



MEDIA RELEASE

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The Road Home, 2019, Auda Maclean, pastel on paper. Image courtesy of the artist.

Dawson River Art Group: Wearing Hearts on Sleeves

The Australian Impressionist painter Tom Roberts said “Paint what you love, and love what you paint”. This perfectly sums up the philosophy of the Dawson River Art Group, 12 artists from Baralaba and the surrounding area.

Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery will display the latest exhibition by the Dawson River Art Group, *From the Heart* from 25 March – 3 May 2019.

The Dawson River Art Group meet each Wednesday in Baralaba, for a day of fellowship, cups of tea and art making. Conversation revolves around the weather, families, and art materials – sharing with like-minded people the joy of a new pastel purchase. Many of the

members live on cattle or farming properties, with some travelling 40-60km each way to attend.

The group has fostered a genuine love for the process of creating and how it brings them together each week. Each artist observes the land, people and objects around them, challenging themselves to draw or paint their world in a new light.

As mostly Impressionist or Realist artists, the work illustrates the effects of light upon the landscape or objects, depicted by the use of heightened colour and dramatic values. The exhibition features landscapes and rural scenes, as well as animals, florals and expressionist works.

Artist Kath Dunne said: "We are mostly self-taught artists, gaining our skills by reading books, using the internet and attending workshops. We give each other a lot of encouragement, share information and critique each other's work if asked to."

Banana Shire Council Mayor, Nev Ferrier said: "The Dawson River Art Group is a great example of how the arts can bring our communities together, their work is always much loved by the local community and visitors to the region."

From the Heart presents a genuine and heartfelt collection of works exploring what each artist finds meaningful and inspirational to them. All are welcome to attend the opening event and public programs.

LAUNCH

From the Heart: Exhibition Opening

Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery

Friday 29 March

From 6.00pm

Free Entry

Light refreshments provided, all are welcome.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Meet the Artists Morning Tea: Dawson River Art Group

Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery

Saturday 30 March

10:00am – 12:00 midday

Free Entry

Morning tea provided, all are welcome
