal walk, Sydney. For details visit [www.sculpturebythesea.com](http://www.sculpturebythesea.com)

### 1 Monet and the Impressionists

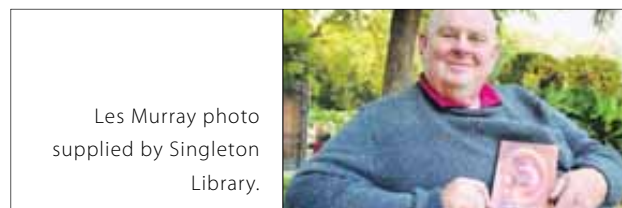
The Art Gallery of New South Wales is the only Australian venue for this superb exhibition from the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. 29 of the finest paintings by the master of impressionism, Claude Monet, will be accompanied by superlative paintings by his contemporaries including Cézanne, Manet, Degas, Pissarro, Renoir and Sisley.

Exhibition runs until 26th January 2009.

The Art Gallery of New South Wales, Art Gallery Rd, The Domain, Sydney. Open daily 10am-5pm. For details call 9225 1744 or visit [www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au)

### 5 "Newcastle" screening at Singleton

Screen Australia and the Regional Digital Screen Network presents a special advance preview of "Newcastle". This film made its debut at the 2008 Tribeca Film Festival, New York, and was a sell-out Australian premiere at the Sydney Film Festival. 7pm start, Majestic Cinemas, 21 Ryan Ave, Singleton. \$10 ticket, discount for group of 5 or more. For details or to book call 6571 5252.



Les Murray photo supplied by Singleton Library.

### 6 & 7 Les Murray will talk at Singleton Library

Les has published around 30 volumes of poetry and is often called Australia's bush-bard.

Singleton Library 8-10 Queen St, Singleton.

6th - 6:00 to 7:00 pm, followed by a light supper.

7th - 11am followed by lunch. No charge as the presentation is supported by Country Arts Support Program with funds from Arts NSW. To book call 6578 7500.

### 7 & 8 Create Art Carnival Exhibition

A showcase of local established and emerging artists celebrating the theme of Carnival - 'art imbues life'. The exhibition includes the inaugural mentorship

of a young artist in Gresford, Zac Watts Wright, Zac is a stencil artist and this is a great opportunity to encourage a new talent. Entertainment on the opening night will be supplied by Gresford public school's renowned ensemble. Tours at 11am & 2 pm, and devenshire teas available on 8th. Opening night 5:30pm, Anglican Hall, Church St, Gresford. Sunday 10am to 4pm. For details call Donna Cavanough 4938 9292.

### 8 "feast" Opening

Newcastle Printers Workshop artists Helene Leane, Vale Vincent, Meg Lewis, Pauline Tickner and Samantha Powell will be showing a selection of work throughout November. All prints will be for sale. 2pm Catbird Gallery, 211 Dowling St Dungog. Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm. For details call 4992 2442.

### 8 "An Eclectic Review" Opening

This exhibition is by Estelle Asmodelle who has been painting abstract pieces and working with photography since 1978. Artemis of Aberdeen, Old Presbyterian Church, 93 Macqueen St, Aberdeen. Opening 6.30pm to 10:30pm. Open Thursday to Monday, 10am to 5pm or by appointment. For details call 6543 8023.

### 8 National Trust Portrait Exhibition (Drip in the Bucket Series) Opening

A group of 9 Hunter Valley artists, including Shirley Cameron Roberts, Brian Roberts, Robyn Werkhoven, Katherine Sullivan, Glenn Henderson, Francis Celtlan, Ron Baer, Paul O'Brien and P. Ross Gould, were invited to paint national and local celebrities and dignitaries. In addition there will be other selected works by these artists, and these will be auctioned at the opening. 50% of proceeds from art sales will be donated to the National Trust. The exhibition runs until the 14th December. Opening 6-8pm, Brough House (former Maitland Art Gallery). Preview for auction will be 6th November, 5-8pm & 8th November from 4pm. Open Saturday & Sunday 10am to 3pm. For details call Alan Todd 4933 6452.

