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# ALEX

I'm Alex Newman, I'm a disabled LGBT+ artist working in the outer northwestern suburbs. I primarily work with watercolours and digital works. I do illustration, but I wear many hats when it comes to my art, currently studying games and animation at uni. To wax poetic, to me, my art is science and literature and taking physical form, it's the universe becoming art, observing and then drawing itself and then becoming the universe once more. I hope to inspire other artists to create and to create conversation with my work.



## About Alex's artwork

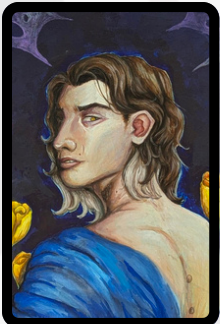
### 'Persistence at all costs'

Time is a circle and dinosaurs never really went away, they just became featherier. 'Persistence at all costs' is about evolving, overcoming catastrophic events and coming to terms with the new you that comes out the other side. It's about growing into the person you want to be, transitioning to a more authentic self, and having the world recognise you as the dinosaur you've always been.



### 'Unrequited'

A tribute to the show 'Arcane'. 'Unrequited' features Viktor, a disabled character whose desires to help others leads him down a dangerous path. In floriography, yellow tulips symbolise unrequited feelings and I feel that they reflect the character heavily.



### 'My Anchor'



A self portrait, 'My Anchor' features myself and Daisy, my assistance dog. Daisy helps me with multiple of my

disabilities, making my life easier. Since getting her, I feel like she has granted me more independence, allowed me the ability to live.

# BADEN

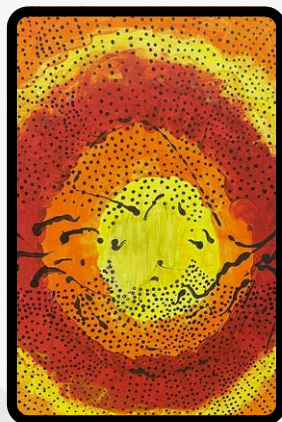
Baden was born in Tasmania. He was abandoned at the age of six in a Melbourne Police Station. Baden has multiple disabilities and was made a Ward of the State. Baden is not Aboriginal and there is no cultural significance in his paintings, they are just decorative. Baden enjoys painting and has produced this collection for Embrace. Over the years Baden has produced a number of Paintings which he has sold; giving all the proceeds to the Royal Children's Hospital on the Good Friday Appeal. Baden wishes to sell this year's Embrace Collection so he can donate again. He does this as a thank you to the Doctors and Nurses who supported him as a young person.



## About Baden's artwork

### 'Summer Time'

Happy days in the sun and holidays at the Beach.



### 'Sea Creature'

It's an evocative, mesmerizing piece that draws the viewer into its intricate, web-like structure. The title 'Sea Creature' suggests something alive and mysterious, just like the artwork itself.



### 'Rock Pool'

This artwork is inspired by a real rock pool. The blue was the water, however it could represent a sea creature or a sun baking lizard, while the colourful dots mimic the movement of water, bubbles, and sunlight reflecting on the surface.



# CALLUM

Callum is 34 years old. When he was four, he was in a car accident and as a result he has an Acquired Brain Injury. This has not prevented him from achieving what he wanted to do, such as completing a university degree. Last year he wrote several articles on the topic of disability that were posted online. He also did some public speaking about living with his injury. In December he also celebrated his 10-year wedding anniversary.



## About Callum's artwork

### 'Self Portrait'

I used to hate self-portraits when I was younger. This one I did last year. It's of me in Williamstown Seagulls FIDA Football Club uniform. FIDA is a football competition for people with intellectual disabilities. I played for two different clubs between the ages of 12 and 27.



### 'Morning Light'

This is of a D-Class Steam locomotive, which were in common use in the first half of the 20th century in Victoria.

### 'Ye Olde Worldee'

This painting is called 'Ye Olde Worldee' because that is what my mum called it the first time she saw it. The colour is a sepia tone. Sepia is a technique commonly used in photography, art and film. One of the most famous films to use sepia is the 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*.



