

MEDIA RELEASE

ANTIPODEAN ENCOUNTERS: WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS AND TAIWANESE CULTURE

OPENING CELEBRATION

Saturday 11 August 11am – 2pm | Tea Ceremony, family activities, and curator talk.

VIEWING TIMES

15 August – 28 September | Wed – Fri 10am – 5pm | Sat Aug 11 & 25, Sept 15 | 11am – 2pm

Personal objects have been the catalyst for conversation between nineteen local artists and members of the Perth Taiwanese community as they have worked towards *Antipodean Encounters*, an exhibition opening at Midland Junction Arts Centre (MJAC) this August. These artists have re-contextualised these dialogues, creating new works to help navigate the increasingly complex issues embedded in the hybrid cultural society in which we live.

Antipodean Encounters, curated by Ashley Yihsin Chang is the result of *Guanyin in the South West: A Portrait of Taiwan in Perth*, a year-long program of workshops, meetings, studio visits and cultural tours between the Perth Taiwanese community and Western Australian artists. The resulting exhibition features a wide variety of mediums including painting, photography, ceramics, textiles and installation.

The aim of this project is to foster cultural understanding, respect and integration and to build a sense of belonging, a local project with a global outlook. The project builds upon existing relationships between Taiwan and Perth, including the Sister City agreement between Taipei and Perth signed in 1999.

Participating artists include Nalda Searles, Olga Cironis, Janine McAullay Bott, Sarah Toohey, Perdita Philips, Eva Fernandez, Carmela Corvaia, Vanessa Wallace, Elizabeth Marruffo, Mel Dare, Claire Bushby, Louise Monte, Denise Brown, Beverly Iles, Sharon Callow, Elizabeth Devlin, Shona McGregor, Emily Ten Raa, and Candy Chiao-Yun Lee.

TEA WARE @ THE STORE

In conjunction with *Antipodean Encounters: Western Australian Artists and Taiwanese Culture*, MJAC is celebrating tea ware and the art of ceramics. Tea and the sharing of tea are celebrated by many cultures in diverse and often ritualistic ways.

A pop up shop will be held at MJAC's The Store, featuring the work of Claire Ng, Melissa Statham, Bernard Kerr, Jenny Kerr, Lee Woodcock, Dee Parker, Emma Vinkovic, Alison Brown, Rie Yamauchi, Megan Evans, Amanda Harris, and Denise Brown. There will also be a display of Taiwanese and Chinese tea sets and implements from private collections, including many from the renowned ceramic studios in Yingge, Taiwan.

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