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Through the Eye **Regional Textile**

Wagga Wagga's creative communities are clearly thriving as never before, judging from the latest exhibition to showcase the work of the region's artists at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery. ***Through the Eye: Regional Textile*** provides a snapshot of the one of the most diverse groups in the Riverina region, the artists who have turned their talents to textile and fibre work. As a showcase of the incredible variety of processes and practices that these artists are using, ***Through the Eye*** features practitioners at the height of their profession as well as those emerging into their careers.

Innovation and diversity are key themes in this exhibition, and many of the artists represented in ***Through the Eye*** have pushed the boundaries of textile and fibre practice beyond traditional techniques with a range of other media, such as photography, sculpture and installation. The skills associated with textile and fibre work have been applied to the most unlikely materials – perspex, tree roots, and even teabags – without losing the fine grasp of technique that has always been associated with this medium.

Artists whose works are featured in ***Through the Eye*** include Marion Addinsall, Nicolette Benjamin Black, Judy Crain, Melanie Evans, Fay Grant, Wendy Harris, Patrice Kennedy, Marita Macklin, Julie Montgarrett, Beverly Moxon, Lauren Wilms, Sue Wood and Penny Wright.

Through the Eye: Regional Textile will be launched at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery's first global opening for 2010, along with exhibitions of glass, sculpture and industrial design, on Friday, February 12, 6.00-8.00pm. The exhibition will be on display in the Margaret Carnegie Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery until Sunday, March 28.

Official Opening

When: Friday, 12 February, 6.00-8.00pm

Where: Main Gallery, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

Cost: Free

Exhibition Dates: Friday, 5 February 2010 – Sunday, 28 March 2010

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