

City of Greater Dandenong Mayor Cr Sean O'Reilly warmly invites you
to celebrate the launch of the new Civic Centre artwork

Journey



Journey is a new public art work created specially for the Dandenong Civic Centre by Artists Kris Coad and Julie Squires.

These three large canoe-shaped bone china sculptures represent the evolution of Dandenong and surrounding areas.

Come and enjoy drinks and canapés and be entertained by roving performers *Born in a Taxi*.

Thursday 3 September, 5.30pm–7pm
Dandenong Civic Centre

225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

RSVP: arts@cgd.vic.gov.au or 8571 1000 by Monday 31 August

JOURNEY

Journey represents the evolution of Dandenong and surrounding areas. The work was commissioned through a public process and the artist's brief was to create an artwork which reflected Dandenong's past, present and future especially for the Civic Centre foyer.

The three large canoe-shaped bone china sculptures float within the foyer as if gliding through water. Their iconic form symbolises the flow of time, the cycle of growth and evolution and concepts of passage and journeying. Each piece represents a stage of Dandenong's development from early pre colonial times, its agricultural period and the more recent diversity of the modern era.

The gently undulating surface of each canoe is reminiscent of the natural world with their shadows rippling over the wall, creating the sense of quiet reflection.

KRIS COAD – CERAMIC ARTIST

Kris is an award winning ceramic artist living and working in Melbourne. Kris has been a practicing ceramicist for over 20 years, dividing her time between her studio practice and being an arts educator. Recently, Kris worked full time in a studio at the Gas Works Art Park, producing ceramic pieces for exhibitions, a translucent porcelain tableware range for selected retail outlets and pieces on commission.

Kris has exhibited in over 70 exhibitions including the 3rd World Ceramic Biennale in Korea and is represented in public collections. Her work has also featured in many magazines, journals and custom books.

JULIE SQUIRES – SCULPTOR

Julie is an award winning sculptor and was resident artist at Gas Works Art Park for ten years. Over the past eighteen years, Julie has created and produced over 20 Public Art Sculptures and installations across Australia. Her work is held in collections in Australia, Europe, China and the UK.

Specialising in steel and bronze sculpture, Julie has a comprehensive knowledge of structural and technical design. She fabricates her own work to ensure she has the greatest flexibility in the design development.

