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THE HUON VALLEY OF STORIES AN EXHIBITION

4 to 26 September 2021, ARTBOX, Huonville



Visit THE HUON | VALLEY OF STORIES this September to discover a treasure trove of stories and storytelling...

- An ARTBOX exhibition of stories and storytelling in the Huon Valley
- From Saturday 4 to Sunday 26 September 2021
- On display every day and lit to 7 pm
- At the Huon Valley Hub, 23-25 Main St, Huonville

Launched on Saturday 4 September by Cr Bec Enders, Mayor of the Huon Valley, this month-long ARTBOX exhibition brings together more than 30 award-winning, intriguing and delightful books and storytelling items for you to explore.

"The Huon Valley has become a mecca for talent, and our literary community has played a big part in developing this reputation and the vibrancy of the Huon Valley," Cr Enders said.

Presented by the Valley's own Terror Australis Readers and Writers Festival (TARWF), and curated by the festival's Director, Dr L.J.M. Owen, each item in the ARTBOX was either created by a local artist or was inspired by the Valley itself.

"Living in the Huon Valley, I'm aware of the incredible creativity, diversity and talent of our writers and storytellers. Given how difficult it has been for us to gather, share and celebrate our work over the past year or two, our festival team has developed this ARTBOX exhibition to showcase the Valley's books and stories in a COVID19-safe way," Dr Owen said.



Visit this September to explore stories of life in the Valley, both real and imagined; award-winning stories; stories inspired by the valley's gardens, farms and orchards; dark and mysterious stories; and children's stories brimming with warmth and hope.

"It's a great outing for adults, families and school groups alike. Our hope is that readers, writers and fans of storytelling from the Valley – and from Hobart and beyond – visit for the day; that they come to Huonville to see and listen to the exhibition, then stay for lunch or afternoon tea to discuss the stories they discover at the ARTBOX," Dr Owen said.

Beginning with a special sung Welcome to Country, the physical ARTBOX exhibition is accompanied by an audio guide. This introduces you to each item in the box.

"Our literary community has something to offer to all readers, whether you're looking for something serious and thought-provoking, light and whimsical, or a story to share with the kids. The standard of writing and storytelling is first class, which is reflected in the number of national awards won by writers based in the Valley; you'll be raiding the shelves of your local library or bookstore soon after your visit," Dr Owen said.

The ARTBOX is free, open 24/7 and will be lit until 7 pm each day. You will need a mobile phone to access the interactive online audio guide. Headphones are recommended, and the audio guide can be downloaded from

terroraustralisfestival.com/artbox-2021

"We have a generous literary community that share their talent, knowledge and experiences and we can see this today through this exhibition," Cr Enders said.

Each Saturday in September, TARWF will host a special extension event at THE HUON | VALLEY OF STORIES:

- **CONNECTING | BRONWYN DILLON**, connection to country, family and ancestors told through melukerdee basketweaving, shell stringing and more, 11 September
- **DYED AND BURIED | LIVIA DAY** Book Launch, 18 September
- **NGUNE | BRONWYN ENGLERT**, a lifecycle of country told through fire, painting, charcoal, sculpture and jewellery, 25 September

For more information on THE HUON | VALLEY OF STORIES, please go to **terroraustralisfestival.com/artbox-2021**

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