

**What you should know**

■ The CSU Regional Archives is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Located in the Blakemore Building at the South Campus of the university, access can be gained via College Avenue or Hely Avenue.

■ Members of the public are welcome to visit the search room, where professional archival staff can assist with enquiries. For those people unable to visit the archives in person, staff can provide a research service for straightforward enquiries for a fee of \$55 per hour, including copying and postage.

■ For further information, phone 6925 3666, email [archive@csu.edu.au](mailto:archive@csu.edu.au) or visit the website at [www.csu.edu.au/research/archives](http://www.csu.edu.au/research/archives) for a full listing of holdings and more detailed information.



**Art students showcase their works**

**at the archives**

**A**bout Face introduces a unique collection of fascinating and emotive artworks presented by an array of highly talented second year student

artists from Charles Sturt University and TAFE NSW Riverina Institute diploma (CSU and TAFE NSW RI collaborative programme).

An exquisite feature of the exhibition is the delicately crafted, gossamer-like installation work entitled *Pods*, by local artist Emily Byrne, and the intricate mixed media work by another exciting new talent, Wendy Harris. An emphatic focus of the show is a wonderfully inspired body of charcoal, oil and acrylic portraiture work.

Evocative and exposing, these exceptional works are a cathartic exploration of the artist's self, delving deep to realise various components – the self revealed, the obscure self, and the hidden self. A cyanine, ethereal work by youngster Hannah Mitchell is a recognised showstopper and not to be missed.

*About Face* represents the creative impulses and achievements of an artistically dedicated group, ranging from a broad spectrum of professional backgrounds, and who range in age from their 20s to their 50s. Collectively, the artists' diversity has added a distinctive richness to the exhibition.

Gifted exhibitor and renowned local midwife Maureen Allen



commented, "Well, you get to an age when it's now or never. It's a way of life for me now that I've turned 50 and it's a joy to finally have the opportunity to study art." She revealed that she just couldn't imagine not doing it. "My work interprets and re-interprets who I really am," she said.

*About Face* opened at CSU Regional Archives Foyer Gallery in Wagga on October 25, and will conclude with an official closing celebration, including drinks and nibbles, starting at about 4pm on Sunday, November 23.

The "exhibition closing" is partnered with the Riverina Conservatorium of Music and follows a performance featuring ANU School of Music resident ensemble Dominant Seven at 3pm. Tickets for the musical performance are \$20 and are available at the door.

For further information contact Tom Middlemost, art curator Charles Sturt University on 6925 3666.

– Susie Welsh-Wecker



Students whose work is on display include Narelle Oehm (above), Maureen Allen (left) and Judy Paradise (below).



Main picture: The artists (back from left) Judy Paradise, Maureen Allen, Ros Castle, Susie Welsh-Wecker and (front from left) Catherine Spreitzer, Sally Murrford, Jen McGrath, Wendy Harris and Narelle Oehm.