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Lynette McKeown
CEO

It is a great honour and with immense pride I welcome you to Able Art 2023. This year our theme is 'nature' and this exhibition is proof to the talent of our artists. This exhibition is led by our Creative Arts Therapist Claire Fraser who has supported many of the artists in a safe and supportive environment for self-expression through their artworks.

The artists have explored with a range of different nature themes from native trees, the sea to the native Koala to produce their works. The artists have embraced the beauty of nature. This year's collection of art is a vibrant celebration of nature with a wide range of colour drawn from nature's colour palette.

At the heart of our Able Art program is the opportunity to give our artists the opportunity to showcase their work to their friends, family and the public for them to enjoy. This exhibition provides this opportunity. It is with pride for the artists to have their work exhibited and for visitors of the exhibition to experience their artworks firsthand and to be seen that having disability in no way shape or form stops the artist from creating beautiful and diverse pieces.

I hope you enjoy the exhibition as much as the artists have enjoyed creating their artworks. Lastly, thank you to the artists for sharing their artwork with us.



Claire Fraser
Art Therapist

A few words from our Art Therapist

It has been a busy year working with participants creatively, exploring what it means to be creative not just through visual or tactile arts, but also creativity in terms of interactions, play and movement.

Some highlights for me this year have included exploring different ways to be creative with clients at Able North day centre – exploring different materials together with support staff – learning new ways to connect and have fun together. We explored natural materials, paint, marbling, weaving and more.

Another highlight was receiving all the artworks for Able Art – seeing the range of ways people explore, express and communicate their ideas, feelings, thoughts and emotions through various materials. I love the different ways people have used natural items in so many different ways!

I am looking forward to continuing to work creatively with clients next year and keep exploring together. I continue to be reminded of the power that creativity must connect with ourselves, and each other.

Welcome to

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Julie - Flowers

This year's theme is 'nature'. The artists have brought out the brightest of colours from nature and used them in expressive ways to create their artworks. The artists have collaborated alongside support staff or our Creative Arts Therapist, Claire Fraser.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORTERS OF ABLE AUSTRALIA

This exhibition would not be possible without the generosity of our supporters.



HERBERT
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FREEHILLS

Herbert Smith Freehills continues to be a loyal community partner of Able Australia through much needed pro bono legal support, financial assistance and volunteer support on a number of key projects.

For 15 years Herbert Smith Freehills has generously supported Able Australia's Able Art program, which assists people with a disability to express their emotions, explore their creativity and increase their self-esteem through visual art.

Thanks to their support, Able Australia provides all program participants with the opportunity to exhibit their artwork and share their creations with friends, family and the general public.



Bostik are also a great supporter of Able Australia. We thank them for their generous contribution of Blu Tack - widely used by clients who prefer tactical works of art and their ongoing support of our other programs.



THIS PARA DOESN'T
MAKE SENSE

We would like to recognise and appreciate the Paint the Town Red - Launceston for their guidance and support to our southern Tasmania for their guidance and support during our creative art making sessions.

CERAMICS: TASMANIA



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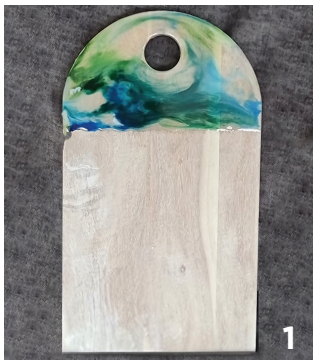
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1. Clay creature - Chloe 2. Clay pot - Sancha 3. Clay creature - Cloe 4. Clay creature - Karen 5. Clay work - Marshall 6. Clay creature - Josh 7. Clay creature - Jarret 8. Clay creature - Darren

CERAMICS: VICTORIA



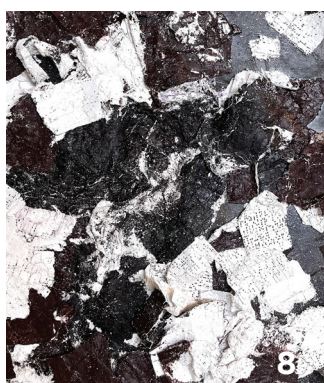
RESIN: TASMANIA



Ceramics - Victoria: 1. Ceramic - Margaret 2. Sunflower - Deborah

Resin - Tasmania: 1. Resin Board - Craig 2. Resin Board - Aaron 3. Resin Board - Sophie 4. Resin Board - Belinda 5. Resin Coaster - Dianne

TACTILE



1. Barbie world - Alex 2. Heart - Erica 3. Koala - Sandra 4. Nature and cars - Mark 5-6. Pink trash and treasure - Alex 7. Dried flowers - Megan 8. Plaster collage - Sally 9. Easter Gnome - Alison and Craig 10. Flowers in bloom - Erica 11. Dried flowers - Sally 12. Leaves - Scott

