

The Pig Whisperer, Ghandi & Me

by Ruth Tsimbinis Roxy Gallery Director

The doors may have been closed for a few days but now the new footpath is in place the gallery is looking even grander and thanks to the wonderful work of Kyogle Council footpath constructors, visitors to the gallery will find it a delight to walk into this great space, where even the footpath is a work of art.

The next exhibition at the Roxy Gallery is something the gallery curator is very excited about as it brings together three of her long time friends and university comrades, and they wanted to come to Kyogle and show the art lovers of the region their talents.

The Pig Whisperer (Alex Mitrovic) is a glass blower, Ghandi (Manni Redlich) is a printmaker, and Me (Ross Condon) is a jeweller, and all three artists are visiting the Northern Rivers region to exhibit at the Roxy Gallery. As long term friends who spent many years together lecturing in the Arts at Charles Stuart University, Wagga Wagga, these three artists work in different fields but their philosophy on



art making is extremely similar. The lure to exhibit at the Roxy Gallery is as complicated as their longterm friendship, however their exhibition will be extremely worth the visit, to see the diverse talent and dedicated skills they apply to art making. The general public is invited to the opening night, of 'The Pig Whisperer, Ghandi and Me' to meet all three artists on Friday 6th July 6-8pm.

Alex Mitrovic's work is about the space left by man within the eternal mechanism of life-the imprints we make and leave behind. In this exhibition he will have a number of glass installations that are water features, using both slumped and blown glass techniques, along with his more commercial line of glass blown items which he sells under his trade name of Black Crow Glass.

Manni Redlich is a Sri Lankan born artist whose aim, above all, is to create spaces of contemplation and interaction. He values stillness and presence, where his works can act as resonators of experience or facilitators of dialogue and communion. Manni works largely in the field of printmaking with a passion for etching but also produces mixed media works. As a trained printmaker Manni produces extremely detailed etchings that reflect the delicate fragility of life. Ross Condon has been working in



the silver-smithing, jewellery area for a number of years. His jewellery is a collection of "precious" fragments or botanically inspired tokens and textures, attached to the body in a seemingly impromptu, yet practical way.

'The Pig Whisperer, Ghandi and Me' will be on display at the Roxy Gallery from Friday the 6th July until 28th July with a number of glass works, jewellery and prints for sale.



Nimbin Artists Gallery

Here are a few works now on show at the gallery. As always, they are by our local artists. This produces amazement amongst gallery visitors who are stunned at the depth, breadth and diversity of talent exhibited here.

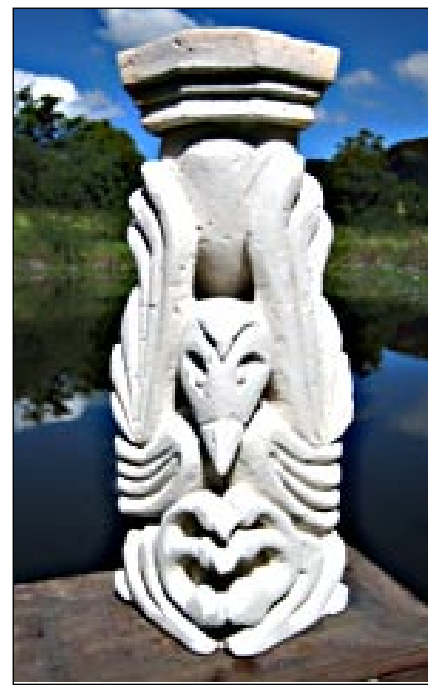
Our next hanging is on Monday 16th July, and works are due at the gallery in the afternoon on Sunday 15th July. All artists in our area are welcome to offer the gallery work. We try to fit in everyone who deserves a spot and to help in other ways.

Something for everyone. Left: 'Mangoes' by Russell Scott, oil on canvas; below left: 'Phoenix' by Mac McMahon, carved hebel; below: 'Crop Circles' by Max Maxted (detail); bottom: 'Mirror, Coathooks, Silky Oak' by JanSchilling.

Thanks to all the artists for permitting the representation of their works.



Out and about. At the Lismore Lantern Parade (top); the Aquarius party, with Darcy and Heidi; Tania; Pam and Sam, plus Robyn launching her CD at the Solstice (all this row); and primary school performers at the Bahzoozey (below). Yee Hah!



Retro Children's Art Awards

The Retro Café has just awarded prizes for Children's Art, and it looks like becoming a regular event.

The idea began when the proprietors, Carolyne, Gary and Shannon, put pencils and paper on two of the tables, so parents could relax and enjoy a coffee break. The children's work showed so much effort and talent that the Art Awards grew as a natural extension.

There were three sections: five and under, nine and under, and ten and over. Winners in each section were Dashed Kunter, Holly Hunter and Kyleah McDonald (pictured at left with her winning entry).

Carolyne said, "The excellent reaction of the parents, plus the joyful enthusiasm of the children, has encouraged us to have this award every couple of months."

Check out the kids' art decorating the walls of this family-oriented café.



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