GALLERYTALK

We're delighted to have this monthly Gallery Talk column and to share news about your local regional gallery with you.

Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery is the region's premier cultural facility, supported by Mornington Peninsula Shire. We present a changing program of exhibitions, featuring many of Australia's most well known artists, and we have a wonderful program of workshops and special events, as well as a dedicated children's space and children's programs.

2020 is an important year for us as we are celebrating 50 years of the MPRG Collection. Founded in 1969 by Alan McCulloch, the Mornington Arts Centre as it was known, acquired its first artwork in 1970. Over the past 50 years the collection has grown to include more than 1800 objects, including paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures.

This week, we are kicking off our 50-year celebrations with an exhibition titled A Collection of Stranger Things. Artist Patrick Pound has delved into our collection and drawn out rarely seen works that we're displaying with his found photographs and objects.

We also have an exhibition of acquisitions made by the Friends of MPRG since 1996, including works by Gareth Sansom,



Fiona McMonagle and Raymond Arnold. And we're proud to be showing local artist Sophie Perez's exhibition *The landscape in-between*. Finally, artist and illustrator Carla McRae has painted a stunning new mural in our new annex space.

Entries are open for our 2020 National Works on Paper, with up to \$50,000 acquisitions and awards. Visit mprg. mornpen.vic.gov.au/nwop to find out more about how to enter.

We hope that you'll visit the gallery soon and be inspired by one of our exhibitions on display or attend a workshop or special event. You can find out all that is happening on our website at mprg.mornpen.vic. gov.au

Danny Lacy
Senior Curator

WHAT'S NEW...



Open to talking about hens

JASON and Giuliana started a free-range egg business called Talking Hens back in 2012 on their small family farm in Keysborough. They started selling some of their hens to customers wanting to keep their own backyard flocks.

As more and more people started buying their hens, Jason and Giuliana started providing a range of other products to keep backyard hens healthy, happy and active. Along with this, education and support for backyard chicken keepers became more important for them over time. Eventually, they moved away from egg farming but kept selling their friendly, Hy-Line Brown laying hens.

From their farming experience, Jason and Giuliana learned that the Hy-Line Brown was

very suitable for families as they were placid, had lots of personality and were one of the best egg-laying hens around.

Following their permanent move to Merricks, they are having an Open Weekend to celebrate!

Open Weekend on 14th and 15th of March 2020

Visit Talking Hens at 3590 Frankston-Flinders Road Merricks between 10am and 4pm over the open weekend to talk and learn all about backyard chickens. On both days they will have face painting, petting zoo, cupcake stall (with all money donated to the bushfires appeal), craft activities and presentations on getting started with backyard chickens.

www.mprg.mornpen.vic.gov.au

Exhibition entry adults \$4, concession \$2, children under 5 free Civic Reserve, Dunns Road, Mornington, Ph 5950 1580







Rosebud Year 7-9 Campus Wednesday 11 March 2020 from 4-7pm

Tyabb Year 7-9 Campus Wednesday 11 March 2020 from 4-7pm

Mornington Year 7-9 Campus Thursday 12 March 2020 from 4-7pm

Mornington Year 10-12 Campus Thursday 12 March 2020 from 4-7pm

You're invited to come and discover more about our Catholic secondary coeducational offerings and explore our state-of-the-art Senior Learning Centre at Mornington.



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