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SALA Festival Mannum “Water – Our Life Source”

“Water – Our Life Source” Exhibition brings a unique insight into the creativity of 20 artists from in and around the Mid Murray region, showcasing and celebrating diversity of media and form from sculptures to canvas works, photography, found objects and much more.

As part of the 2018 South Australian Living Artists Festival, this outstanding exhibition presented by Mannum Creative Communities is once again being held at the Arnold Gallery within the Mannum Dock Museum until 2nd September 2018.

The SALA Festival Event is a fantastic opportunity for both established artists and up and coming artistic talent to showcase their works said Valerie Cox, Curator.

“It is also a chance for the residents of the Mid-Murray to view the talented artists in our beautiful region”.

“New artists to the exhibition this year are Ruth Blacket, Jay Wynen, Helen Wotton, Kym Bond, Terry Chamberlain, Colleen Moyne, Petrea Sanchez, Robin Seidel, Bindi Wilson, Den O’Neil and Katherine Wicker.”

“We are also bringing back the amazing talents of Michael Chorney, Jacky Charleston, Lyn Wood, Steve Oatway, Sandie Kuehne, Clint and Liz Frankel, Jan Klose, Courtney Paech, and Ben O’Connor.”

SALA in Mannum has launched many regional artists' careers as we now see their works on show and for sale in the Mannum Visitor Information Centre on a permanent basis throughout the year said Mayor Dave Burgess, Mid Murray Council.

"The festival brings together multiple artistic mediums from across our region and provides the confidence and opportunity for hidden artists to profile their works for the first time."

"Mannum Creative Communities have presented the recent *Women's Work – Then and Now* at Mannum's Arnold Gallery which has received widespread accolades and no doubt this year's SALA will be yet another great success".

Mannum's SALA festival was officially opened on Friday 3rd August by Mid Murray Council Deputy Mayor Kelly Kuhn who commented the recent rains were pleasing as with the lowest rainfall on record in 19 years for July, the theme of 'Water – Our Life Source' is right on point.

"From first time exhibitors to stalwarts of display, SALA is the perfect platform for all artists and challenges our perception of traditional ideas of art."

"Some of these people would have never imagined their work would be on display."

"There are so many stories, so many dreams, so many hours of love and devotion for our community to visit the gallery and experience themselves."

Mannum SALA Festival at the Arnold Gallery on show until 2nd September 2018. Entry is free and may be viewed from 10.00am to 4.00pm daily. For further information contact Valerie Cox on 0439853237, mannumsala@mail.com or www.mannum.org.au.

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Event at a glance:

Event: South Australian Living Artists Festival – Mannum

Presented by Mannum Creative Communities

Place: Arnold Gallery, Mannum Dock Museum

Dates: 4th August to 2rd September 2018

Address: 6 Randell Street Mannum

Times: 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. daily

Entry: FREE

Further info: 85691303, mannumvic@psmarion.com and www.mannum.org.au