

## SLOW DOWN AND SEE THE LIGHT

*Regional artist Colleen DaRosa presents an exhibition celebrating light and colour*

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“Slow Light... Celestial”, an exhibition of art work by Myocum artist Colleen DaRosa, will be on display at Tweed Regional Gallery from 21 April – 18 June 2017.

DaRosa says, “My vision for “*Slow Light...Celestial*” originated on a road trip to central Australia; starting at the red centre and Uluru. Artist Bruce Munro had just finalised his epic *Field of Light* installation of 50,000 LED lights at the base of Uluru. Wandering through an array of shimmering colour in otherwise darkness, one experienced the deep poetic impact of the artist’s tribute to the Milky Way. My search for celestial light was ignited.”

DaRosa’s art works are very deliberately constructed from layered hand-cut paper with a decisively minimal and abstract aesthetic. “Slow light” refers to the subtle glow of colour as one gradually encounters these works. This colour is cleverly created through reflection - no actual paint is seen.

The artist says, “When I use particularly strong pigments the effect is often the illusion of a light source within the work. My hand-rendered, meticulous construction using fine quality media also references aspects of the slow-art movement. The idea is that the longer the time spent looking at a work of art, the more likely it is to reveal its abundant treasures.”

Gallery Director, Susi Muddiman says, “This exhibition is proudly presented as an outcome of the Gallery’s Community Access Exhibitions Program, which offers artists of the region an opportunity to present their work within a world class facility. Colleen DaRosa is a regional artist who is dedicated to the exploration of new ideas and techniques. Her unique approach to the construction and presentation of these inherently colourful but poetic works will intrigue visitors as they move through the Gallery space.”

The Gallery has scheduled a number of events in celebration of this exhibition.

- All are warmly invited to attend the official **exhibition opening** by artist and teacher Michael Cusack at 6.00pm (for 6.30pm) on **Friday 21 April 2017**.
- Join Dangerously Poetic Press for poetry readings from their publication *Always the River* on **Sunday 7 May**, 2.00pm – 3.30pm
- **On Sunday 28 May** from 2.00pm to 3.00pm all are welcome to join Colleen DaRosa in conversation with Anouk Beck, Curator - Public Programs, Tweed Regional Gallery, to discuss the artist’s process and motivation. Colleen will talk about her techniques, the nature of abstract minimalism and slow art.

### IMAGE CREDITS:

1. **Colleen DaRosa**, *Amat*, 2016, acrylic on hand-cut etching paper, 39 x 39cm
2. **Colleen DaRosa**, *Charon* (detail), 2016, acrylic on hand-cut etching paper, 39 x 39cm

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The Gallery and Café is open from Wednesday to Sunday 10am – 5pm.