# CHRIS H

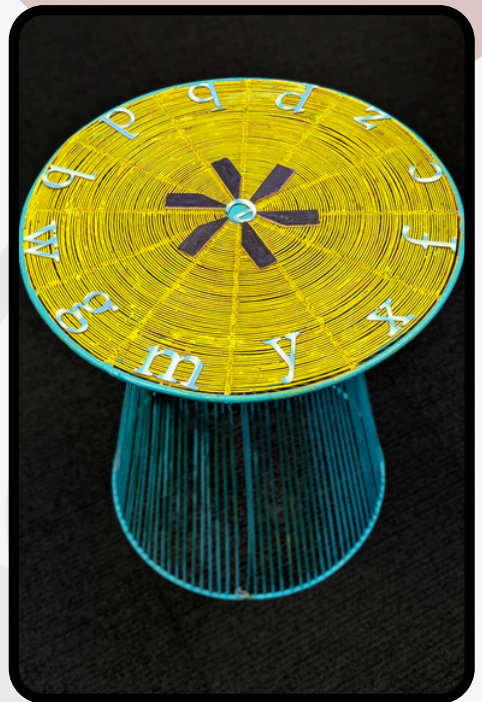
Chris loves music. He has played guitar since 1988. He loves theatre and has been performing since 1991. He loves writing and has been writing since early high school. He loves Jasper his dog and Alice his cat. Chris reveres cricket and loves the love and support from Carly, his friends and family.



## About Chris's artwork

'The Wheel of Conscience  
(Consonants)'

It is painted with consonants stuck to it with 'e' in the middle.



## About Chris's performance

Audience choice 'Hand of Law' or 'Do the Pop' by Radio Birdman

# CHRIS R

Chris is 65 years old and a retired nurse of 16 years. She has been volunteering since her retirement. She loves animals and used to do equestrian sports and worked as a racehorse strapper.



## About Christine's artwork

### 'Bernie and Basil'

Relaxing on a tree hammock.



### 'Skinny Cat'

A skinny Tabby cat having his dinner.

### 'Nature at its Best'

Family of Woody Woodpeckers in the forest.



# COLETTE

Colette is now finally a senior. She has always had a great passion for cameras and photography. She has been breeding Burmese cats and entering show competitions since 1992 and now has five Burmese cats. Colette loves Bette Midler, Tuppence, Kisses, Florin and Euro. She lives by the beach in the Mornington Peninsula. She loves cycling and has been since she was knee high, now she is an endurance cyclist completing rides around Victoria. Other passions of Colette's are trivia, watching game shows, train travel to city to be an audience member for 'Tipping Point' and non-fiction books.



## About Colette's artwork

### 'Cookie and Monte greeting each other'

This photograph was taken on a trail my cousin and her riding friends go each week. Hard terrain for riders and horses. The horse on left is Cookie and he is a Quarter Horse, on the right is Monte Zuma he is 19 years old Quarter Horse cross. Monte is the leader, it has taken many years hard training for him to get where he is. Makes him a great leader.



### 'Craig's Hut'

Craig's Hut Mt. Stirling. The Hut was originally constructed as the set of the 1982 film 'The Man from Snowy River'. Bushfires ravaged it in 2006. But it was rebuilt and reopened to the public two-years later. Taken by Lumix Panasonic.



# DANIEL

Daniel likes to try different things, even if basic, with assistance. Things like bowling, walking for exercise and paint a masterpiece with help for all, regular walking in the pool is also an exercise movement for him.



## **About Daniel's artwork**

### 'Nullarbor Tree'

A tree on the Nullarbor on a clear bright day. Sights seen with the many across Nullarbor trips.



# DANNI

Danni is a highly spirited individual who loves to make new friends anywhere he goes. He enjoys singing and dancing, always filling the house with wonderful music. His favourite musician is Michael Jackson. He hopes to one day become a firefighter.



## About Danni's performance

'We are the World'

Danni will be performing 'We are the World' by USA for Africa.



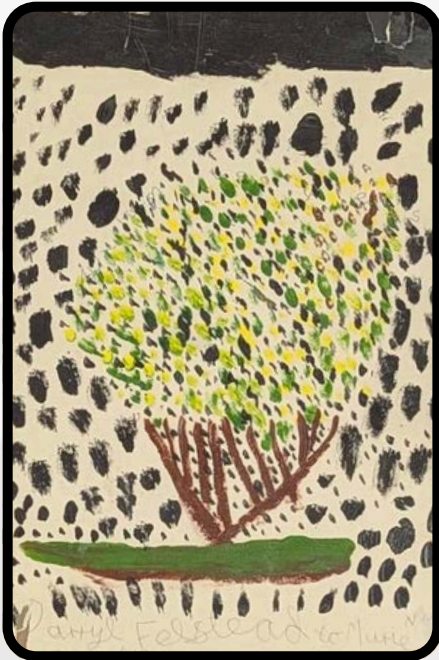
# DARRYL

Darryl has been painting for zonks! He especially likes painting animals and Aussie landscapes.



## About Darryl's artwork

'Autumn Leaves in Winter'



'Tyrannosaurus Cow'

This is a cross between a T-Rex and a cow.



'Magpie'

# DION

Dion is 50 years old and lives in Cranbourne South on his 10 acre hobby farm. He enjoys making plastic models, drawing and painting. He also plays computer games, loves music and maintains hot rod cars for displays. Dion likes going on hot rod cruises and is an active member of the Southern Hot Rod Club.



