

DAVID STARR

THE VALLEY WITHIN

15-27 MAY 2018

WALLAROBBA ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE,
25 EDGEWORTH DAVID AVE, HORNSBY

Image: *Valley Within* by David Starr

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ABOUT DAVID STARR



David Starr

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David Starr is a professional photographer residing in Hornsby Shire. David started out as a film photographer working with transparency and negative film. In 2008, he transitioned to digital media. His first group exhibition was in 1996 and surveyed androgynous forms of nudes and flowers. Since then he has had nine solo exhibitions, which have explored nature, the female nude, Australian landscapes and European cities. David believes the essence of his art is in the initial seeing.

To get in touch with David about photography or artwork commissions, please email david@soulconnection.com.au

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

THE VALLEY WITHIN

The Valley Within is a series of macro photographs that explores the beauty that lies hidden within the Australian bush and the creative potential that abounds from a simple urban bushwalk.

The works are drawn from the bushland near David's home in Hornsby's Old Man's Valley, and a trail that he has traversed for seventeen years; watching, looking, and seeing.

The Australian native environment permeating Sydney is seemingly short of vibrant colour. Its veneer is a dry, matte gumtree green. But scratch the surface and a sea of colour and movement is revealed.

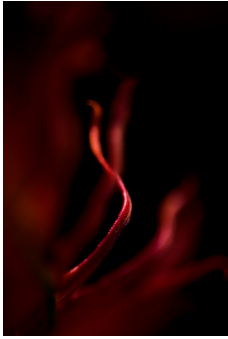
Art begins with seeing – that which is beyond looking or watching. Using a macro photography lens, David reveals aspects of the flora on this bush trail that would remain hidden if exposed to a casual glance.

The technique of macrophotography has allowed David, and the viewer, to stop and see the interplay of light and dark, stillness and movement, colour and texture of the flora within this landscape that is hidden within plain sight. The artworks have been composed through the lens at the time of shooting and have been subject to minimal editing and cropping.

The resulting body of work is a colourful and stimulating presentation of a moment in time, within the native landscape. It looks to initiate a form of awakening for those who walk the bush. Rather than just looking and watching when walking, David invites the viewer to expand their visual and creative perspective when bushwalking, to see and engage with the natural, native environment.

"We can watch life go by, without stopping to see. On this creative occasion, I stopped awhile, to see what I could see."

David Starr, 2017

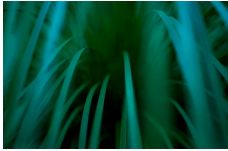


FIRE

Digital photography printed
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Photo Silk paper

1/1 (no additional prints)

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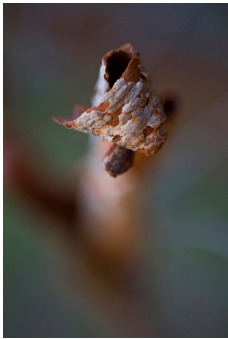


VALLEY WITHIN

Digital photography printed
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Photo Silk paper

1/1 (no additional prints)

\$425



CURIOUS

Digital photography printed
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Photo Silk paper

1/1 (no additional prints)

\$320



FALLING

Digital photography printed
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STILLNESS

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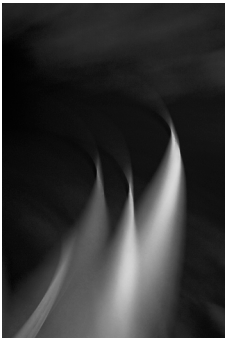


ALL BLACK

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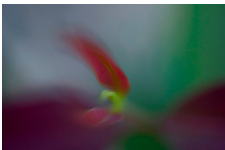


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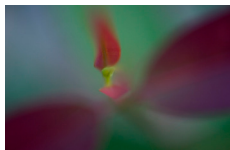


PARIS I

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PARIS II

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PIROUTTE

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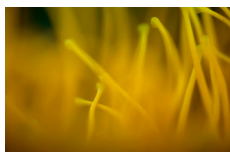


