

MEDIA RELEASE

Four ROAMING artists are coming to ROMA!

The Official Opening of ROAMING, an exhibition of work by four artists from Northern New South Wales is being held at 5pm Friday 21 August. Everyone is invited to meet the artists and enjoy nibbles and refreshments.

The Roma on Bungil Gallery is delighted to present *Roaming*, featuring creative Northern NSW artists Skye McKenny, Jude McBean, Bruce Zietsch and Max Powell. Each artist offers a deeply personal interpretation of the landscapes of northern New South Wales that are reflective of the environments they live in and travel through.

Skye McKenny's own garden, in Yamba, and the Northern NSW National Parks inspire her layered, abstracted conceal and reveal style acrylic paintings. She has always painted what appeals to her, mostly native bushland and still life native flora and fauna.

The landscapes and floral paintings of Jude McBean are found from the sea at Yamba to the black soil plains of Goondiwindi. Her love of lookouts, helicopter rides and flowers inspires her work. A College of Fine Arts, UNSW, graduate and former Director of Grafton Regional Gallery, her work is held in the Stanthorpe, Tweed, Grafton and Inverell regional collections.

Bruce Zietsch, based in Yamba, paints large acrylic paintings that are emotional responses to experience, to water, to light and to environment. "I don't think too much about what I am aiming for, I just let the paint, my mood and the particular day direct me."

The impressive ceramics, by Max Powell are created in his studio just outside of Glen Innes. Max's large, hand-built stoneware forms draw on the New England landscape, built from extruded clay pipes with layered glazes fired up to six times. Max taught ceramics at the New England Institute of TAFE for thirty years. He studied painting at the National Art School in Sydney before continuing further study in ceramics at East Sydney Tech and Monash University, gaining Graduate Diplomas in Fine Arts (Ceramics) and Education.

While the artists are in Roma, they will be holding an artist's talk on Saturday 22nd August at 1030am in the Gallery. All are welcome to this free event.

They will also present a Still Life painting workshop at 5pm – 7.30pm on Wednesday 19 August in the Maranoa artist's studio. Cost \$30. Contact Sandy to book on 0427 227 557.

ROAMING continues until 12 noon Saturday 24 October.

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