## About Dion's artwork

### Plane Diorama

Plastic diorama of plane and crew 'Dornia DO335 Arrow'



# DONAVELLE



Donavelle's nickname is Donah. She is 28 years old and graduated year 12 in 2015. Her hobbies and interests are: arts and crafts, painting, drawing, mosaics and putting together puzzles. She also swims, enjoys bike riding, gardening, singing videoke, dancing, and she currently attends a Zumba group. She goes to church every Sunday and make friends in our parish community. Donavelle was volunteering at a Salvation Army Store. Her duties involved putting away clothing. colour sorting, greeting customers and tidying up the fitting room. She was also a volunteer at the Rowville Manor nursing home, her job involved, getting ready the crossword board, cleaning the crossword board after, indoor bowling participation with the residents, talking to the residents and minding the kiosk inside the nursing home. Due to COVID her volunteer job was put on hold but she is looking forward to getting back to her duties. Regardless of her disability, she tries her best to be involved in meaningful life activities. Her family are very supportive of her programs, and they work hard in helping her, advocating, taking care of her, taking her to all appointments and programs! Donavelle has a loving family.

## **About Donavelle's artwork**

### 'Japanese Cherry Blossom'

My 'Japanese Cherry Blossom' symbolises renewal, hope and the fleeting nature of life. I love to paint, I find it therapeutic. The coasters and the mirror mosaic is part of my hobbies.



# EMILY

Emily has a severe brain injury from a school bus crash when she was 10. Now at 25 years old, she radiates joy and love to everybody she meets. She loves colour, flowers and meeting people and combines them in her artwork. With limited speech, physical and cognitive limitations, art is a creative outlet and expressive activity for her.



## About Emily's artwork

### 'Sunflower'

Emily created this sunflower in her art class. It expresses her love of colour and flowers.



### 'Peace Babe'

Emily loves colour, patterns and boho fashion. This is a cool dude in a coat of many colours with a crochet hat.



# GEOFFREY

I enjoy surfing and going on camps, learning my way around Melbourne and playing basketball. I hope one day to play basketball at a professional level.



## **About Geoffrey's artwork**

'Freedom'

My Photo is of Melbourne. This year I'm going into Melbourne every fortnight as part of my school program, this helps building my confidence and I love all the buildings. This picture I took on one of my excursions.



# GURRENAH

Gurrenah has lived in Melbourne his whole life and he has been doing art for seven years and has been an artist for two years. He loves art as it gives him the access to freedom and it connects him to his culture.



## About Gurrenah's artwork

### 'Perfection'

This is nearly the final phase of a style I have been developing for about two years now, and it's nearly perfect.



# HENRY

Henry, suffered an ABI from a 1997 car accident. He is married with a 4 year old son, Howard. He enjoys spending time with his family and making Origami - the art of paper folding.



## About Henry's artwork

Colourful origami.



# JADEN

Jaden is 40 years old with a 15 year old daughter, Ruby. Jaden lives on a farm in the Wimmera where he raises chooks and has two dogs. He has a passion for artwork, especially working with glass. He has an ABI, Diabetes and Epilepsy. Nothing stops Jaden from achieving when he has the passion.



## About Jaden's artwork

### 'The Silos'

Artwork is highlighting the many silo's artworks in our region. It is a glass on glass mosaic.



### 'The Joker'

First major project of leadlight. It came second in an art show in our region.

### 'Paw Patrol'

Made for a friend who's child loves Paw Patrol. Glass on glass. A very time consuming project with great results.

# JARED

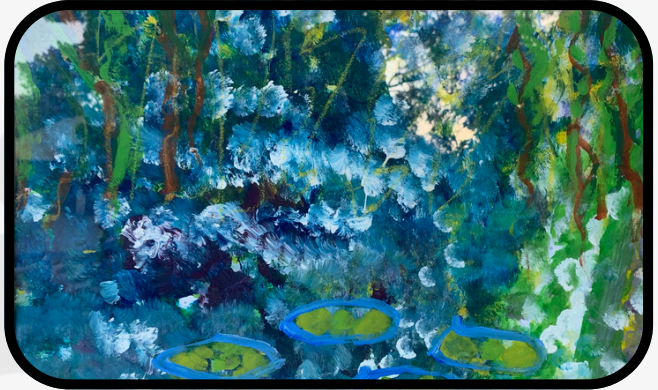
Jared has a number of interests including a love of all things history with a particular interest in ancient history and Egyptian history. In his spare time, Jared enjoys dancing and singing and particularly enjoys rapping (with no swear words!). He participates twice a week in a singing and dancing group.



## About Jared's artwork

### 'A tribute to Van Gogh'

Jared admires the Van Gogh style of painting.



### 'Ned Kelly on the run'

Jared loves Ned Kelly and is very familiar with all things Ned Kelly.



