

## MEDIA RELEASE

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Two new exhibitions at Tuggeranong Arts Centre in June will reflect on bird species and flight.

Both exhibitions capture the spirit of birds, the evocative nature of flight, and how we as humans imagine and interact with avian species and their movements.

*Bird Life* is a curated group exhibition exploring the human connection to birds, and how they capture our imagination. It features works by Byrd, Rachel Bolton, Dianna Budd, Carol Cooke, Linda Davy, Steven Holland, Zinia King and Michael Norris.

Exhibition Curator Narelle Phillips said the exhibition explores the strong and recurring human connection to birds, and aims to highlight how they capture our imagination.

“Drawing on the works of the selected artists, we are reminded of our fascination with flight, form, power and colour, and how we often seek to impose human characteristics on birds, or view them through human activity.

Birds are instinctive, industrious, creative but in some instances destructive and cunning. They are nest builders, incubators, hunters and gatherers, migratory and territorial travellers, show-offs or masters of camouflage,” Ms Phillips said.

Ms Phillips says the exhibition captures the essence of bird life through brief suggestions of line and colour and draws our attention to the rich source of inspiration they provide.

*An Episode* features new drawing works about flying by Bermagui artist Matt Chun.

Chun’s collection of work in coloured pencil, gouache and mixed media, portrays both human and bird subjects and the act of *flight* depicted through landscape.

Matt works as an artist and writer between Bermagui, Sydney and Taipei. From his open studio in Bermagui, Matt offers direct public engagement with his process. From here, Matt also operates a creative co-working, exhibition and performance space.

The exhibitions further Tuggeranong Arts Centre’s exploration of human/animals relationships as part of our annual 2017 theme.

Deborah Clark, Canberra Museum and Gallery Senior Curator will officially open the exhibitions on Thursday 1st June at 6pm.

The exhibitions continue until Saturday 1 July 2017.