### 10 Anne Frost will talk at the Singleton Library

Anne is a writer and director. She has written and directed the play "Lost Property" which will be presented at the Youth Venue on 16th. November. Anne will talk about her work at 11am. Singleton Library, 8-10 Queen St, Singleton. For details call 6578 7500.

### 15 Opening of "Cats - Love Them or Loathe Them"

This is the annual community access exhibition at the Lorne Gallery. 6-8pm, light refreshments provided. Lorn Gallery, 17 Belmore Rd, Lorn. Open Thursday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm. For more details call Kathy on 4933 2533.

### 16 Aberdeen Monthly Markets

Information Centre, New England Highway, Aberdeen. For details call 6543 8457.

### 16-23 "Lost Property" is touring our region

Shakespeare et al presents "Lost Property", written and directed by Anne Frost. The drama is set on a dairy farm on the outskirts of Stroud, once a thriving milk producing area. It is about the division of a family farm and the changing landscape of rural NSW. All shows start at 8pm. Tickets are \$23 full, \$18 concession, bookings taken but pay at the door. 16/11 - Singleton Youth Venue, 7 Pitt St, Singleton. For bookings call 6571 4687 Mon to Friday 9am to 5pm. 20/11 - Senior Citizens Hall, Gloucester. For bookings call 6558 2622. 22/11 - School of Arts Hall, Cowper St, Stroud. For bookings call 4994 5727 or 4994 5187. 23/11 - School of Arts Hall, Gresford. For bookings call 4992 2212.



*Turning the Pages Revisited*  
Photo by Jenny Turpin studio.

### 19-30 Turning the Pages Revisited

This is a photographic exhibition of the workshops and *River Quiver*, to mark the first anniversary of the project. Official opening on the 21st November, 6pm. Haydon Hall, 66 Mayne St, Murrurundi. Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 5pm. Phone 6546 6969.

### 21 "Pixels on Paper" Maeve Vella and "Wire. Feathers. Rock" Leanne Barrett - Gloucester

This is Maeve's 3rd show of digital art, since being introduced to computer graphics in 1999. Leanne's exhibition follows on from the successful sticky tape installations last year. Runs until the 21st December. Launch 23rd November, 2pm with sausage sizzle. Gloucester Art Gallery, Denison Street. Open Friday to Sunday 10am to 4pm. Free entry. For more details call 6558 3157.



- 22 Barrington Community Market**  
Local fruit, veg, honey, plants, crafts etc  
9am to 1pm. Barrington Hall. For enquiries 6558 4324.
- 22 & 23 Queensland Conservatoire of Ballet**  
The "Inspired Syncopations" tour will include lots of colour and inspired dancing.  
Saturday - 7:30pm \$35 includes canapés and wine  
Sunday - 1:30pm \$20  
Gloucester Recreation Centre, Boundary Road, Gloucester. Tickets available Gloucester Health Foods.
- 27 Scarlett Affection "Real, Raw & Regional" Tour**  
758km. 28 days. 22 songs. 12 towns. 11 arguments. 9 pairs of stockings. 2 sisters. 1 hell of an adventure. Renowned for their dynamic, stylish stage show, catchy folk pop songs, sibling harmonies and humour, sisters Melia and Nerida is touring with the assistance of an Australian Government Contemporary Music Touring Program grant.  
Senior Citizens Centre, Gloucester. 7:30pm. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 concession.
- 28 Opening of the Susana Enriquez exhibition and Christmas 2008 Local Artists Selling Show**  
Runs until the 24th December.  
6pm. Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, Cnr of Bridge and Market Sts, Tuesday to Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 1pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm, for details please call 6549 3880.
- 29 CD Launch and Gig**  
Six young bands from Muswellbrook, Cessnock, & Port Stephens have recorded a compilation CD of their own music. The CD will be launched at a gig at the Singleton Youth Venue. Singleton bands *Long Story Short* and *Smoke Stack* will be on stage and are hosting the event. This project has been supported by funding from Artstart.  
Singleton Youth Venue, 12-4pm. Cnr Bathurst and Pitt Sts., Singleton. For more details call 6571 4687.
- 29 Historic Movies Under The Stars**  
See the classic Australian 1946 film 'Bush Christmas' and shorts by starlight (weather permitting). Enjoy a BYO picnic or BBQ before the movies.  
Adults \$8, Children \$4, Callicoma Hill Eco-cabin 529 Mt Royal Road Carrowbrook via Singleton. For details call Martin & Jan on 6571 1208 or visit [www.calli.com.au](http://www.calli.com.au)
- 30 Murrurundi Markets**  
A wide range of home made cake, jams, scarfs, gloves, soaps, lotions and potions and Murra County products. Lawn next to Murrurundi Information Centre, Mayne St, Murrurundi. 8am to 1pm. For more details call the

information centre on 6546 6446.