# JESSICA

Jess is a bubbly 30 year old who has absolutely loved becoming part of the art program at Chil Ballarat. She loves creating artwork with themes of her favourite things and hobbies. These include horses, babies, dogs, and going to cafes and restaurants. She has excelled in the social environment and has learnt many new art skills as well as making new friends with other participants.



## About Jessica's artwork

### 'Tea Party'

This artwork is a canvas piece which depicts a large teapot overflowing with coloured buttons. This piece is one of Jess' favourites as it exhibits her favourite bright colours and lots of glitter. It is symbolic of Jess' love for being social and having a cup of tea with friends at cafes. The buttons add textural aspect to the piece which she really enjoyed picking out and gluing on.



### 'Friendship Horse'

This is a cardboard cut out of a horse head. Jess painted the horse head brightly in some of her favourite colours. The horse's bridle is detailed with stickers chosen and placed by Jess. The main sticker says "friendship" which is important to Jess as she has made great friends at the art program. The horse also exhibits a mane made up of string. Horses are Jess' favourite animal so she loves to use them as inspiration for her art.

### 'Sleepy Sloth'

This painting depicts a sloth lying on a tree branch. Jess used acrylic paint to create a textural effect. By mixing many green shades she added detail to the piece, then finished it by sprinkling lots of glitter. This is one of Jess' favourite pieces and she is so proud of how this artwork turned out.



# JESS

Jess is 42 years old and lives in Kyneton, Victoria. Jess loves to go to the movies, see live bands and go on holidays.



## About Jess's artwork

### 'Slippery Snail'

It is a snail sculpture made of solid concrete, mosaic tiles and grout. It was quite difficult to turn and place the mosaics. It is very unique as it is 'one of a kind'.



# JETHRO

I work with horses and enjoy my time fishing or on camps with horses. I enjoy nature and its silence.



## About Jethro's artwork

### 'The Climb'

My photo is of the hill I like to walk up to watch the sunset.



# JIM

When Jim was 15, he was in a horrible accident which has left him with an acquired brain injury. He had to learn to walk and talk again. However, he didn't let that stop him from living his life.

In his spare time Jim enjoys going to the soccer, watching Richmond play football and of course doing art. His favourite things to paint are portraits of friends and family. He loves using watercolours.



## About Jim's artwork

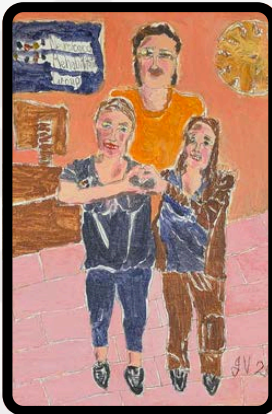
### 'My Sister Alex'

Here is a painting of my sister Alex. She enjoys being outdoors especially in the garden. Here she is working hard helping out in my backyard. No matter how busy she is, she always makes time to help me out whenever I need.



### 'Smiles and Laughter at Physiotherapy'

This is Olivia, Bonnie and me. They are the Receptionists at the Physiotherapy that I attend three times a week. Whenever I walk into Physio, they are always so welcoming, and they always know how to make me laugh and smile.



### 'The Tiger in Me'

This is a painting of a tiger jumping in me. Not only do I barrack for Richmond Tigers, but I believe I always have the tiger in me. I always try to live my life without limitations. I don't give up when things get hard. I am always pushing myself to be better and to improve every day. The tiger in me is always roaring!



# JOLIENE

This is Joliene, she is a registered nurse with post graduate qualifications in Psychiatric nursing. In the year 2012, she got a brain infection from wisdom teeth extraction and ended up totally paralyzed down the right-hand side. With help from her parents, medical professionals, and carers she is now able to walk short distances and use her left arm to a limited degree, she cannot use her right arm. Joliene tries to talk but her friends cannot understand her due to aphasia and apraxia.



Card making is a hobby that she enjoys immensely and can carry out for short durations. Because of her acquired brain injury, she cannot concentrate for longer than 30 to 45 minutes, so each card can take a long time to make. Joliene has two cats, Willow, and Misty -Blue, who feature often in her cards.

## About Joliene's artwork

These are samples of cards I have made for family and friends. They have been returned to me especially for this exhibition to show my artwork.



# JUANITA

This is Junita, she lives in Kerang in a unit she enjoys drawing, catching up with family and friends and she enjoys craft.



## About Juanita's artwork

### 'Koori Colours'

From my culture. Koori colours and flag. Koori turtles, snakes, lizards and sticks.



# JUSTIN

This is Justin. He has a creative mind and he uses this creativity in many ways. He started taking photos for fun with his mobile and they are all unfiltered, unedited images of what he sees.



