

Media Release

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ENCOUNTERS Charles Sturt University Jewellery

The future of Australian jewellery is on display in **Encounters**, the 2012 graduation exhibition from the acclaimed students of Jewellery at Charles Sturt University's School of Communication and Creative Industries. Showcasing the work of third year students from the BA Jewellery and Master of Arts Practice, **Encounters** is now open in the E3 art space, at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery on the banks of Wollundry Lagoon.

People are the platform of jewellery, and as a medium it is a mirror to mankind's ideas and aspirations. The work on display in **Encounters** charts the individual paths of enquiry that these students have taken to attain skill and knowledge that underpin their award. Common to all in this exhibition is the sensitive manner that material and techniques, which are both old and new to the craft, have been handled to achieve distinctive and original creative visions.

Sabine Pagan, Course Coordinator of Jewellery at Charles Sturt University, says in her introduction to the exhibition that "the works exhibited allow for one to recollect their own memories or drift away into an imaginative world. The outcomes bear testimony to these students' dedicated approach to learning jewellery practice, in which they have examined the significance of the handmade while embracing new manufacturing technologies. They have come to understand that the emotional significance of their work is possibly its greatest value and that 'thinking jewellery' offers both creative and commercial opportunities."

Artists participating in **Encounters** include: Andrea Caliguri, Bernadette Fung, Lisa Littlewood, Jessica Lucas, Trephina Mackay, Rose Murphy, Jessamy Pollock, and Melissa Punch.

Encounters will be open to the public in the E3 art space from Friday 12 October until Sunday 21 October. The exhibition will be officially launched on Saturday 13 October, from 6pm, by Rhys Turner, Charles Sturt University alumnus and nominee for the Australian Jewellery Association's Jeweller of the Year, 2012.

Exhibition Opening

When: Saturday 13 October, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Where: E3 art space, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery
Cost: Free

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