

Media Release



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when i was a buoyant

Marrickville Council's Artist In Residence in July and August, Dr Josh Wodak, will exhibit the results of his residency at the Chrissie Cotter Gallery in late August.

His two exhibitions, *when i was a buoyant* and *Turaluralu Tuvalu* both deal with the topics of climate change and sea level rises.

when i was a buoyant is made up of portrait photographs depicting future sea level rises from different climate change trajectories.

Turaluralu Tuvalu looks at the interplay between the seemingly tangible and intangible dimensions of climate change and the effects of sea level rises on low lying Pacific Islands.

Turaluralu Tuvalu was produced through an Artist Residency at the Department of Photography and Media Art at ANU School of Art in 2011.

The exhibitions will be opened by Professor Lesley Hughes, a Climate Commissioner with the Australian Climate Commission.

Marrickville Council's Artists Residency Program provides month-long professional development opportunities for artists while promoting cultural understanding.

Mayor of Marrickville Councillor Morris Hanna said the Program fosters Council's relationships with local, regional NSW and interstate artists and assists in local and national cultural collaborations. "The Artist in Residency Program has been a strong contributing factor to the development of Marrickville's unique artistic character," Councillor Hanna said.

"This particular residency brings together two of Council's aims for our community: Strengthening Marrickville's role as a leading centre for the arts in Sydney, and raising awareness of climate change and the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"Council has long recognised the threat of climate change and is reducing greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency measures and investigating sources of renewable energy," Councillor Hanna said.

For interviews with the artist, examples of his work, or a photo opportunity, please contact the Communication team or see the project page on Josh's website at tata.arch-angle.net or contact Josh on josh@arch-angle.net or 0405 947 324.

***when i was a buoyant* and *Turaluralu Tuvalu* at the Chrissie Cotter Gallery, Pidcock Street Camperdown. Opening at 6pm on 15 August. Media are invited to attend. The exhibitions run until August, Wednesday to Sunday, 11am - 4pm**

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