

A Merger of Vibrant Art And Poetry With Wisdom And Humour

The amazing exhibition being held at the Roma on Bungil Gallery in Hawthorne Street Roma, opened on Friday the 21st March 2014 and will be on display until the 4th May.

This exhibition has a dual focus. 'Connecting with Country' is a collection of art works from recent outback travels by established regional Queensland artist Carol McCormack. The exhibition also features the book 'Collection-Connection' – an art and poetry collaboration by Carol and local author Jock Douglas.

Carol's paintings and Jock's words 'tell a tale of the land we live in, and the life we live. Connected they give more than just words or paintings can convey.'

A quote from the foreword by Mr Tim Fairfax AC:

'Carol and Jock have collaborated to identify a real engagement, compassion and sometimes a controversial side of our rural heritage... I commend and congratulate them both for portraying and sharing their love of our rural landscape'...

The community is invited to meet Carol and Jock every Friday between 1pm and 4pm to view the exhibition, browse the book and chat.

This innovative exhibition reveals the depth of local talent and is one not to be missed.

The official opening and book launch will take place at 5pm on Easter Saturday 19th April, by Maranoa Mayor Rob Loughnan.



Emily's Grave - 2013

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Lonely headstones are not uncommon sights in the outback, often with poignant inscriptions telling a brief tale and leaving unanswered questions.



Unblinking - 2013

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This poem is charged with emotions close to the heart of anyone who has lived their life with horses. When we discussed various ways of creating a suitable image, Jock said "it's always the eye that gets me".



Gargaloo - 2013

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One of Jock's favourite native plants happens to be one of mine too. Parson's eucalyptophylla, aka gargaloo or monkey vine. With a leaf like a eucalypt, a daisy-like yellow flower and a sweet scent, it grows widely in our area.



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