



PortAugusta
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MEDIA RELEASE

New Exhibitions to Open at Yarta Purtli Gallery

After the hugely successful JamFactory *Designing Craft/Crafting Design* exhibition, Yarta Purtli Gallery is preparing for the launch of two new contemporary exhibitions on **Saturday 16 April at midday**.

Adelaide Hills based artist, Kathryn Hill, will return to Port Augusta with new work inspired by her time at Grindell's Hut as part of Council's annual artist residency program. The Hut is located in the heart of the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges, a place famous for its magnificent landscapes and the source of inspiration for many travelling artists. *Conversations with a Silent Companion* is a result of Kathryn's three week residency where she spent many hours walking the hills and gorges around Grindell's Hut. She has used paper, wax, metal and twine to explore some stories of this magical place.

Alison Brown, also from the Adelaide Hills, is presenting her new exhibition entitled *The Lake, The Land, The Storm*. Alison's paintings are based on her experience of the salt dispersal on Lake Eyre after the rain, the ancient land of Anna Creek Station and desert storms at sunset. Alison has previously exhibited her contemporary works at the Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli with art collective, The Artist's Voice, some years ago.

Arts Officer, Ellenor Day-Lutz, said the gallery was becoming increasingly popular with Adelaide based artists.

"We have had an influx of enquiries from city based artists and touring exhibitions wanting to exhibit at our gallery, which is great to see," Ms Day-Lutz said.

"We only have space in our program for around 3-4 touring exhibitions per year so it's very competitive, and most of our gallery schedule is dedicated to the promotion of local artists and community exhibitions.

"Showcasing exhibitions from artists out of town occasionally, really does add value to our overall program. It's a great opportunity for local artists to be inspired and for the general public to see something quite different," she said.

Exhibition openings are free and everyone in the community is welcome to attend. Contact Ellenor Day-Lutz on (08) 8641 9175 for further details.

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PHOTOGRAPHS: High resolution exhibition photographs are available upon request

INTERVIEWS: Interviews with the artists or with Council's Arts Officer are available.



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YARTA PURTLI

A CITY COUNCIL INITIATIVE

NEXT EXHIBITION OPENING AT YARTA PURTLI IS

SATURDAY 16 APRIL AT 12PM

Join us for lunch, a glass of wine and some great art!

FREE Event. Everyone welcome!



Conversations with a Silent Companion

By Kathryn Hill

Kathryn Hill spent three weeks living and working at Grindell's Hut in the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park as Artist-in-Residence.

This exhibition is the result of her time in this remarkable landscape.

Official Opening: Saturday 16 April at 12pm

Port Augusta Cultural Centre - Yarta Purtili Gallery, 6 Beauchamp Lane, Port Augusta

Exhibition on display 16 April - 14 May 2016



Photographs by Daniel Cazzolato

The Lake, The Land, The Storm

Paintings by Alison Brown

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