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DON'T JETTISON EVERYTHING

MUNDARING ARTS CENTRE | GALLERY 1

OPENING CELEBRATION
Friday 3 August 7pm

VIEWING TIMES
4 August – 16 September | Tues – Fri 10am – 5pm | Sat – Sun 11am – 3pm

This August, *Don't Jettison Everything*, Mundaring Arts Centre's 2018 members show reflects on the current trend towards fixing or reinventing, as a reaction to a throw away culture. Repurposing is something that artists have always done, seeing the beauty in unexpected places and objects.

Mundaring Arts Centre (MAC) celebrates the ingenuity of our members with *Don't Jettison Everything,* an exhibition of works created from the discarded, the broken or the abandoned. As a member based organisation, MAC thrives on community involvement and participation, and the members show is an opportunity to showcase the some of the many artists who support the gallery.

The theme of this year's exhibition was born from curator Mikaela Castledine's recent experience of down-sizing elderly parents from their house of fifty years. "Working through cluttered rooms, cupboards and sheds and deciding what items should be saved or sold or scrapped is a salutary process. Seesawing uncomfortably between vowing to not hoard belongings in the same way but finding yourself unable to part with certain things, forces an assessment of the monetary, historical, personal or aesthetic worth of each object if it is not to be jettisoned."

Don't Jettison Everything explores the way in which artists are able to make something new out of the old, something valuable out of the discarded, something extraordinary out of the mundane, and celebrates the art of transformation.

Curated by Mikaela Castledine, *Don't Jettison Everything* features artwork by a selection of talented Mundaring Arts Centre members at a variety of stages in their careers. Mikaela Castledine is a MAC board member, artist, writer, and designer based in the Perth hills.

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