

mrag  
opening  
15.08.09



top image  
Freddy Timms  
*New Lisedell* 2004  
natural earth pigments and  
binder on linen  
132.3 x 132.3 cm  
© Freddy Timms 2004

bottom image  
Callum Morton  
*Screen #4* 2006  
wood and acrylic paint  
93 x 110 x 45.5cm

## a word from the mragm chairperson: craig wilson

After many months of anticipation, the reopening of Maitland Regional Art Gallery is just around the corner. There will be five stunning exhibitions opening at 2.00pm 15 August 2009. I urge you all to attend this momentous event for the City of Maitland and the Hunter Region.

I would also like to draw your attention to art gallery membership. If you are reading this you are most likely already a member. However, I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to "spread the word" about the benefits of an MRAGM membership. Members receive 10% discount on all items in the gallery shop, special discounts on all MRAGM events and most MRAG events, such as workshops, coach trips and concerts. Members also receive invitations to all MRAG social and cultural events, workshops and exhibitions by mail, as well as the member's quarterly newsletter, and the opportunity to get involved with a vibrant members committee and assist with fundraising events.

In addition to the benefits we have always had, during the closure MRAGM has also been able to secure additional discounts across a variety of venues and businesses in the Maitland region. These discounts are available only to MRAG members and will come into effect in July 2009. This gives you more reason than ever to join this sociable and always expanding group. So be sure you spread the word to your friends and family.

Kind regards,  
Craig Wilson  
MRAGM Chairperson

## grand opening at mrag 2.00pm saturday 15 august 2009

- *Different Tracks:*  
The Agapitos / Wilson Collection of Contemporary Aboriginal Art  
The Agapitos Annual exhibition
- *Collecting Lines:*  
Selected works from the Geoff and Vicki Ainsworth Collection
- *Intangible Collection:* Fiona Davies  
Annual exhibition sponsored by Farrow Wyatt Chartered Accountants
- The Art Factory *Off the Leash:* art + play installation by Jon Pryer
- *Recent Drawings:* Graham Kuo

all welcome

## education

### pipsqueak! success exceeded expectations

During the closure, MRAG has been trialing their first art program for toddlers and young children, called *Pipsqueak!* The program is for kids 2-6, and has been running in 2009 at all 4 Maitland libraries, with almost all spots in the classes selling out.

In *Pipsqueak!*, little ones get to work with their parent or caregiver on an artwork of their very own, inspired by works of art from the MRAG collection. No two works are alike, in past programs, the littlies have made wings and wind machines. After the success of the January and April trials, MRAG has decided to make *Pipsqueak!* a feature of the regular children's programming after the gallery reopens.

*Pipsqueak!* will run again in the July school holidays. The class runs for one hour and costs only \$5 per child. Call the corresponding library to book your place.

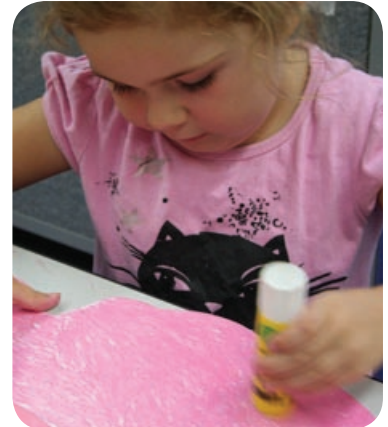
#### pipsqueak dates

11.00am Monday 13 July  
Maitland Library  
phone 02 4933 6952

11.00am Monday 20 July  
East Maitland Library  
phone 02 4933 7122

11.00am Tuesday 14 July  
Rutherford Library  
phone 02 4932 8730

11.00am Tuesday 21 July  
Thornton Library  
phone 02 4964 4468



MRAG education is also presenting holiday programs for children 6-12, teenagers, and FREE events for all ages. **Email** the art gallery at [artgallery@maitland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:artgallery@maitland.nsw.gov.au) or call the art gallery to find out more.

## what's on in maitland

### heritage walk

**High Street (eastern end) Maitland**  
**2.00pm Sunday 26 July 2009**

Following the success of artist Holly McNamee's *Re-gain* exhibition, which focused on streetscapes of the artist's childhood, Friends of Grossmann House will hold a Heritage Walk around this area of Maitland. The walk will be led by Wayne Campbell and will not only focus on the properties in Holly's drawings, but many other heritage buildings in this part of town.

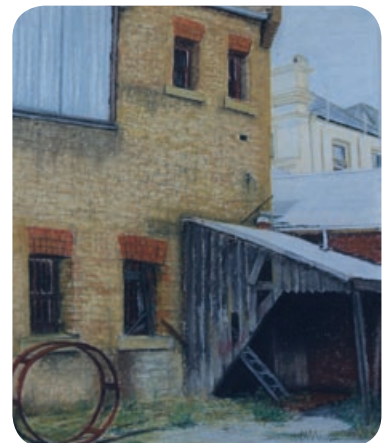
The walk is approximately 2 hours and will be followed by refreshments at Brough House, Church Street, Maitland, where some of the work from Holly McNamee's exhibition will be able to be viewed. Please assemble at the Town Hall carpark at 2.00pm.