NATURE AS ART: VICTORIA



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1. Tree - Richard 2. Wall hanging - Sandra 3. Wall hanging - Sally Anne 4. Nature - Debra 5. Spring posey - Meagan 6. Nature - Debra

CANVAS



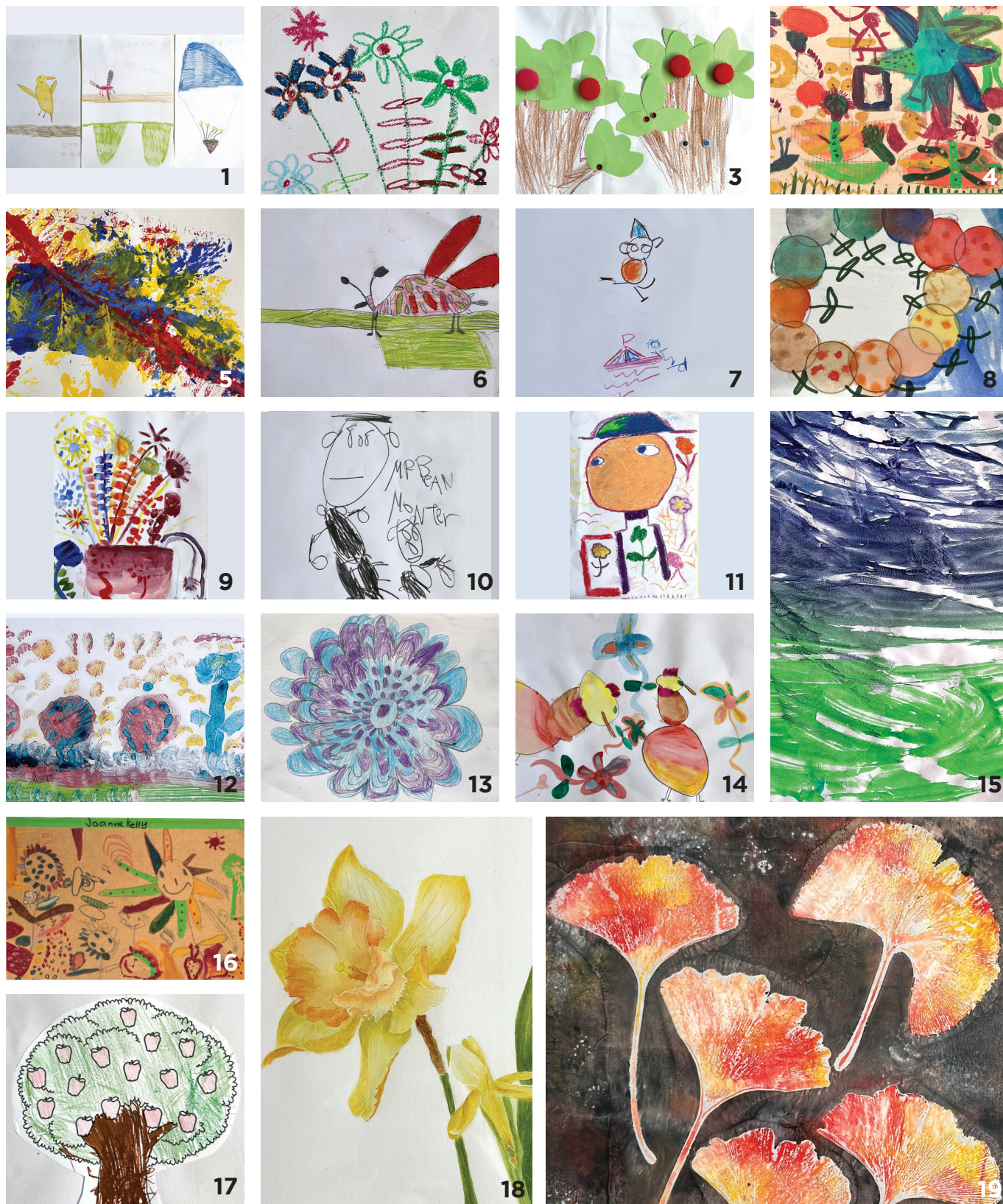
1. Nature - John 2. Blue canvas - Sally 3. Flowers - Margaret 4. Red canvas - Sally

