



## **KENDAL MURRAY** *Vivid Dreams, Evergreen*

20 - 23 February 2025 Melbourne Art Fair Booth C7

The exhibition 'Vivid Dreams, Evergreen' is inspired by the space between dream and memory, play and identity, and stories of creative imaginings inspired by places in the natural world that hold onto your heart and become intrinsic to your sense of well-being.

They are the places that awakened our senses to the pleasures of nature and promised adventure, with trees that reached into the sky and beckoned us to climb. In these places, we could jump into enormous piles of coloured leaves or the deepest of puddles, play hide-and-seek in lush textured ferns and build cubby houses with sticks and stones. Places where we could collect specimens, discover insects, investigate their intriguing habitats and let our imagination flow.

Complex natural environments full of mystery appealed to us as play spaces as they offered opportunities for discovery through exploration. Experiences of freedom and creativity through play afforded us the agency to be resourceful and develop connective and interactive relationships with the natural world. We could play with friends, explore, hide, imagine, and transform the environment to suit our games. While we played, we acquired knowledge of ecosystems and created powerful childhood memories of positive experiences in natural environments.

The sculptural artworks in the exhibition use child-sized tea set pieces assembled to mimic landscape forms for tiny people, animals, and birds. Edges of saucers act as roads or paths, and cups that hold vegetation, rocks, water pools, or forms that stand in for hills. Coin purses and mirrored compacts have been transformed into miniature reminders of family holidays and adventure, where discovery meets familiarity and ends in happiness. This transformative activity based on play, is a process of putting together ideas, feelings and expressions. The forms explore the concept that play in a natural environment encourages a relationship with place through knowledge and experience. It informs a sense of selfhood by being able to make choices and bring ideas into being that connect identity to nature and culture through imagination.

Sharing positive environmental experiences with important people and memories of pleasurable and fascinating interactions with nature shaped our environmental identity and had a lasting impact. These experiences can influence how we understand and value the environment into adulthood, prompting us to reflect on and appreciate the formative role of childhood play in natural landscapes. The sculptural assemblages represent childhood imaginings inspired by sensory wonder and delight, held in time capsules that ensure their care as environmental identity. Where positive and responsible relationships with the natural environment will ensure its protection and guarantee children natural places to play and experience their own wonder and delight.

Murray has had numerous solo and group exhibitions nationally and her work is held in public and private collections in Japan, Hong Kong, New Zealand, the UK, New York and Australia, including the Powerhouse Museum, Goulburn Regional Gallery, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, University of Western Sydney, University of New South Wales and the Commonwealth Bank Collection. She has been the recipient of several awards including the Deakin Small Sculpture Prize (2015) and the Beowulf Award in the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize (2015). Her work has also been selected as finalist multiple times in the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize (2023, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2004, 2001). She holds an MA (Hons) in Visual Art.

Days Appraise, Gaze, Amaze mixed media assemblage with tea set  $28 \times 19 \times 19$  cm,  $45 \times 29 \times 29$  cm (display) \$8,990





Dip, Tip, Flip, Yip! mixed media assemblage within metal compact 7.5 x 8 x 8.5 cm, 15 x 15 x 17 cm (display) \$2 600





Scout Out, Shout Out, Hang About mixed media assemblage with tea set 21.5 x 14 x 18 cm, 39 x 24 x 28 cm (display) \$6,990





Trustees, Gentle Breeze mixed media assemblage with tea set  $33 \times 16 \times 10.5$  cm,  $53 \times 26 \times 21$  cm (display) \$6,990





Watering Hole, Hearts Keyhole mixed media assemblage within metal compact 9 x 8.5 x 9 cm, 15 x 15 x 17 cm (display)



All Around, Unbound, Jumping Up and Down mixed media assemblage with tea set 31 x 19 x 17 cm, 48.5 x 29 x 27 cm (display) \$8,990





Breeze, Tease, Palm Trees at Ease mixed media assemblage within metal compact  $10 \times 9.5 \times 10.5$  cm,  $15 \times 15 \times 17$  cm (display) \$2.600



Chase, Race, In First Place mixed media assemblage with purse  $15 \times 11 \times 14.5$  cm,  $30 \times 25 \times 24.5$  cm (display) \$4,500

