

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## ***Mamana Mamanta (Gradual Friendship)*** Luna Ryan and Jock Puautjimi

***Mamana Mamanta (gradual friendship)*** is an exciting exhibition of glass sculptures by Canberra-based glass artist Luna Ryan, and Tiwi artist Jock Puautjimi. The unique and beautiful glass works by Puautjimi and Ryan highlight an important story of a gradual friendship, born from artistic and cross-cultural collaboration.

Jock and Luna's initial collaborations were received with enthusiasm, prompting the artists to develop their abilities further and bring new techniques into their practices.

The works in ***Mamana Mamanta*** continue to break new ground in terms of incorporating glass into Australian Indigenous art and at the same time highlighting an important story about artistic and cross-cultural collaboration. The project continues the long history of sharing ideas and working together that exists both in the field of studio glass and indigenous communities. It's a sharing of the wonders of the glass medium and the ability to build friendships through arts practices.

The exhibition will be displayed in the National Art Glass Gallery, part of the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, located in the Civic Centre at the corner of Baylis and Morrow Streets. The exhibition will be on display from Friday 15 January with the official opening taking place in February.



### **Official Opening**

**When:** Friday, 12 February, 6.00-8.00pm

**Where:** Main Gallery, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

**Cost:** Free

**Exhibition Dates:** Friday, 15 January 2010 – Sunday, 7 March 2010

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