



Media Release

Tuesday 9 April 2019

Alan Baker Art Gallery's first feature exhibition

Alan Baker Art Gallery will present its first feature exhibition from Thursday 11 April, bringing to life 20th century, previously unseen drawings by Baker.

The exhibition, *Drawing Life*, will also feature artwork from the local artist's contemporaries alongside a display of visitor works inspired by Baker.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Peter Sidgreaves, said the exhibition celebrates the Art Gallery's one-year anniversary of being in Macaria.

"Since 28 February 2018, more than 7,000 local, national and international visitors have enjoyed the magnificent collection of Baker's works," Cr Sidgreaves said.

"The Art Gallery provides fantastic opportunities to connect local artists, promote art and culture in Camden, capture significant art history and develop future artists. With various school and community group tours and fun activities and programs running frequently, visitors are guaranteed a unique and exciting experience.

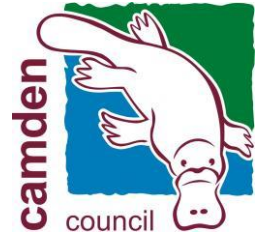
"This exciting feature exhibition compliments the permanent collection at the Art Gallery, as well as the evolving digital archive of Baker's life and works."

To celebrate *Drawing Life*, the Art Gallery will host a monthly Life Drawing Club, facilitated by an experienced figure drawing teacher. It will provide a social space for people of all skill levels to participate in evening classes with professional guidance, light refreshments and collaborative learning.

The exhibition will be open until Sunday 28 July.

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Alan Baker Art Gallery will also launch the 2019 Art Workshop Program from Thursday 11 April. The program includes:

- Art After School, a 10-week program for primary aged students to develop and refine skills across drawing, painting and printmaking;
- Watercolour Fridays, a casual workshop session giving participants the opportunity to experiment with watercolours;
- *En Plein Air*, a series of outside landscape painting workshops;
- Heritage Drawing Tour, a monthly walking tour allowing participants to explore Camden's heritage precinct; and
- Drop in and Draw, an informal weekly art session allowing participants to connect and work in a supportive group environment.

For more information, including dates and times for activities within the 2019 Art Workshop Program, visit camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'Alan Baker Art Gallery'.

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