Photographed by Michele Brouet



Eye on Sky, By The Bye mixed media assemblage with purse 11 x 13 x 16 cm, 28 x 23 x 26 cm (display) \$4 500



Exhibition, Transmission, Ambition Commission mixed media assemblage within metal compact 9 x 8.5 x 9 cm, 15 x 15 x 17 cm (display) \$2,600



Faster, Faster, Sticking Plaster mixed media assemblage with tea set 22 x 25 x 16 cm, 42 x 33 x 26 cm (display) \$7.990



Faster, Faster, Sticking Plaster mixed media assemblage with tea set 22 x 25 x 16 cm, 42 x 33 x 26 cm (display) \$7.990



Go, Slow, With Gusto mixed media assemblage with tea set  $34 \times 20 \times 20$  cm,  $51 \times 30 \times 30$  cm (display) \$8,990







Heyday, Child's Play

High Time, Summertime mixed media assemblage with tea set  $34 \times 15 \times 15$  cm,  $51.5 \times 24 \times 23$  cm (display) \$7,990





Out of the Pond, James Bond mixed media assemblage within metal compact  $6 \times 5 \times 6$  cm,  $15 \times 15 \times 17$  cm (display) \$2.400



Keen Eyed Applied, Hillside Confide mixed media assemblage with tea set  $31.5 \times 20.5 \times 19$  cm,  $49 \times 30.5 \times 29$  cm (display) \$8,990





Look and See, Care Free Glee mixed media assemblage within metal compact  $8.5 \times 7.6 \times 8$  cm,  $15 \times 15 \times 17$  cm (display) \$2,600





Open Air, Fan Fare mixed media assemblage with tea set  $38 \times 17 \times 12$  cm,  $55 \times 27 \times 22$  cm (display) \$7,990









Project Protect, Prospects Perfect
mixed media assemblage with purse
18.5 x 16 x 16 cm, 35.5 x 26 x 26 cm (display)



Re-float, Half Note mixed media assemblage within metal compact  $8.5 \times 9 \times 10$  cm,  $15 \times 15 \times 17$  cm (display) \$2.600



Stand By, Huge Sigh, Bull's Eye mixed media assemblage within metal compact  $8.2 \times 10.5 \times 8.5$  cm,  $15 \times 15 \times 17$  cm (display) \$2,600

Photographed by Ian Hobbs

Tree Top Co-Op mixed media assemblage with tea set 37.5 x 14.5 x 17 cm, 55 x 24.5 x 27 cm (display) \$7,990







Waterway, Interplay mixed media assemblage with tea set  $35.5 \times 16 \times 12.5$  cm,  $53 \times 26 \times 21$  cm (display) \$6,990









Wide Eyed Guide, Joyride Tried mixed media assemblage with tea set 19 x 22 x 19 cm, 36.5 x 32 x 29 cm (display \$7.990



#### **EDUCATION**

1995 MA (Hons) (Vis Art), University of Western Sydney, Nepean, NSW

1991 Creative Jewellery Design, Randwick Technical College
 1986 Post Certificate in Etching, East Sydney Technical College
 1985 Graduate Diploma in Professional Art Studies, City Art Institute
 1983 Conversion of Diploma in Art to BA (Vis Art), City Art Institute

1982 Screen Printing course, Sydney Technical College

1979 Diploma in Art, Alexander Mackie CAE

#### **AWARDS, GRANTS & RESIDENCIES**

2023 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist

2019 Small Works 2019, Brunswick Street Gallery, VIC, Winner of the People's Choice Award

2018 Deakin University Contemporary Small Sculpture Award, VIC, Finalist

Pin8, ANCA, Canberra, ACT, Finalist

2017 Pin7, ANCA, Canberra, ACT, Finalist

2015 Deakin University Contemporary Small Sculpture Award, VIC, Winner

Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Winner of the Beowulf Prize

Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
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2012 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Winner of the Special Commendation Award

Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
 She Who Belongs, Walker Street Gallery, VIC, Winner

2004 The Hutchins Art Prize, The Long Gallery, Salamanca Place, Hobart, TAS, Finalist

Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist

Walking Sideways and Smiling, Gallery SP Sydney, as part of 'Sculpture 2004'

The Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist

2000 Ceramics - The Australian Context, Campbelltown Art Gallery, Winning prize for 'Excellence and Innovation'

1992 Images Congress Project, Pisa, Italy, Finalist

1991 The Sixth Annual International Exhibition of Miniature Art, Dell Bello Gallery, Toronto, Canada, Finalist

1990 The Space Group of Korea 'Sixth International Miniature Print Exhibition', Finalist
1984 International Independence Exhibition of Prints, Kanagawa, Japan, Finalist

City of Fremantle Art Award Exhibition, WA, Finalist

#### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2022 'In the Smile of a Tree', Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne, VIC

2016 'Show and Tell', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2015 'Between Rhyme and Reason', Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, NSW

2014 'The Collector', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2012 'Flights of Fancy', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2011 'Stage Whispers', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2010 'Imagining The Self', Coffs Harbour Regional Art Gallery, Coffs Harbour, NSW

2009 'Short Stories and Tall Tales', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2007 'An Enchanted Life', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Girlhood Memories', Monash Gallery of Art, VIC

2004 'Walking Sideways and Smiling', Gallery SP Sydney, NSW

2003 'Walking Sideways and Smiling', New England Regional Art Museum, NSW

2001 'In Search Of Childish Pleasures', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2000 'Night Fictions', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW
 1999 'Everyday Dreams', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW
 1998 'Secret Histories', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW

1997 'She Starts by Removing Her Face', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW

1996 'Circulatory Pleasures', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'Compulsive Beauty', The Maling Gallery, Casula Powerhouse, Sydney, NSW

1995 'Compulsive Beauty', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2024 '30 Years of Arthouse Gallery, Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'My Mother', Chrissie Cotter Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'Summer', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'1001 Remarkable Objects', Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, NSW

2023 Arthouse Gallery at Sydney Contemporary, Sydney, NSW

'Bits + Pieces', Bedford Gallery, California, USA.

'Imagined Worlds', Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne, VIC

2022 'Summer", Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2021 'Coming Home', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'Speaking to Trees', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'Small and Wall', Flinders Street Gallery, Melbourne, VIC

'Summer Salon', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2018

2017

2012

2020 '9X5', Walker Street Gallery, Dandenong, VIC 'Renewal', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'Animalia', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Summer', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2019 'Goulburn Bustle', Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, NSW

'Reflections of a Fading Sky', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'A World in a Looking Glass', Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW

'Love', Tweed River Regional Gallery, NSW

'Vital Push', Regard Studio Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Selected Works', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW '9 x 5', Walker Street Gallery, Dandenong, VIC

Arthouse Gallery at Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney, NSW

'Under the Sun', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW '9 x 5', Walker Street Gallery, Dandenong, VIC

Arthouse Gallery at Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney, NSW

2016 'Feel Big Live Small', The Mini Time Machine Museum Of Miniatures, Tucson, USA

'Hot Rod', Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, NSW

'Lorne Biennale', Lorne, VIC

'In The Still', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Feel Big Live Small', Apexart, New York, USA

'Unfolding Splendour', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'Spin', ANCA Gallery, ACT

'Storm In A Teacup', Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, VIC

2014 'Pin-a 4', ANCA Gallery, ACT

'Under the Sun', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'So Much More Than A Big Sheep', Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, NSW

'Minumental', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW 2013 'Pin Up' ANCA Gallery, Canberra, ACT

'Story', Penrith Regional Gallery and The Lewers Bequest, Sydney, NSW 'It's A Small World', Glasshouse Regional Gallery, Port Macquarie, NSW

'Holiday and Memory', Penrith Regional Gallery, Penrith, NSW

'Imaginings', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'Maximus Minimus', Defiance Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW Arthouse Gallery, Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, VIC

