

Opportunities for regional artists at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

Local artists are encouraged to apply for Wagga Wagga Art Gallery's Regional Artist Development (RAD) Program to become an artist in residence or to exhibit in 2024.

Mentored exhibition and residency opportunities are available for local artists and curators who are ready to take their creative practice and professional profile to a new level.

The RAD program offers four one-month-long residencies which includes a spacious studio environment within the Gallery and mentoring from Gallery staff.

The program offers opportunities for artists to explore themes and stories relevant to the local community. The Gallery particularly welcomes applications from First Nations artists and from early career artists.

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery Director Dr Lee-Anne Hall said "We have developed the RAD program to support artists and the creative community of the Riverina to succeed in reaching new audiences.

"The residencies are a great opportunity for local and regional artists to develop their arts practice, connect with the community while they develop new work, and receive support from Gallery staff.

"When the creative community is vibrant and flourishing, the whole community benefits; we see our experiences and connection to place reflected in the art."

The Gallery is again partnering with Earth Canvas in 2024 to offer an artist a residency on a regenerative farm followed by the studio residency.

"The collaboration with Earth Canvas offers the opportunity for an interested artist to extend their engagement with themes of healthy landscapes, soil, food and a healthy planet," Dr Hall said.

Elaine Camlin is the current artist in residence at the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery and will be spending her time reconnecting to her creative practice.

"This RAD opportunity has provided much-needed headspace for me to develop and explore my identity as a practising artist, through the development of a new body of work; *Hand. Held. Hold.*

"It has been great to redefine myself as an artist in this dedicated studio space," Camlin said.

Visitors to the Gallery will find Camlin doing "art gallery pop-ups", setting up her sketchbook around the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery throughout her residency, observing the artworks and visitors to the space.

Members of the public are encouraged to stop and chat to the artist while she works.

Camlin is hosting an open studio and conversation on Saturday 18 November and the community is encouraged to come along and hear about her residency.

Applications for the 2024 RAD Program close on Wednesday 8 November at 4pm. Apply via www.waggaartgallery.com.au/exhibit

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

What: Call out for artists to apply for the RAD Program 2024, and speak with current artist in residence Elaine Camlin.

Who: Wagga Wagga Art Gallery RAD Program Coordinator Mary Egan and artist Elaine Camlin.

When: Tuesday 31 October **10.15am**.

Where: E3 Art Space - Wagga Wagga Art Gallery (via Morrow Street).

Programs

2024 Regional Artist Development (RAD) Program

Applications close 4pm, Wednesday 8 November 2023.

www.waggaartgallery.com.au/exhibit

Open Studio and Conversation with Elaine Camlin

Saturday 18 November, 11am - 2pm.

Bookings via www.waggaartgallery.com.au/programs

Art Gallery Pop-ups – Elaine Camlin

Dates and times variable: 23 October – 19 November

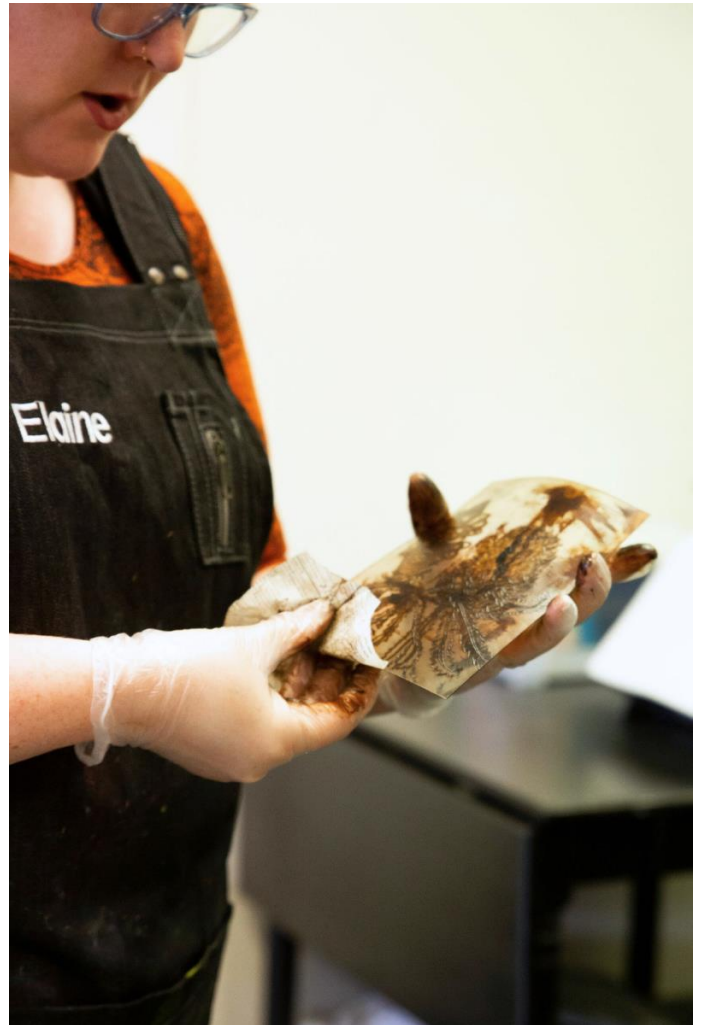
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Elaine Camlin studio shot.

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Elaine Camlin. *Hand, held, hold.* 2023.

Elaine Camlin in her RAD residency at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery 2023.





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The organisation manages more than \$2.48 billion in assets, including a 2300km road network, Wagga Wagga Airport, Livestock Marketing Centre and the Oasis Aquatic Centre.

Council also provides important community facilities such as Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga City Library, Museum of the Riverina and Civic Theatre, as well as maintaining countless parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities to ensure Wagga maintains its reputation as 'the City of Good Sports'.

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