## About Justin's artwork

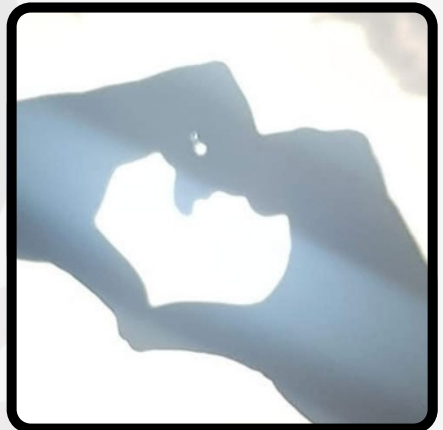
'Full Moon at Midnight'



'Burning Sunrise'



'Embrace'



## About Justin's performance

'Victorious and free'

A song written by Justin.

# LOUISE

Louise is an artist with an intellectual disability who loves creating, drawing and linocut printmaking and making cards. She has grown as an artist through exhibitions and networking

events, staying connected to her community while learning skills. Her work boldly and inspiringly shares her story through her designs and drawings.



## About Louise's artwork

### 'Dancing!'

This artwork was created during my studies in Visual Arts at TAFE. The figure of the lady in the piece reminds me of a dancer in the movement, shapes and elegance.

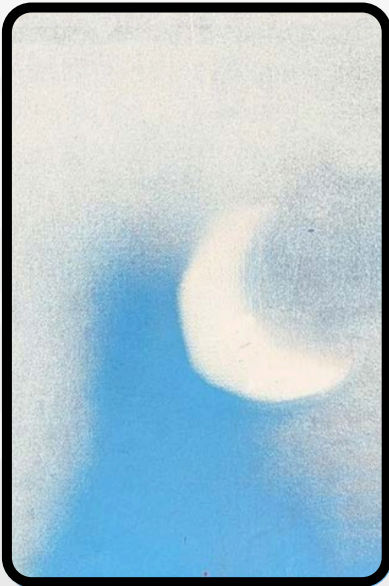


# LUKE

Luke has been doing art for a number of years and became seriously interested in 2019 when he moved out of home. He was supported by his Occupational Therapist and support worker to explore how he could create paintings completely independently.



## About Luke's artwork



'Moon'

Experimenting with spray paint and shapes.

Untitled (Multicolours)

Inspired by the colours I see on walks. Open to interpretation by the person looking at the piece.



Untitled

# MADDISON

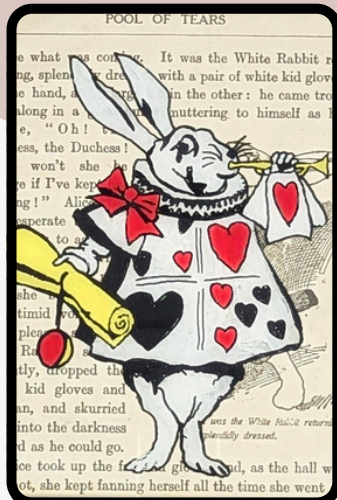
Maddison is 22 years old and lives by herself with her cat, Luna. She is studying makeup and enjoys doing artwork.



## About Maddison's artwork

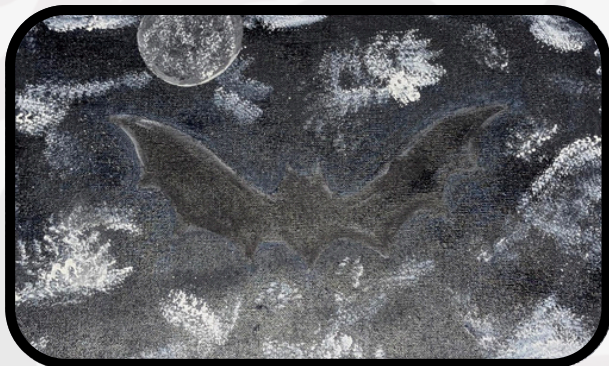
### 'White Rabbit'

This piece represent my favourite character, the white rabbit, and my love of Alice in Wonderland.



### 'The Night'

This work reflects my interest in animals and my spooky style.



### 'Hart'

This work reflects my health struggles throughout the years.



# NATHAN G

This is Nathan, he is 42 years old. He loves music from the 70's and 80's/ He enjoys art, socialising and meeting new people. He has recently bought a new home and is looking forward to moving into it to live independantly in the near future.



## **About Nathan's artwork**

### 'The Fizz'

The Fizz are a band that brings me great memories of when I was younger. I hope they will tour Australia, I would love to see them live.