'Tiny Titans and Miniliths', Defiance Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'Under the Sun', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2011	'30 to Collect', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'The New Arcadia', Lismore Regional Gallery, NSW
	'A Cabinet of Curiosities', NG Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Mini Majors', Defiance Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2010	'Defiant Little Devils', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2009	'A Fairy's Tail', Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'You Little Beauty', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Wax On'' Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2008	'It's The Small Things That Count', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Flesh', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'She Who Explores', Walker Street Gallery, VIC
2007	'One Small Step for Mankind', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Float: Watercraft in Art', Lake Macquarie Art Gallery, NSW
	'She Who Dreams', Walker Street Gallery, VIC
2006	'How Much Art Thou Shrunk', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'She Who Belongs', Walker St Gallery, VIC
	'9 x 5 Exhibition', Walker Street Gallery, VIC
	'Linden Postcard Show', Linden, VIC
2005	'Collections', UWS Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'It all Started 10 Years Ago', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2004	'Sister Sister,' Lake Macquarie Art Gallery, NSW
	'The Heart of Art', Jendela Gallery, Singapore
	'Celebrate Australia 2004', Sagesse, Raffles City, Singapore
	'The March of the Miniatures', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2003	'Where the Small Walk Tall', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Sample, Female Orphan School', University of Western Sydney, NSW
2002	'Lady Ethel Knox Sculpture Collection', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Bag That!', Lake Macquarie Art Gallery, NSW
2001	'Small Wonders', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'HAKO + niwa', The Japan Foundation, Sydney, NSW
2000	'I Wish I Could Fly', The Little Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Ceramics - The Australian Context', Campbelltown Art Gallery, NSW
1999	'Delicious', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Elegance', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW

1998 'Wardrobe', The Performance Space, Sydney, NSW, The Institute of Modern Art, QLD, Perth

Institute of Contemporary Arts, Perth, WA

1998 The Maling Gallery, Casula Powerhouse, Sydney, NSW

1997 'Showcase', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'Wardrobe', Mad Love Gallery, Adelaide, SA

'Thin Skin', Performance Space, Sydney, NSW

1996 'Reliable, Goth', Spells, Encounter, Scissors, Encounter, Scissors, Veil,

'Narrative, Sign, Gargoyle, Homage, Fecund, Tantrum', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney

'Dissonants', College of Fine Arts Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'Visibility', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'Handbag', Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide, SA

1993 'Current States', Tin Sheds Gallery, University of Sydney, NSW

1992 'Images Congress Project', Pisa, Italy

'The Mental Zoo', Washington, USA

'Shadow Images', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

1991 'The Sixth Annual International Exhibition of Miniature Art', Dell Bello Gallery, Toronto, Canada (juried show)

1990 'Sixth International Miniature Print Exhibition', The Space Group, Korea

1989 'Cuts, Scratches and Bites', Australian Print Council 1988 'Sydney Printmakers Exhibition', Blaxland Gallery

1986 'Sydney Printmakers Exhibition' (in conjunction with the Biennale), Blaxland Gallery

'New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art', Indiana Fine Arts Gallery, Indiana University

1985 'Male Formy Grafiki', Polska Lodz, Poland

'Royal Art College Printmakers Exhibition', London

'Photo-screen exhibition', Roundhouse Gallery, University of NSW

'International Independence Exhibition of Prints', Kanagawa, Japan

1984-6 'Mini Print Travelling Exhibition', Print Council of Australia

#### SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, NSW

Deakin University

Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, NSW Coffs Harbour Regional Art Gallery, NSW

Lady Ethel Knox Sculpture Collection, Sydney, NSW

University of Western Sydney, NSW

University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW

Male Formy Grafiki, Polska Lodz, Poland (Permanent Collection)

Collection of C.E. Heath

Commonwealth Bank Collection

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'Eco Glass,' Homify, Jan 2015

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'Miniature Scenes Sculptures with Everyday Objects,' Fubiz, Nov 2014

'Breakfast Time, Just In Time,' Australian Art Collector, Iss.62, Oct-Dec 2012

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'Summertime Pastime,' Art Almanac, July 2010

'Holiday Heyday,' Australian Art Collector, Iss.49, Jul-Sept 2009

'Race, Chase, Displace Space,' Vogue Living: Art & Events, Nov-Dec 2008

'No Small Feat,' Vogue Living, Sept 2008

'The Future Forecast Report,' Voque Living, Nov-Dec 2007

'Kendal Murray, A Retrospective', University of Western Sydney, 2003

Laura Murray Cree, 'Awesome! Australian Art For Contemporary Kids', Sydney Craftsman House, 2002

'I Wish,' Belle Magazine, Feb 2002

'Femme Fatale,' Craft Arts International, No 34, 1995

'The Secret,' Art and Australia, Vol.30, no.1, Spring 1992

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