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CULTURAL CENTRE CALENDAR

Following this month's FOKI Photo exhibition, a new calendar of events has been finalised for the King Island Arts & Culture Centre, featuring an array of inspiring opportunities for 2017 and beyond.

Next up for the Cultural Centre is *Memento*; an exhibition aiming to build on the fabulous success of last year's *Off The Wall* in which community members were asked to decide which one work of art they would save from the rising waters of a flood. *Off The Wall* featured a huge variety of entries ranging from a skateboard to a sculpture but what really appealed to people was the stories behind the choices.

The aim for *Memento* is to recapture that glimpse into the real-life stories behind some interesting items but also to create an exhibition of pieces which evoke strong memories in their owners. This could be a photo from your first overseas trip, a lock of hair or a souvenir of your school days. Entry forms are available from Council's offices, KIRDO, Currie Library and the Cultural Centre. One entry has already been submitted for the exhibition opening on May 26 with Cultural Centre volunteers hoping to receive a typically mixed bag of submissions featuring treasured articles of all shapes and sizes.

After *Memento*, the Cultural Centre will host an exhibition by local photographer Harry Trout commencing on July 14 which will be followed by the first ever exhibition of student work purchased under the school's Art Acquisition Program. This will be a fascinating look back at student art over the last thirty years featuring some familiar favourites and some surprises.

Another huge success from 2016 was *Portraits of King Island* featuring portraits of local people made by local people. Both aspiring and established local artists will already be on the look-out for suitably interesting and inspiring subjects for the eagerly awaited return of this exhibition in September.

Master Printmaker Basil Hall will once again be back for his intensive weekend workshops in November which are sandwiched between two new exhibitions by local artists; *Fresh & Unframed* and *Coast* which will round off a busy 2017. Talks are already underway regarding some exciting opportunities for 2018 which will ensure another varied and inspirational year ahead at the Cultural Centre.

For further information about any of these events or ideas for future exhibitions please contact Kate or Chris on arts@kingisland.tas.gov.au or 6462 9000.

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