## December

- 6 Carols at the Gardens**  
Featuring all the old favourites, including a visit from Santa. Free community event. Fireworks 9pm.  
Village Green, Hunter Valley Gardens, Broke Road Pokolbin. for more details call HVG on 4998 4000 or visit [www.hvg.com.au](http://www.hvg.com.au)

sheri's bon mot  
*"You have to take a risk  
to be successful"*

Jim McElroy

- 14 Carols by Candlelight @ Gloucester**  
6:30pm for BBQ followed 7:30pm for carols.  
Gloucester Recreational Grounds.
- 21 Twilight Markets & Carols in the Park**  
With a variety of guest artists from the region performing a selection of christmas songs and lead the carols. Bring the family with a picnic or enjoy the BBQ to support Broke Rural Fire Brigade. Santa will arrive with gifts for the kids! Books, Bric-a-brac, local produce, gifts and bargains.  
Market 4pm, concert 6pm. McNamara Park, Broke.

## November

- 9 "Cats - Love Them or Loathe Them" Entries Close**  
Entries must be delivered to the Lorn Gallery, 17 Belmore Rd, Lorn. Entries forms available from the gallery or by emailing [dowling@bravo.net.au](mailto:dowling@bravo.net.au). For more details please call 4933 2533.
- 26 Expression of Interest - Public Art Project in Merriwa**  
Merriwa Main Street Letterbox project will be a public art project comprising of individually designed letterboxes made from recycled materials, to be erected in Merriwa's main street. Upper Hunter Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from artist/s who have experience consulting with small

communities and businesses and working with recycled materials such as wood & metal. This project will proceed in 2009 and is subject to grant funding. For details, call Tess Hynes at Upper Hunter Shire Council, Merriwa Office on (02) 6548 2109 or [thynes@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:thynes@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au).



*Space Junk* by Maeve Vella 2008. Photo supplied by Gloucester Art Gallery.

## November

- 3 Australia Council for the Arts, various grants closing**
- The council offers a wide range of funding programs and grants closing on the 3rd of November include:
- Artform development - dance
  - Fellowships - dance
  - New work - dance
- For details visit <http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants>
- 14 ABaF Margaret Lawrence Bequest Scholarship applications close**
- The AbaF Margaret Lawrence Bequest Scholarship enables arts managers, working for a not-for-profit arts or cultural organisation or in a cultural management capacity with a local council, to participate in a fully-funded executive development program at Melbourne Business School's Mt Eliza Centre for Executive Education (MBS, Melbourne) or the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM, Sydney). The scholarship provides course and accommodation fees and transport to and from Sydney or Melbourne for inter-state recipients.
- For information, guidelines and application form, visit: <http://www.abaf.org.au/index.php?sectionID=1352&pageID=3990&staticID=Margaret-Lawrence-Bequest-Scholarships>

**15 Australia Council for the Arts, various grants closing**

The council offers a wide range of funding programs and grants closing on the 15th of November include:

- Presentation and Promotion - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts
- Presentation and Promotion - music
- New work - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts
- Fellowships - Theatre
- New Work - Theatre

For details visit <http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants>

**15 The Marketing Grants for NSW Artists, applications due**

The aim is to assist professional visual artists and craftspeople in NSW to effectively promote and market their work throughout NSW, interstate and overseas through creative and cost effective marketing initiatives and campaigns. Individuals \$1250, groups \$2750, (plus GST), 4 rounds per year, 15th Feb, 15th May, 15th Aug & 15th Nov. This is an initiative of NAVA using funds from Arts NSW.

