

Media Release



Northern Rivers Community Gallery & Ignite Studios

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August Exhibitions 2020

Northern Rivers Community Gallery (NRCG) Ballina launches four exciting new exhibitions in August and welcomes community and visitors to join us in the Gallery.

Unconditional Stories / Ballina Hospital and Lismore TAFE

Join us on this journey of health, illness and life experiences transformed into art. A visual exploration of the impact of illness and injury experienced by patients and their caregivers recently discharged from Ballina District Hospital. Students from Lismore TAFE Creative Design and Ideation Faculty collaborated with patients to produce a range of artwork that reflects unique and personal stories of sickness and healing.

Boundlessness / Bruno Kortenhorst

This collection of photographs explore the boundaries between inner and outer worlds and are informed by Kortenhorst's lifelong interest in meditation.

Created while on retreat in the desert at Uluru and Kata Tjuta, Kortenhorst uses an analogue pinhole camera that does not have a viewfinder. The process is intuitive and experimental, and the results have a dreamlike quality.

Eco-Land / Geoff Tolchard

Artist and art history lecturer Geoff Tolchard presents a series of drawings completed during lockdown. Tolchard uses animals as a metaphor for tolerance and hope. With the ever increasing depletion of nature and the call for more conservation, his drawings can be seen as 'single frame stories'.

On Orchard | Michael Stiegler

Artist, designer and photographer Michael Stiegler, recently returned after living and working in New York. Stiegler's unconventional mixed media works comment on excess in contemporary culture, portraying vulnerability, desire, anxiety and lust for consumption in a modern world. Ugliness and beauty coexist in his work, as they do in reality. His works combine art, fashion and photography with an energetic street appeal.

All exhibitions open Wednesday 12 August 2020 and continue until Sunday 18 October 2020.

The Northern Rivers Community Gallery is located at 44 Cherry Street Ballina and is open Wednesday to Friday from 10am until 4pm and weekends from 9.30am until 1:00pm.

Bookings are not required however all visitors must sign in at the entry station and observe COVID-19 safety requirements upon entry. There is no launch event due to social distancing and event restrictions. Groups and tours are not permitted at this time.

For further information contact the Gallery on 02 6681 0530 or visit www.nrcgballina.com.au

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Image 1: Penelope Sienna, Spanner in the Works, 2020



Image 2: Bruno Kortenhorst, (P-013-08), 2019



Image 3: Geoff Tolchard, Travelling Light, 2020

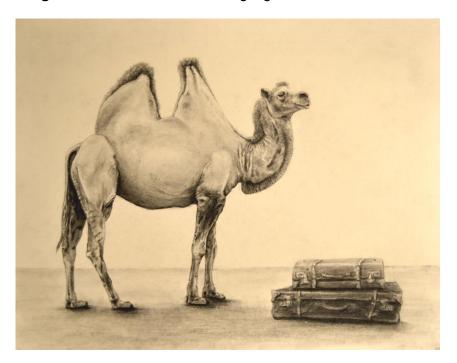


Image 4: Michael Stiegler, Fire pit, 2019

