



# WILD IMPRESSION

An exhibition by Amaya Gamage

Women's & Children's  
Hospital Foundation



Amaya Gamage is a 19-year-old artist from Mount Gambier. Specialising in drawing animals, Amaya's art is a vibrant celebration of the natural world. Living with different abilities, Amaya has found a powerful means of communication and self-expression through art, transcending conventional barriers.

Amaya's artwork is not just about capturing the beauty of animals but also about conveying emotions and stories that resonate deeply with viewers. Each piece is a testament to Amaya's unique perspective and unwavering passion for wildlife.

As an artist captivated by the enchanting diversity of the animal kingdom, Amaya's work seeks to illuminate the beauty found within each creature. Drawing serves not only as a method of relaxation but as an outlet for her creative energy, since she learned to draw as a child.

At the age of 13, Amaya proudly shared her passion with the world through her debut book, "Amaya's Animal Alphabet," a journey through the alphabet intertwined with her artistic interpretations of beloved animals. Simultaneously, Amaya held her first solo exhibition at The Riddoch Art and Cultural Centre in Mount Gambier.

As an artist with autism, Amaya wishes to inspire others to focus on honing their potential and follow their dreams instead of dwelling on their limitations.

With a dream to reach a wider audience and touch hearts around the world, Amaya Gamage continues to create, inspire, and share the beauty of animals with a growing community of admirers. Amaya has won many art awards and was nominated for Young Achiever of the year in South Australia in 2024.

Learn more about Amaya's practice: [www.amayasdrawings.com](http://www.amayasdrawings.com) and [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095148222487](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095148222487)



Image top left: *Twilight Claw*, Digital Drawing , 2024

Image top right: *Monochrome gaze (Portrait)*, Digital Drawing, 2023

Image bottom left: *Shadowed Majesty*, Digital Drawing, 2023

Image bottom right: Amaya Gamage

The Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation (WCH Foundation) improves the health and wellbeing outcomes for children and families under the care of the Women's and Children's Hospital and the broader Health Network.

The WCH Foundation Arts in Health program creates an interactive and vibrant hospital environment that improves the health and wellbeing of the hospital patients, their families and staff. Through art, play and music, we encourage curiosity and creativity and reduce the stress of being in hospital.

The Arts in Health Exhibition program provides a space away from the stresses of treatment to distract, entertain and inspire by improving the hospital 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 specific Arts in Health activities and externally from local artists and art collectives.

This exhibition was planned and exhibited on the lands of the Kaurna People, we pay our respects to the Kaurna Elders past and present and to the Elders of the lands this brochure reaches.

Cover image: detail of *Tropical Duo*, Digital Drawing, 2024



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