**Cost:** \$15.00

**Bookings or enquiries:** please phone  
Grossmann House on (02) 4933 6452

#### Coming events at Grossman House in 2009:

**28 June** Solstice Concert (Celtic singers/ harp music)  
**25 September** Heritage Lecture by Dr Janis Wilton  
**31 October** Lace Day with Barbara Ballantyne  
**11 November** Tivantansuyu Ensemble concert



Holly McNamee *Ken's Back Lane #2*

## mragm profile judy henry: mragm vice chairperson

An art installation entitled *Time Capture*, created to capture the experiences and images of women across Maitland, will have a special personal significance Judy Henry, MRAGM's Vice Chairperson and long running coordinator of MRAGM's popular coach trips. *Time Capture* will showcase 4 generations of Judy's family in the gallery for the next quarter of a century.

When Gallery Director Joe Eisenberg, asked Judy early last year to represent the MRAG Members and gallery volunteers in an art installation that would feature in the art gallery until 2034, she happily agreed.

The installation is currently being installed into the new wing of the art gallery, and Judy, 56, her daughter Kimberley, 37, grand-daughter Lily, 8, and mother, Margaret, 79, are keen to see their efforts for the project on display. Involving film, images and light and made up of several hours of footage, the art project has been designed by emerging artist Lara O'Reilly.

The project is about strengthening and celebrating the diversity in our community, as well as what women feel about their community. The dozens of women involved in the project are all from a broad range of backgrounds, highlighting the social and cultural diversity of the area. The project was secured by Maitland City Council, with \$100 000 donated to the project from Coal and Allied Community Trust for the project.

'I feel it's a real honour to be part of this project and to have 4 generations involved' said Judy. 'In 25 years time, more generations will be able to visit the gallery. It will be for everybody, and everyone who has been involved.'

Judy's grand-daughter Lily will be 33 before the installation closes. 'I'm looking into the future, when Lily grows older. She'll have a daughter and she'll be able to bring her to the gallery and say, 'this is your family', Judy says.

Judy's own life history has never strayed far from Maitland. Her mother and father emigrated from Scotland to Australia, and lived for a short time in Sydney before settling in Tea Gardens shortly before Judy was born. For a while her family lived in Charlestown, moving to Maitland when Judy was in her early teens. When she was 16, she met Mal Henry. Today Mal and Judy live in a gorgeous homestead in Paterson. They will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary this year.

Judy has worked professionally in the art industry all her life, first as a photographic colourist (at the Model Studio from 66-71) and now as an exhibiting artist and member of gallery staff. She and her husband Mal also run their own business.

*Time Capture* participants were guided by a series of questions, asking them to choose favourite or significant items. Among other things Judy chose a painting and bronze sculpture of her own making. The painting is called *Where Do You Belong* and was a painting she began after visiting Scotland in 1997, meeting many of her extended relatives for the first time.

To Judy, each item's significance not only meant something to her own life, but helped contextualise and give meaning to her daughters; mothers; and granddaughters. Family photos, the NSW Flag, a Scottish kilt and Judy's African Djemba Drum (that Judy has played for 5 years) also featured in her significant items.

As Merchandise Coordinator at MRAG, Judy has worked part time during the closure of the building, extending the number of artists and designers that will sell their unique and beautiful items such as jewellery, gifts, books and cards in the gallery's gift shop. Since 2004, Judy has played her part in all aspects of the gallery, exhibiting her works in shows, volunteering at all manner of MRAG events, and representing the MRAG members in the MRAGM committee. 'Anything that was going on, I'd be involved in' Judy laughs. Her efforts for the gallery members in organising coach trips to popular art events like the Archibald Prize exhibition in Sydney, has raised thousands of dollars over the years.

*Time Capture* will be launched in late 2009 after the art gallery reopens.



mragm archibald, wynne  
& sulman prize coach trip  
saturday 28 march 2009

Early in the morning on Saturday 28th March a bus full of art lovers left the Hunter for MRAGM's 5th annual Archibald coach trip to Sydney. With the weather on our side, the day started with a private tour of the Archibald prize at the Art Gallery of NSW (AGNSW) by the very informative guides Denyse and Janet.



After lunch at the Rocks, we met at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) for a private tour of the exhibitions *Yayoi Kusama: Mirrored Years* and *I Walk the Line: New Australian Drawing*. Our guides at the MCA were Wendy, Susan and Pamela.

Thank you to those who donated prizes for the raffles on the bus. Altogether we raised an incredible \$2124.18 for MRAG Education programs. Thank you to all those who were so generous in their raffle ticket purchases!!



A big thank you also to our chairperson and photographer for the day Craig Wilson, and all those who helped to make this trip possible.

Judy Henry  
Coach Trip Volunteer Organiser for MRAGM

mragm committee and meeting information **mragm**  
maitland regional art gallery members

Chairperson .....Dr Craig Wilson  
Vice Chairperson...Mrs Judy Henry  
Secretary  
Treasurer .....Ms Helen Lowe

Please remember that all MRAGM meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month in the Paterson Room of the Town Hall at 4.00pm (3.45pm for afternoon tea). All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Maitland Regional Art Gallery Members' (MRAGM) primary role is to promote public awareness of Maitland Regional Art Gallery (MRAG) and its activities. MRAGM is recognised by the art gallery as a vital ingredient to the growth of the Cultural Precinct.

**MRAGM Patron** Mr Frank Terenzini Member for Maitland in the NSW Legislative Assembly

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