<http://www.visualarts.net.au/grantsprizes/marketing>

**15 Janet Holmes a Court applications close**

Grants available to assist artists present their work. Can include framing, media releases, freight, insurance, technical assistance etc. \$500 individual, \$1000 groups. For details visit <http://www.visualarts.net.au/grantsprizes/vcags>

**28 NSW Heritage Grants applications close**

NSW Heritage Grants program assists owners and managers of state significant heritage items, Aboriginal heritage and local government heritage management in NSW. There are a number of grants with funds ranging from \$20,000 to \$75,000.

For details visit [http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/02\\_subnav\\_01.htm](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/02_subnav_01.htm)

## December

**1 Australia Council Inter-Arts Grants**

Inter-arts project grants support artists working in interdisciplinary and hybrid arts. This category primarily supports the following activities: research and development, creative development, and production. Presentation of works may also be included within the proposal.

For details visit: <http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au>

**15 Playing Australia application closes**

Playing Australia is the Australian Government's national touring program for the performing arts. A principal objective of Playing Australia is to support



tours to regional and remote Australia. From theatre to music and opera, dance, puppetry and circus, Playing Australia has assisted the touring of performing arts across Australia since 1992.

For details visit [http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/playing\\_australia](http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/playing_australia)

## November

not to miss

### 1 **Australian Antique & Art Dealers Association Education Day**

An accessible, comprehensive and informative day of talks based around the four great pillars ( Silver, Jewellery, Porcelain & Furniture) of collecting within the decorative arts.

Michael Reid at Murrurundi, Boyd St, Murrurundi. To book visit [michaelreid.com.au/education\](http://michaelreid.com.au/education/)

### 3 **Respond to the National Arts Disability Strategy Discussion Paper Close**

This Discussion Paper is relevant to any individual or organisation interested in the areas of arts, health (including mental health), disability and community services, ageing, education, employment, Indigenous affairs and infrastructure.

For details visit [http://www.cmc.gov.au/working\\_groups/national\\_arts\\_and\\_disability\\_strategy\\_working\\_group/national\\_arts\\_and\\_disability\\_strategy](http://www.cmc.gov.au/working_groups/national_arts_and_disability_strategy_working_group/national_arts_and_disability_strategy)

### 15 **The Cake Decorators' Association of NSW Muswellbrook Branch Meeting**

This group meets monthly. They also host "demonstration days", and recently the demonstrators included Helen & Keninson, Lynda Collinan, Carolyn Ryan and Jannette Roberts .

For details of meeting venue, time etc please contact Walter Keevers on 6543 4791.

### 15 **Weekend Art Experience**

Merran Kilgour's weekend (2 day) oil painting experience provides all materials to give you a thorough introduction to oil painting. Her book "How to Paint in Oils" is yours to keep. Small groups, hands on tuition.

\$225 per person. Halcyon Cottage Art Studio, Wallsend. For details please call Merran on 4955 7119 or email [halcyonart@fastmail.com.au](mailto:halcyonart@fastmail.com.au)

### **Expression of Interest - Masters degree in Applied Theatre Studies, now available online.**

The University of New England is offering this new course. This course is relevant to theatre practitioners (both community-based and those working in the profession), and theatre and drama teachers looking to extend, refresh and update their knowledge and practical skills.

For details contact Adrian Kiernander, Professor of Theatre Studies, School of Arts, University of New England, Armidale, NSW 2351. Phone 6773 3755 or email [akiernan@une.edu.au](mailto:akiernan@une.edu.au) or visit [www.une.edu.au/study/theatre-studies](http://www.une.edu.au/study/theatre-studies).



Group of artists working on the National Trust Portrait Exhibition. Photo supplied by Roby Werkhoven.

### **Ongoing - Regional Arts NSW eBulletin**

The monthly eBulletin promotes upcoming events, artists opportunities, funding opportunities etc that will interest artists, arts workers or arts lovers in regional NSW. Visit [www.regionalartsnsw.com.au](http://www.regionalartsnsw.com.au)

### **Contributions to the December Edition of Artsbark close 20th November.**

To be included, please forward your contribution to Arts Upper Hunter; see below for details. Please include: Facts of the Event eg: Name, Date, Time, Venue, Ticket costs etc , Description of the event/ opportunity etc 1 or 2 sentences. A contact name and phone number for the event/opportunity. Name and contact details of the person lodging the contribution.

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