# NATHAN J

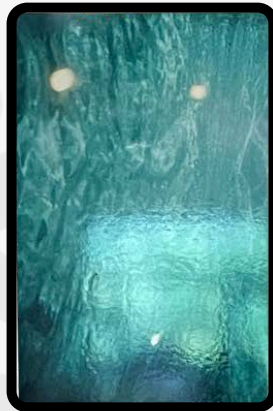


Nathan's artistic journey began with 35mm photography, taking photos of the natural world. He has enjoyed connecting with the local creative community, from film labs to libraries and now digital fabric printers. Nathan's talent has earned him a spot at Blue Dog Café, where his photographs are displayed proudly. After learning to use the EPSON scanner, Nathan scanned in his negatives, then printed and rescanned his images. This led to the start of his tea towel designing, learning to experiment on photoshop and add additional design to his images. Nathan's passion and openness have helped him grow as an artist and community member.

## About Nathan's artwork

'Water' (2023), 'Rock' (2023).

These two photographs capture abstract underwater scenes at the Melbourne Aquarium, transformed by the flash's interplay with 35mm film. Printed on metallic paper, the shimmering blue tones evoke the fluidity of water, emphasising textures and light distortions.



[norushteatowels - various designs](#)

The tea towels are created using photos captured during Nathan's excursions around Melbourne and using his original artworks. The images are digitally printed on a cotton/ linen blend fabric then finished with an overlocked and stitched edge.

# NICK

Nick is happy to show his artwork to people. He is 54 and has a passion for life. He likes art, TV/cinema, he likes coffee, AFL (he is a West Coast supporter), and he likes food. Nick loves his family and friends and enjoys easy things in life.



## About Nick's artwork

### 'The Flowers'

I see them in the garden.



### 'The Seagull'

He's a good seagull.

### 'Orange Circle and Little Orange Square (and Koala)'

It is orange but looks like St. Kilda Football Club.



# NICOLE

Nicole loves doing art and craft and seeing what she can create.



## **About Nicole's artwork**

### 'Elf on the Shelf'

'Elf on the Shelf' was a Christmas art project to create our own Elf on the Shelf.



### 'Patsy Cline'

'Patsy Cline' is a piece of artwork I created independently in my art class.

# REBECCA

Rebecca has had a brain injury for 35 years. It doesn't stop her from doing the things she loves like art, music, choir and joining her local and wider communities.



## About Rebecca's artwork

These works are from a Cyanotype workshop. Cyanotype photography is a camera-less technique that involves laying an object on paper coated with a solution of iron salts before exposing it to UV light and washing it with water to create stunning white and Prussian blue images.

'While my Guitar Gently Weeps'



'John Winston Lennon 2024 and John Winston Lennon Carry-bag'



'Music Music Music'

# ROBERT

Robert is an artistic man of many talents. His artwork is based on his culture. He paints to keep himself calm. He finds it meditative. The growth in himself over the years is reflected in his paintings



## About Robert's artwork

### 'Mountains of Kakadu'

This painting symbolises our people living in Katherine, Kakadu and the importance of water in our lives and how we use this for survival.



# ROSALIE

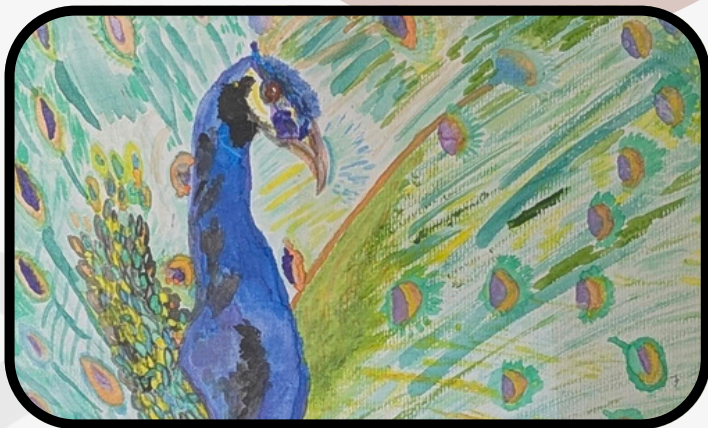
Rosalie lives with her partner in St. Kilda. She enjoys attending Day Programs, Yoga and art classes.



## Rosalie's artwork

'Peacock'

Watercolour painting



'Barbra "Babs" Streisand'

Watercolour painting

# RUTH

This is Ruth, who owns a cat called Blossom. After recently attending the book launch of a friend, she was inspired at how many people attended and felt that this was an opportunity for her to showcase her interest in poetry.



## About Ruth's artwork

### Ruth's Poem

#### Ruth's Poem

We're fortunate to hold the Australian Open to our chests, yearly

As a family we first went in 1988

Saw Steffi Graf and Stephan Edberg.

From a child's point-of-view they all looked like old farts!

As a grown adults prospective, they look like little kids.

When the Australian Open ends I die

Don't possess Foxtel or Stan

Unable to follow them world-wide upon the idiot-box.

