

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### COORONG GALLERY 2018 PROGRAM LAUNCHES WITH FIRST SOLO EXHIBIT



It will be an exhibition of bold colour and dynamic composition as the works of South Australian pastel artist Janette Humble adorn the walls of the award-winning Coorong Gallery, in Tailem Bend next month.

In what will be the gallery's first solo exhibition, '*in essence*' has been created to capture a fleeting moment, as the artist explores landscape, working dogs and daily life – themes synonymous with the Coorong region.

Coorong District Council Arts and Community Development Officer (and gallery curator) Susie Ifould said this would be the first exhibition to be launched as part of the 2018 calendar, and was excited to present some amazing art to the community this year.

"Janette is an incredible artist, and we're excited to host her work," Ms Ifould says.

"As a self-taught artist, she's already had exhibitions across the State and her popular works are held in private collections across the world – including Germany, the United Kingdom and Singapore.

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“This exhibition kicks off the gallery’s biggest year to date, with other exhibits including: ‘*The Making of Meningie*’ and the internationally renowned Anne Frank exhibit, titled ‘*Let me be myself*’.

“We’re also busy planning our inaugural, Council-wide, South Australian Living Artist (SALA) Festival program for later this year. This is an opportunity to shine a light on some of the Coorong’s best local artists and engage the whole region in the arts, history and ideas.”

The Janette Humble exhibition will be formally opened on Sunday, 11 February by Pastel Artists of South Australia President Diane O’Brien.

#### **A bit about the artist:**

Janette is largely a self-taught hobby artist who attends classes and workshops when the opportunity arises. She is inspired by mood and atmosphere and her admiration for the impressionist artists is evidenced throughout her work which bursts with vibrancy and movement.

*“My past musical experiences have had a huge influence on how I now paint. My love of classical music was all about the tapestries of sound and the interplay of the colours of musical instruments, especially in a symphony orchestra ... that is how I approach my use of colour. I love strong colour and exploring the juxtaposition of different colours as they sit side-by-side and the effect it has on the mood of a painting.”* – Artist Janette Humble

#### **EXHIBITION DETAILS**

- Where:** Coorong Gallery, Coorong Civic Centre, 95-101 Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend.
- When:** Open from Friday, 9 February to Friday, 20 April 2018.
- Time:** Gallery is open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm (excluding public holidays)
- Information:** Visit the website [www.coorong.sa.gov.au/cooronggallery](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/cooronggallery) or phone 1300 785 277.

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