ARTISTS IN NATURE



1. Enjoying nature - Theo 2. Enjoying nature - Baruc 3. Enjoying nature - Stewart

PAINTING AND DRAWINGS: VICTORIA



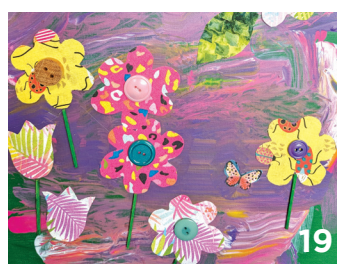
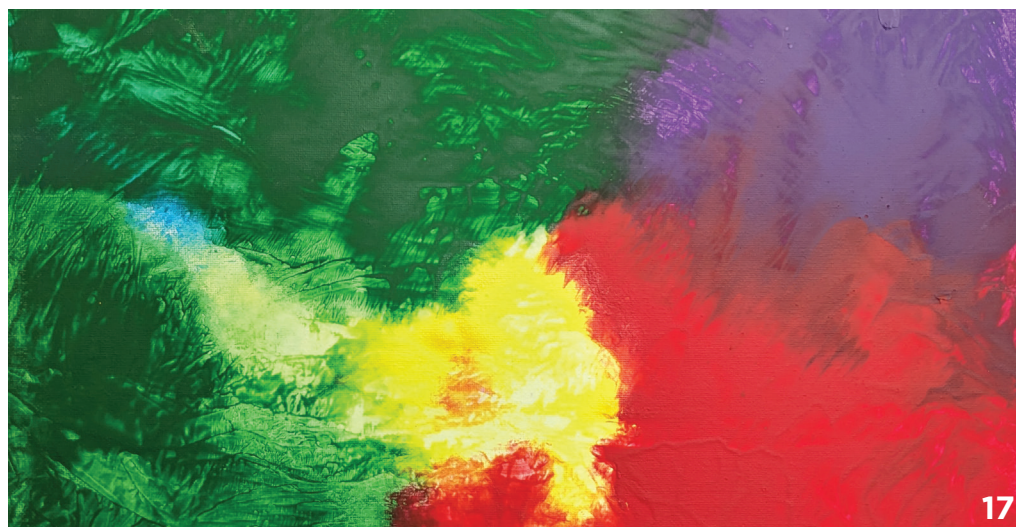
1. Drawing - Wendy 2. Happy flowers - Joanne 3. Trees - Jane 4. My garden - Joanne 5. Mixed leaf print - Joanne 6. Summertime - Nicolas 7. ??? - ??? 8. Circle of flowers - Joanne 9. Happy Flowers - Joanne 10. Batman paper and monkey magic - Savario 11. Flower man - Joanne 12. Paintaining - Wayne 13. Purple and blue flower - Joanne 14. Mary Poppins and Ruby - Joanne 15. Painting - Wayne 16. Happy garden - Joanne 17. Apple tree - Jane 18. Spring is here - Vanessa 19. Spring is here - Vanessa

PAINTING AND DRAWINGS: TASMANIA



1. Field of flowers - Angela 2. Leaf print - Maya 3. Flowers - Colby 4. Painting - Jimmy 5. Flower Painting - Jack 6. Birribi - Jimmy
7. Flower painting - Joshua 8. Flower painting - Joshua 9. Nature - ??? 10. Flowers - Darren 11. Ink painting - Belinda
12. Meled Crayon Mermaid - Katie 13. Rainbow - Nick

PAINTING AND DRAWINGS: TASMANIA



16. ??? - ??? 17. ??? - ??? 17. Cling wrap colour painting - Renee ??? 18. ??? - ??? 19. ??? - ??? 20. Painting - Tanya
21. ??? - ??? 22. Flowers - Karen

PAINTING AND DRAWINGS



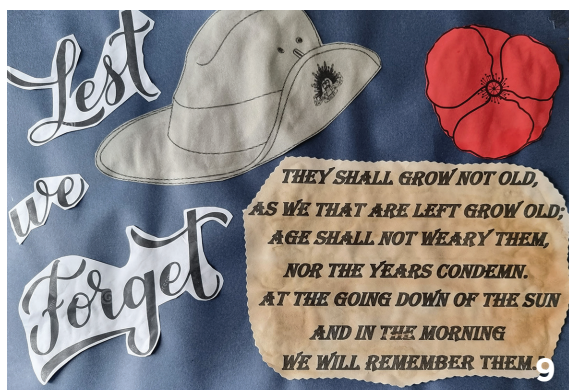
1. Painting - Wayne 2. Painting - Wayne 3. Painting - Wayne 4. Butterfly hills - Wendy 5. Jo's bird - Wendy 6. ??? - ??? 7. ??? - ??? 8. ??? - ???

VARIOUS AND COLLABORATIVE



1. Rabbits - July 2. Colouring - Julie 3. Colouring - Julie 4. Teddy bear collage - Joanne

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5. North and East Tree 6. Able East - Collaborative 7. Tree - Richard 8. Puzzle - Julie 9. ANZAC Day - Eric

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