Previous Oz Open saw Sinner, he is a powerful weed.

And reminds me of the great Stephan Edberg.

There were some donkeys in the crowd

who spoke during points.

We hope for eviction for them, but they remained.

Monica Sells started off the grunting

when she hits points.

Others do this now like Sabalka.

So your opponent can't tell where the ball is going.

A little like some individuals in their lives now knowing.

The End

# SALLY

Sally is in her 40's and loves being creative. She was taught to sing by Young Talent Time's Dennis Walter, who is now a Radio Jock. She sang against Anthony Callea in the late 90's and early 2000's. Apart from singing, she plays the guitar, harmonica and the kazoo. She partakes in life drawing classes and also does her own watercolours and works with oil paints. She is a pretty colourful person and you could not miss her.



## About Sally's artwork

### 'Globe of the World'

It is a jigsaw puzzle and it took quite some time and patience to do.



### 'Bottle of Red'

This oil painting was inspired by a Billy Joel song.



### 'Street with Mansion'

This watercolour depicts a streetscape. Keep looking hard enough and you will find people, cars, a mansion.

## About Sally's performance

### 'Bad Habits'

Sally will be singing 'Bad Habits' by Billy Fields.

# SALOTE

Malo'e Lelei (greetings in Tongan), this is Salote. Salote lives in Melbourne and her background is Tongan, which she is very proud of.

Fact: Salote speaks Tongan and English.

Mantra: Less in more.

Salote has many hobbies and interests which include art, songwriting, mediation, travelling, cooking, reading, going out to cafes, shopping and listening to music. If she could describe herself in three words they would be, patient, friendly and thoughtful.



## About Salote's artwork

### 'Beautiful Woman'

This is a piece of artwork shows how beauty is within her. The woman holds her head up high despite her struggles.



### 'Burnt Sunrise'

This artwork shows the sunrise in a field and captures the stillness of mother nature.

## About Salote's performance

### 'Struggle is Real'

This song written years ago for nephews and nieces about how life has obstacles but with faith all things are possible.

# SARAH-ROSE

I am me! Sarah-Rose started cheerleading when she was about 5 years old, and it became her safe space where she could run to. Two years ago, Sarah-Rose started gymnastic aerobics and discovered it helped her in the same way. One day she plans to compete overseas and represent Australia, showing that physical and mental difficulties do not stop you. Her moto is Never Give Up!



## About Sarah-Rose's artwork

### 'Patch'

Patch is my safety toy. I have had it since I was little. The lightning bolt represents the tough times with memories. The bright colours represent the good times in my life.

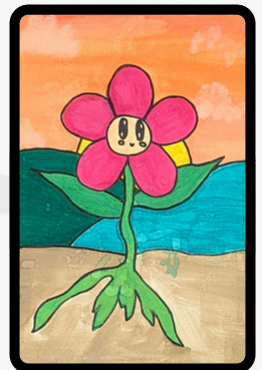


### 'Mother/Daughter love'

Nothing can separate my Mumma and I.



### 'Growing Pains'



## About Sarah-Rose's performance

### 'Run Away'

This routine combines cheerleading and aerobics. Cheer and aerobics are my reason to get out of bed. It is where I run to when it all becomes too much.

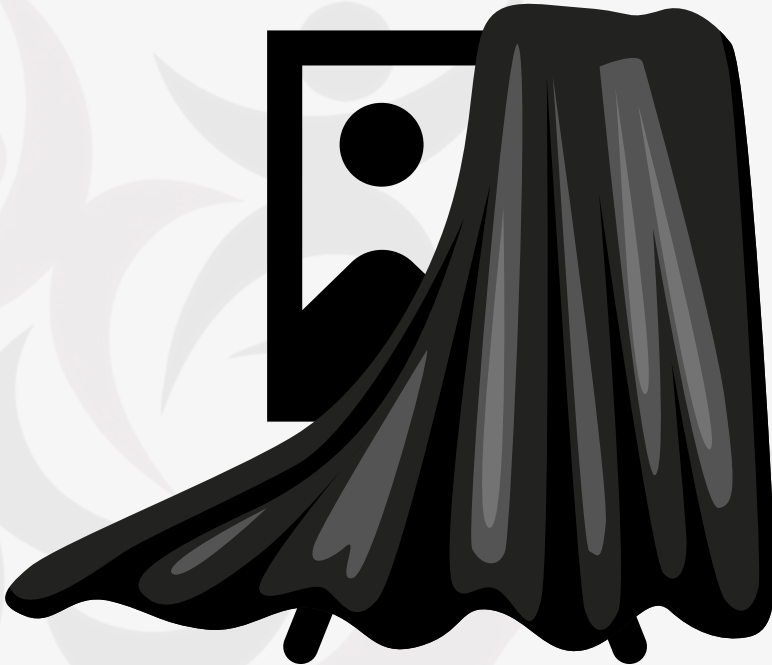
# SHANAE

Shanae likes sports, her life revolves around sports. She has a keen interest in basketball, soccer and AFL.



