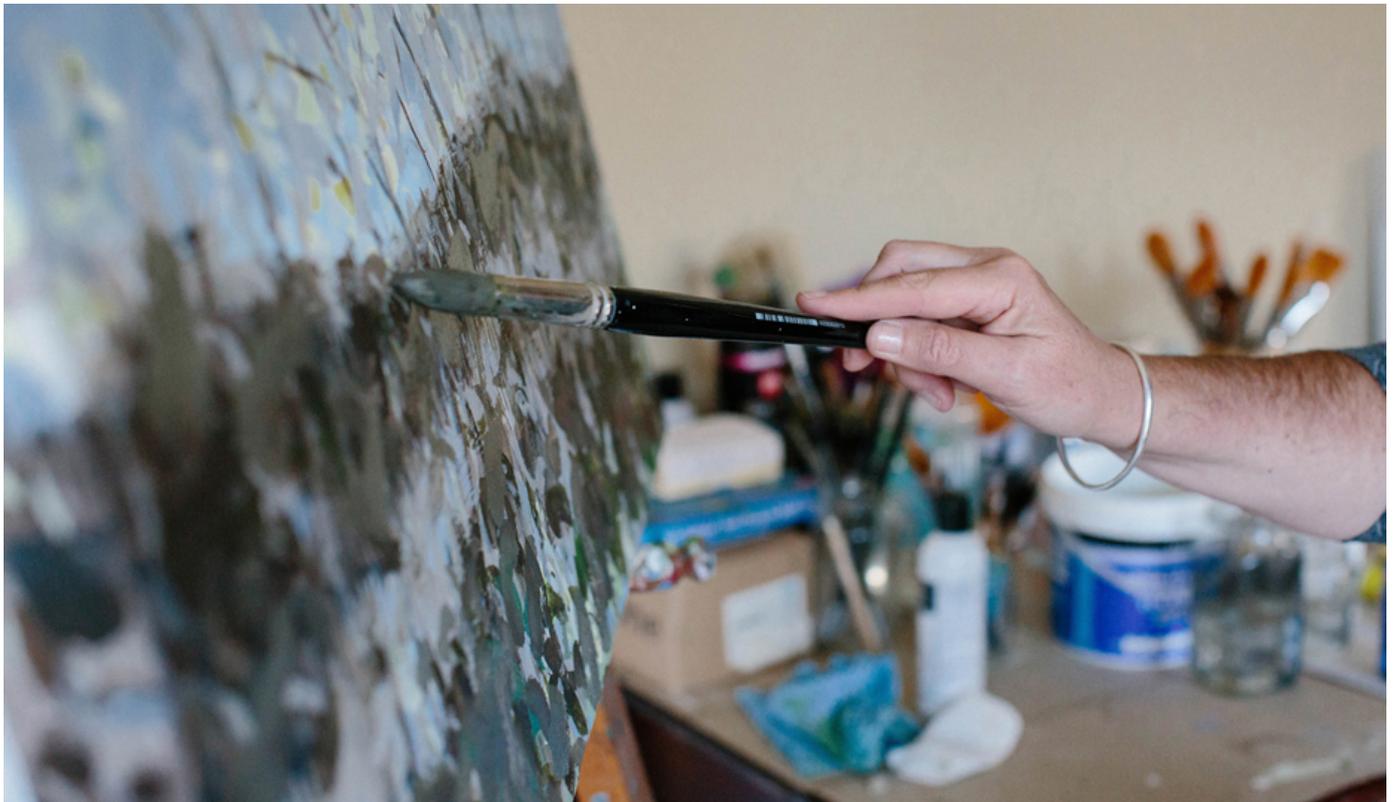


Alison Percy



Local Flavour; What inspires you most about living and practicing as an artist in the Murray region?

I feel fortunate to be part of such a vibrant and active visual arts community. The local galleries provide many opportunities for artists to come together and showcase their work. I particularly enjoy volunteering in these galleries, where I feel very much at home.

Murray Arts plays an important role in developing our regions arts and cultural life. I'm very appreciative of the many skills and professional development workshops that I have been able to attend.

...the landscape throughout the Murray region provides such great inspiration - from the magnificent Murray River, along the Kiewa Valley and up onto the High Plains!

What themes do you like to explore in your art?

I like to explore natural forms, mainly across figurative, landscape and floral subjects. I see the life model as a landscape and I've been exploring the use of inks, watercolour, charcoal and most recently soft pastel to represent this form.

The work I'm producing reflects my growing interest in the balance and sensitivity of line, especially the fluid line. I feel a quiet energy with dry and wet media mark-making, this expresses an honest connection through me, onto the surface of the work.

The Art Life What are you working on at the moment?

Aside from my freelance graphic design work, I have recently been approached for some exciting collaborations in unique spaces in the local area. One of these is with a new designer yoga and lifestyle studio, where I will be showcasing figurative works and exploring a more abstract 'flow' of the figure.

I have also just finished selecting 26 recent works (figurative, floral and landscape) to form my second solo

exhibition. This exhibition is currently on at Boom Boom Wine Bar+ Eatery in Albury. Open Wed-Sun 9-12 & 5-late, now until 15 May 2016.

What are your 3 top tips for someone thinking of a career in the arts?

Push aside that voice of self-doubt in your mind - this will allow you to move forward

Enjoy what you do, while keeping an open mind to small discoveries and connections along the way

Take your work to the people – they won't see it while it's sitting in your studio!

What is your dream project?

My current dream project is to produce a body of work to be curated in a professional contemporary art gallery – how exciting would that be!

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