

## Press Release Daniel Butterworth Exhibition

### **“The Wealth” – Portraits of Maranoa locals.**

The Roma on Bungil Gallery and the Creative Injune art group are celebrating the wealth of community members within the Maranoa Region, by inviting esteemed portrait artist, Daniel Butterworth, to hold an exciting portrait exhibition in Roma in early 2026.

Daniel has recently been a finalist on the current ABC television show “Portrait Artist of the Year” where he produced wonderful portraits of well known cook, Maggie Beer.

This exhibition will highlight the value of everyday community members throughout the Maranoa Region. The search for subjects has been an inclusive process that has involved photographic images of 73 local people being taken and sent to Daniel in Kyneton Victoria. He has then randomly chosen 30 to paint.

His goal is to capture the diversity, character, and spirit of our community through powerful, expressive headshot portraits painted on large-format cardboard.

Photographic Images of the remaining 43 locals will also be on display during the Exhibition for everyone to enjoy.

Having started his working life as a sign-writer, Daniel later completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Latrobe University and has been a practising artist for more than 20 years working from his studio in Kyneton, Victoria.

A Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, Archibald Prize and Black Swan Portraiture Prize finalist, he is an established artist specialising in portraiture – frequently using self-portraits to express social, political and personal views.

After painting with oils for most of his career, he has switched to house paints, allowing for much more freedom and spontaneity in his work. This medium, showcases the speed of his brush strokes to indicate movement with the figure. His works show strength, uniqueness and a rawness within.

The Exhibition “The Wealth” is scheduled from February 13 to March 28, with a grand opening on the evening of February 13.

Daniel will be conducting a 2 day workshop in Injune in the days following the gala opening.

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