STURT STORY

STURT NEWS

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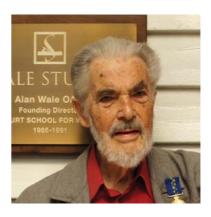
STURT GALLERY 02 4860 2083 Open daily 10am-5pm



STURT COFFEE by GILBERT'S Open: Wed-Sun 10am-4pm

We remember Alan Wale OAM

It is with the deepest regret that we acknowledge the passing of Alan Wale OAM, the founder and first Director of the Sturt School for Wood. Alan came to Mittagong to establish the school in 1985 with the aim of teaching fundamental hand skills and design principles for the production of fine furniture. It is a testament to Alan's vision and determination that, over 30 years later, the school is stronger than ever and so many of Australia's established fine furniture makers are now either graduates of the school or teach at the school. Alan and his wife Doreen were residents of Mittagong for over 30 years and maintained their close association with Sturt throughout that time. Alan was instrumental in the establishment of the



NSW Woodworker's Association and many other initiatives that put Australian woodwork and fine furniture on the map. He will be greatly missed by the whole industry and we extend to Doreen and their children our deepest sympathies for the loss of a wonderful man.

Mark Viner, Head of Sturt

Shadow Poem by Tracey Deep

We opened our current exhibition on Sunday 25 September with special guest Robin Powell, Garden Columnist for the Sydney Morning Herald giving an inspired opening speech to acknowledge the significance and impact of Tracey's work. This is definitely an exhibition with the 'wow' factor. Each work created for visual impact and innovative use of found, recycled and organic materials. www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/whats-on/current-exhibition



Join us for the launch of the Southern Highlands Arts Festival Friday 21 October from 5.00pm

This year Sturt is proud to be the host of the launch of the annual Arts Festival that will see galleries and artists' studios right across the region open every weekend during the month of November. You can pick up the special booklet and map to



guide you from any of the participating galleries and take the opportunity to visit some of our terrific artists in their studio environment.

Welcome new residents

For the final term of this year we welcome **Evan Dunstone**, fine furniture maker and tutor for the 6-week chair design project in Wood School. We also welcome graduate resident from Art & Design UNSW, **Jenny Newman**, who will be working in the wood school and in weaving for 6 weeks.



Don't forget we're going digital next year

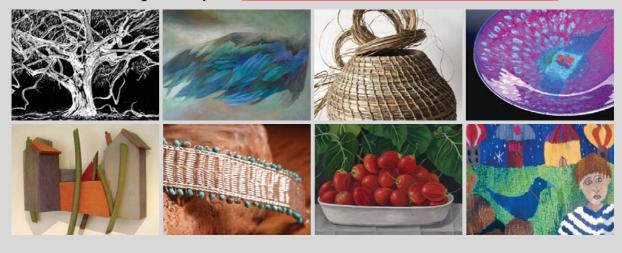
From the beginning of next year all of our regular mailouts (apart from Summer and Winter School brochure) will be digital. So, if you have not given us your email address then you need to do it before the end of the year.

You can help us with our publicity!

It is now easier than ever to help us publicise Sturt and what we do – follow us on <u>Facebook</u> (SturtCraftCentre), <u>Twitter</u> (@craftndesign) or <u>Instagram</u> (sturt_craft_centre) or, even better, write a review of <u>Sturt Gallery</u> on Tripadvisor and help us to become the number one cultural attraction in the Highlands. We really appreciate your support.

Sturt Summer School 2017 – Monday 2 – Saturday 7 January

Summer School is filling up fast with 23 courses for adults and daily classes for children on offer. Adult courses include multiple drawing, pastel and painting options, a choice of furniture projects, metal forming, basketry, tapestry and weaving, 2 different ceramics classes, woodcut printing, photography, digital fabrication, shibori dying, free form sculpture, calligraphy and textile techniques in wire. With such a diverse and exciting program there is sure to be something for everyone. www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/education/summer-school



Short Course weekend 29 & 30 October

Our next short course weekend is in October and will include Covering Knots with Angharad Rixon and Floral Sculpture with Tracey Deep. Due to popular demand, a second Tracey Deep class is scheduled for **5 November**, enrol now via our website.

www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/education/short-courses

Our current exhibition...

Shadow Poem - Sculpture and installations by Tracey Deep

Continues to 13 November

When Deep fans out the natural fibres (bamboo or driftwood) into circles, she is creating magic circles. Inside the circle of aesthetic nature, there is peace. In this exciting new exhibition Deep creates magic using unexpected materials and her distinctive approaches to engaging with an audience. www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/whats-on/current-exhibition





Our next exhibition...

www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/whats-on



19 November to 4 December

An exhibition of new work by the graduating students from the 2016 Sturt School for Wood. See Australia's newest fine furniture makers make their mark.

Join us for the graduating ceremony from 11am on Saturday 19 November with special guest Tom Skeehan from Skeehan Studio.

Materialise – contemporary craft from our region

8 December to 12 February 2017

New work and emerging artists and designers living in the Southern Highlands and Tablelands of NSW. Curated by Elizabeth Charles.

Artists include: Antonia Throsby – Ceramics Braidwood, Gwenna Green – Ceramics Braidwood, Jules Van De Sande – Stone Bowral, Susan Palmer Ward – Mixed Media/Assemblage Exeter, Chelsea Lemon – Wood Canberra/Sturt, Sharon Peoples – Textiles Canberra, Jenni Kemarre Martiniello – Glass Queanbeyan, Dirk Lejeune – Wood Canberra, Carolyn Sullivan – Textiles Bundanoon, Ali Beck – Mixed Media Bowral, Birtie Larsen – Mixed Media Bowral, Michelle Miller – Jewellery Exeter.

National Contemporary Jewellery Award 2016

8 December to 12 February 2017

Biennial acquisitive award exhibition showcasing the best in Australian contemporary jewellery from Griffith Regional Art Gallery.

EVENTS

Little Mountain Readings 2016 - Saturday 3 December from 5.00pm in Sturt Cottage

Mittagong's annual poetry readings, the little mountain readings, will this year feature poet Phillip Hall. To book contact South Coast Writers Centre 02 4228 0151 or Sturt 02 4860 2083 Cost: \$25.

Artisans Night Market - Thursday 8 December from 5.00pm

Join us for our inaugural Artisans Night Market when we will have all types of wares on sale from a wide variety of makers in a market style setting in Sturt's historic gardens. The night will include live music, food and drink on offer, plus the opening of two new exhibitions in Sturt Gallery and some great special offers in Sturt Shop. The perfect night before Christmas is at Sturt.





ARTISANS NIGHT MARKET in the garden at STURT







Full details of all Sturt courses, exhibitions, residency programs and events can be found on our website: www.sturt.nsw.edu.au or to make a booking or enrolment call Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083 or email: shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au