## **About Shanae's artwork**

Shanae will be displaying three pieces of artwork but prefers to exhibit them but not have them printed in the program.



# SHANE



## Some previous artwork of Shane's

Mickey and Minnie



London Bus

# SHERIDAN

Sheridan has fond memories of her sporting interests prior to her accident. She loved anything athletic including softball, indoor cricket, swimming and shot put. According to Sheridan she was pretty good at anything sports related and never shied away from trying something new. She also loved jazz ballet. Sheridan enjoys listening to music and has performed at Embrace a number of times over the years. Her song choice for Embrace 2025 is just a song that she really likes.



## About Sheridan's performance

### 'Man, I feel like a Woman'

Sheridan will be performing 'Man, I feel like a Woman' by Shania Twain.



# SULA

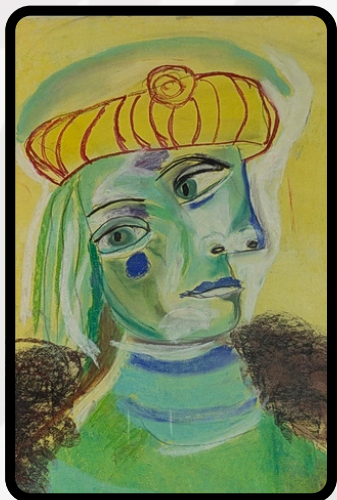
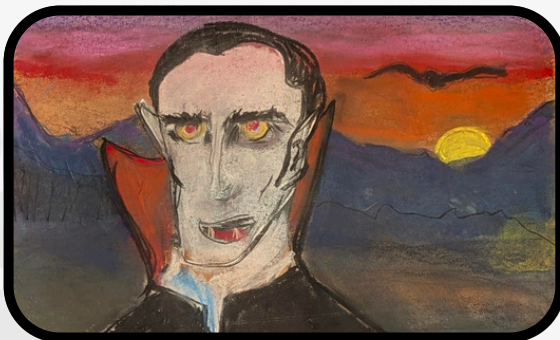
Sula is an artist who attends day programs at Annecto, David House. When Sula was seven years of age he sustained a brain injury. Now 56, for the past twelve years Sula has devoted his life to art. "I really love doing art. It makes me feel happy. I'm learning to do something new, instead of the same thing every time." Sula was inspired to make art when he saw other participants in groups at David House making art. This ignited an interest in art making that has turned into a passion. Sula has exhibited in two group exhibitions at David House, selling all works on display.



## About Sula's artwork

### 'Self Portrait'

An image of what I would look like if I was Count Dracula.



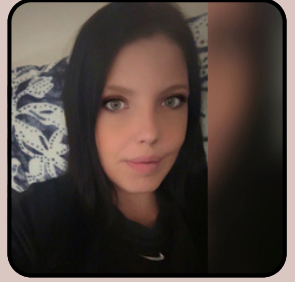
### '2 eyes Picasso'

I love to express myself in art. I draw how I see things with no judgement coming from the heart.



### 'Lady with a Swan'

# TEAGHAN



Teaghan studied beauty and social work. She used to be a nail technician and do art on nails. Making people feel beautiful was a joy but due to her spinal injuries she can no longer do this.

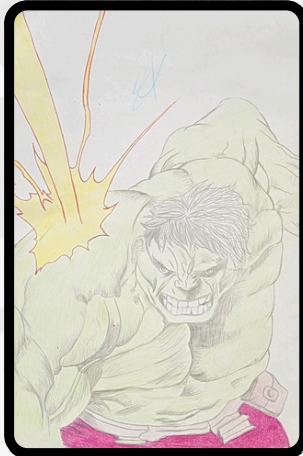
Teaghan is also a busy Mum to five boys, two with special needs and she enjoys drawing or painting as art therapy for herself as a distraction from pain or my mental health. She has always loved art and drawing since a child and has not done any classes, she is self-taught and Teaghan is also looking at getting into tattooing. She loves that her art can make people smile and helps with daily struggles as well.

## Teaghan's artwork

'Medusa'



'The Hulk'



Untitled



'The Lion King'



# TREVOR

In 2005 Trevor had a bad workplace accident and now has a brain injury. He also lost his eye and has lots of metal plates in his face. Trevor likes writing poems as it helps him with his spelling and writing skills.



## **About Trevor's performance**

'I am old fashioned'

'I am old fashioned' is about how time has changed over the years.

'Never knew love'

In Trevor's words it is a poem about not understanding being in love until he married his wife, Karen.





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