



Beauty of the Wild

Karen Haskard



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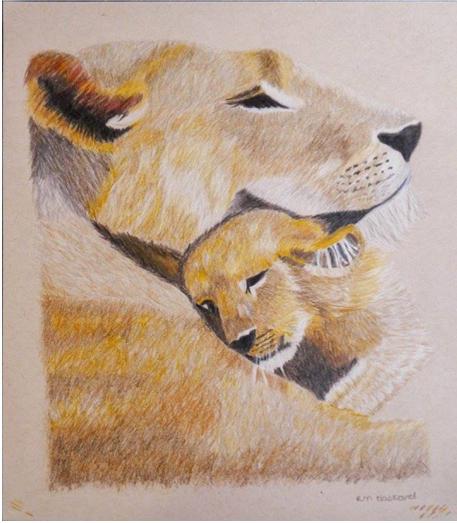
Beauty of the Wild is an exhibition of drawings by South Australian visual artist, Karen Haskard. The exhibition celebrates the beauty of nature and animals in the wild. Karen has concentrated on the colours and raw beauty of magnificent wild animals such as lions, zebras, penguins and meerkats.

Karen focuses on the faces of the animals to show the personality and loving bond that exists between a mother

and her baby even in the wild. Her drawings bring the animals to life on the page: *'When I draw animals, I bring them to life by focusing on their unique colours and the depth of their eyes.'*

Karen's drawings are created by hand with colour pencil, graphite and charcoal on paper. Her passion for creativity and art are important to her feeling most at peace and at





home when she is drawing.

I'm excited and honoured to be chosen to exhibit my wild animals at the Women's and Children's Hospital. Hopefully the animals can bring a bit of colour and fun and brighten the day of the children and parents too.'

In 2017, Karen had a solo exhibition at the Hindmarsh Library in Hindmarsh, South Australia exhibiting 18 artworks of hand-drawn wild

animals. She is a member of the Port Community Art Centre in Port Adelaide and has previously exhibited at the Black Diamond Gallery. Karen recently received a Special Recognition Award for her portrait titled 1960's woman – model 19.16 in the All Women Art Exhibition at the Light, Space & Time Online Art Gallery. This year, three of her artworks were also selected for the 2018 Victor Harbor Art Show.



The Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation (WCH Foundation) raises funds in support of the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide, South Australia. Founded in 1984, the WCH Foundation is committed to ensuring that mums, children and their families have access to the very best in medical care, hospital facilities and support services at a time when they need it the most.

The WCH Foundation has developed a number of Arts in Health programs to integrate art into the life of the Hospital to improve people's health and wellbeing. We try to make the environment more 'child-friendly', making it look better and helping to make the time spent in hospital 'feel better'.

Established in August 2008, the Arts in Health program delivers a range of activities throughout the hospital across art forms such as: Visual Arts and Digital Media, Music and Performing Arts, Public Arts and Integrated Design, Literature and the Therapeutic Arts (Play Therapy, Art Therapy and Music Therapy). From providing pencils and colouring books in waiting areas, to managing Gallery spaces and art displays in the Hospital, collaborating with Hospital School on book week activities and working closely with the Play Therapy Team, the Arts in Health program delivers smiles and fun throughout the Hospital.

The WCH Foundation's Gallery program coordinates four galleries in the Hospital, providing a space away from the stresses of treatment to distract, entertain and inspire, improving the visual environment. The artworks displayed in the exhibition spaces come from a range of sources – internally from hospital staff, patients (women & children) and their families, through Hospital School, or specific Arts in Health activities and externally from local artists and art collectives.

Beauty of the Wild was planned and exhibited on the lands of the Kurna People, we pay our respects to the Kuarna Elders past and present and to the Elders of the lands this brochure reaches.



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