

Media Release

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Tinker Tailor Soldier Sailor 100 Women 100 Brooches 100 Stories

One of the largest exhibitions of contemporary jewellery ever seen in Australia is now on display at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery. ***Tinker Tailor Soldier Sailor: 100 Women 100 Brooches 100 Stories*** celebrates the centenary of International Women's Day with an extraordinary display of brooches illuminating the stories of great Australian women who have broken the barriers in every field – arts, sciences, sports, business and politics.

The exhibition is inspired by the old rhyme that little girls would chant to predict the profession of their future spouse. Not in their wildest dreams could they have imagined that all the professions listed would one day be open to women!

This rhyme was a starting point for one hundred of Australia's finest women jewellers to make a brooch in response to the professional achievements of one hundred Australian women in every field imaginable—from tinker to tailor, bishop to soldier, bullocky to lawyer.

Dr Dorothy Erickson, eminent jeweller and history enthusiast, selected one hundred Australian women with notable professional achievements. Evie Franzidis, writer and researcher, wrote a short biography about each of these women, and Kirsten Fitzpatrick, exhibition curator, selected one hundred jewellers and matched each with one of the hundred fantastic stories.

"The brooches are as diverse and individual as their makers. Collectively, they offer a glimpse of the infinite creative talents of Australian jewellers," says curator Kirsten Fitzpatrick. "They cover the spectrum of contemporary Australian jewellery from highly experimental brooches made from materials including old tram tickets, vinyl records and plastic spoons, to the more traditional fashioned from precious metals and gems."

Exhibition Dates

When: Friday 8 June – Sunday 22 July, 2012

Where: Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

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