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BURRA EPHEMERAL ART TRAIL

An artistic trail around the town of Burra

The countdown is on for the launch of the Burra Ephemeral Art Trail, with four artists from Adelaide and Clayton Bay who undertook a successful residency working alongside four local Burra artists last year set to return.

The public art trail will reflect experiences each of the artists had during their residencies, with temporary artworks installed through the centre of town running from mid-April.

The Art Trail in Burra came about when Country Arts SA sought out a community with a strong arts culture, established gallery space and a supportive and enthusiastic community to take part in a residency program designed to engage regional communities with contemporary art and artists.

The Regional Council of Goyder and the Burra Regional Art Gallery then came on board with Country Arts SA to help foster collaboration and networking between regional and metropolitan artists.

“Connections made during the residency are a valuable resource for our community and have forged lasting artistic relationships,” said Kerry Youde, Exhibition Coordinator at the Burra Regional Gallery.

“The flow on effect is already being seen in exhibition bookings for the gallery and our regional artists gaining opportunities to exhibit outside of the region. Interaction with the artists is lasting beyond the original residency and workshop period and into the final phase; it is only the beginning of opportunities that await.”

Gail Hocking, Alex Bishop-Thorpe, Annabelle Collett and Henry Jock Walker were selected from outside the Burra area to take part. During their residencies late last year they each met with the community, ran a workshop and made art in open studios.

They joined artists from the Goyder region Lisa Smedley, Lis Jones Ingman, Russell Phillips and Felicity Martin, who have formed the artist group *Down to Earth* to work together and also ran successful workshops for local residents and visitors who enjoy collecting various treasures about town.

“With the response to the public workshops during the residencies exceeding all expectations, we are excited to see how local residents and visitors enjoy the Art Trail,” said Country Arts SA Visual Arts Coordinator, Eleanor Scicchitano.

“Audiences can expect colour, movement, sound and a spectacular opening day performance. All eight of the participating artists have drawn from their experiences throughout the project and have responded in a variety of unique and exciting ways. There will be sculpture, painting, installation, photography and more on the Trail.”

Burra Ephemeral Art Trail

Opening Sunday, 17 April

Official launch at 3pm with performance by artist Henry Jock Walker

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