



Future Creatives 2024 announced



Amelie Ashley
'Her'steria (Hysteria) 2023
mixed media installation
Belmont High School
Art Making & Exhibiting



Maddison Randall
Childhood teddies 2023
acrylic on paper
Clonard College
Studio Arts



Sachi Bridgeford
Consequences 2023
handcrafted clay, melted glass and beads
Kardinia International College
Art Creative Practice

The exceptional work of ten local students has been selected for Geelong Gallery's *Future Creatives 2024* exhibition. Opening on Saturday 9 March 2024, this exhibition is a celebration of creativity and talented artists as they exhibit their work, many for the first time.

This annual exhibition celebrates the achievements and creative practices of young emerging artists living in Geelong and the surrounding region who completed their Victorian Certificate of Education in 2023. The exhibition will feature works by Belmont High School student **Amelie Ashley**; Bellarine Secondary College student **Sarah Porter**; Clonard College student **Maddison Randall**; Kardinia International College students **Sachi Bridgeford**, **Tiana Balazs** and **Ruoling Wang**; Matthew Flinders' Girls Secondary College student **Nyoka Evans**; Northern Bay College student **Heidi Tilson**; and Sacred Heart College students **Laura Hobbs** and **Shiavanni Herd**.

Future Creatives 2024 presents an impressive selection of works. The artists have demonstrated strong conceptual and perceptual development, used a variety of techniques and have drawn from a range of media to communicate ideas and themes in their work. Several entries this year explore themes around personal identity, gender equity, relationships with people and places, while others respond to urgent issues surrounding climate change and the environment.

The selection panel for the exhibition included Geelong Gallery Learn & Audience Engagement Manager, **Elishia Furet**, Assistant Curator, **Katarina Paseta**, and guest judge, Deakin University lecturer and artist, **Dr Merinda Kelly**.

Dr Merinda Kelly commented, 'Geelong's young citizens are our future creatives, artists, designers, innovators and champions of the arts. *Future Creatives* is a space where Geelong's art and design students can creatively communicate to broader audiences, their unique ideas, meanings and responses to a rapidly changing world.'

After the success of the inaugural exhibition in 2023, Geelong Gallery is thrilled to once again highlight the accomplishments and creative practices of young artists from Geelong and surrounding areas.

Geelong Gallery thanks Creative Futures Design Fund for generously supporting this exhibition which provides a valuable opportunity to support the professional development of students and assists in facilitating future tertiary studies in art and design.

Exhibition dates
Saturday 9 March to Sunday 5 May 2024

Exhibition partner
Creative Futures Design Fund