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Activating our laneways

Two laneways within Goulburn's CBD will be brightened with fresh, thought-provoking artworks in the coming month. Three artists have been engaged, with the project coming on the back of the CBD Master Plan which advocated for further laneway activation.

The first work will be installed in Russell Lane onto the better block wall attached to Bi-Rite. Artist Bradley Eastman's murals explore a unique visual language incorporating geometric detailing, balance, movement and organic shapes inspired by the geological formations, waterways and growth patterns found in natural landscapes relevant to the sites where his work is installed. Eastman will begin installing over the June long weekend.

Walker Lane will be the next of Goulburn's laneways to be revitalised by the ongoing public art strategy. The work will be undertaken by James Lieutenant and Kate Vassallo, a Canberra based collaborative duo who are inspired by geometry and architecture. Their work will transform the laneway façade attached to Saltwater Dream. Lieutenant and Vassallo specialise in eye-popping, geometric pieces and their work has been designed to be immersive.

Mayor Bob Kirk is looking forward to the brightening of our laneways during winter. "The recent consultation for the CBD Masterplan showed continuing laneway activation as one of the top priorities for the City. A quick view of previous works by these artists shows we will have some fantastic new public art additions in the coming month."

Gina Mobayed, Goulburn Regional Art Gallery Director said: "These three artists have responded thoughtfully to our city and their work will enhance the experience of moving through it. Their responses are contemporary and uplifting and I look forward to unveiling them to our community. The support from local business owners around the sites has been fantastic and a great example of how we can work together to secure opportunities for both artists and our spaces."

Kate Vassallo and James Lieutenant will be creating 'Lilac Walk', a geometric wall painting in Walker Lane: "We are really excited to be doing this public art project! Growing up in neighboring Canberra, we've always felt a strong connection to Goulburn and the region. It feels really great to have the opportunity to make an artwork in such a prominent nook along a main thoroughfare. We believe this piece incorporates some of the old and new of Goulburn, we hope that it will bring the public a lot of joy."

Bradley Eastman has developed a passion for contributing to local townships with his public art practice: "My piece for Russell Lane will be a continuation of an ongoing body of work, presenting abstracted landscapes, the flowing Wollondilly and Mulwaree Rivers, organic movements, colour balance and ideas of the future of nature"

Goulburn Mulwaree Council would like to thank the private owners of each of the buildings who have enabled these installations to proceed.

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