

Two new regional artist exhibitions open at Tweed Regional Gallery

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Tweed Regional Gallery presents two new solo exhibitions by artists of the region.

Portal by Northern Rivers-based artist Leora Sibony explores what the brain reconstructs when trying to recall colour and shapes, and places been and felt, without specific references. Her practice involves disassembling an observed landscape or place, and visually reassembling it as remembered shapes and colour using paint, paper and found objects.

“It is hugely interesting to me to rely on memory and feeling when making work and how it relates to the place and my experience within it,” Sibony said. “The idea that every time a place is recalled from memory it is actually a mixture of every place you have ever been.”

Sibony undertook a residency at the Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence Studio earlier this year, with the Condong Sugar Mill providing inspiration for her work.

These Little Things: Drawing my everyday by Murwillumbah-based Tamsin Ainslie isolates often overlooked snippets of life – a pencil, a toy, contents of pockets, the washing up, a stray sock. Ainslie is a children’s book illustrator. She has illustrated books including ‘The Sisters Saint Claire’, ‘Collecting Sunshine’ and ‘Ruby Learns to Swim’.

Through her daily drawing practice, Ainslie notices and explores small, ordinary, everyday things and moments. “I don’t just draw what I see, I draw what I feel.” Ainslie said, “I wrap my legs around the horse, the sheep wrap themselves around me – I draw that.”

Gallery Director Susi Muddiman OAM said: “Leora and Tamsin are two artists with distinct practices, who both convey visual experiences. I am thrilled these artists will be exhibiting at the Gallery as an outcome of the Community Access Exhibitions Program.”

A ‘Meet the Artist’ event will be held on Sunday 28 July from 2-4pm, where the artists will provide insights into their artistic practice. Stay afterwards for a drink and a chat in the Gallery Foyer.

In conjunction with *These Little Things. Drawing my everyday*, Tamsin Ainslie will be hosting a pop-up studio in the Gallery on Sunday 18 August, where she will be facilitating a guided drawing session from 11am-1pm.

***Portal* and *These Little Things. Drawing my everyday* open to the public on Friday 26 July and continue until Sunday 22 September. Please note: There will be no official opening for this exhibition.**

Image credits:

- Leora Sibony, *flux converter* 2019, oil on polycotton, 92 x122cm
- Tamsin Ainslie, *Tiny Buddha* 2019, watercolour and pencil on paper, framed, 14 x 16cm. Courtesy the artist.

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