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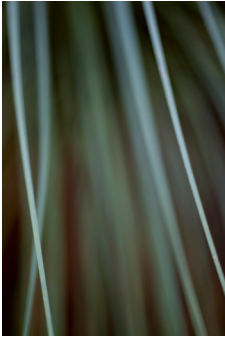


PAS DE DOUZE

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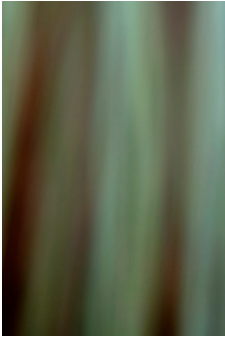


HIDING

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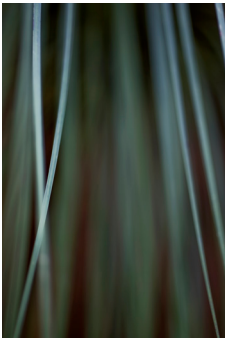


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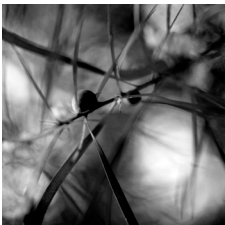


SEEING

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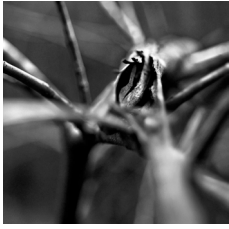


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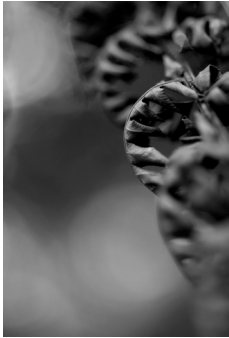


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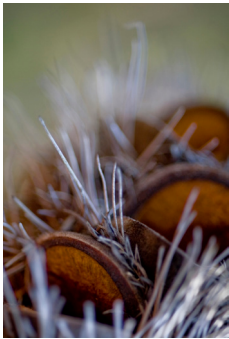


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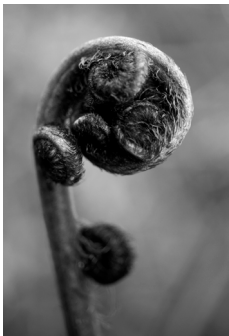


NESTING

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\$180



LIFE

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\$180

Expressions of Interest sought for the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre Head On Photo Festival Associated Exhibition 2019.

The Head On Photo Festival is Australia's largest photography festival. It celebrates a wide range of photography across all genres from photojournalism and reportage through commercial to fine-art.

Hornsby Shire Council wants to showcase Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre as a venue for the Festival from 12 – 25 May 2019. All Council needs now is a photography exhibition.

Council is seeking exhibition proposals from photographers with a link to Hornsby Shire. Solo photographers or groups welcome. One large exhibition, or up to three small exhibitions can be accommodated. Genre and content is up to the photographer.

Council will contribute the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural exhibition space for two weeks, curatorial direction, public liability insurance, marketing and design support. Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre charges no commission on artwork sales. The photographer/s will contribute photographs - presented in an appropriate manner for exhibition and time (sitting with the exhibition/installation/deinstallation of the exhibition).

Expressions of interest for this project close Monday 26 August 2018.

To register your interest or for more information call 9847 6572 or email jjoyce@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre

Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre is the artistic hub of Hornsby Shire. Located in central Hornsby behind Willow Park at 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, the Wallarobba Homestead was built in 1903 and has served many purposes over its 115 year life, from family home, to apartment block, general community centre to arts centre. In 2011, the building was transformed by Council into the Shire's premier art and cultural centre. Its redevelopment was recognised in 2012 with the Local Government and Shires Association Places for Arts and Culture: Improved Cultural Facility Award.

Features include a community art studio, a purpose-built printmaking room, art classes, an artists' lounge, Hornsby Art Society Office and multiple gallery spaces.

For more information on Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/culture