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Colouring the walls of Lyell McEwin Hospital

A burst of colours will be brightening the walls of the Lyell McEwin Hospital (LMH) from today, thanks to the artworks of 16 talented Barossa artists inspired by their COVID-19 stories.

The [Centre for Creative Health \(CCH\)](#), a charity of [The Hospital Research Foundation](#) Group is thrilled to present this exhibition, called *BURST: Static Vibrations*, featuring art by the [Tutti Arts](#) Barossa artists.

The exhibition follows a successful showing of the work in Tanunda on 16 September which was attended by local members of parliament Stephan Knoll MP and Tony Piccolo MP, as well as Margaret Lehmann and Tutti Artistic Director Pat Rix.

The vibrant and diverse exhibition reflects each artists' individual journey as they navigate through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The group began working on these artworks in June, post-isolation and created art on the theme 'surviving COVID', telling their story of 2020.

The result is a burst of colour, vibrations and stillness and each colourful story is relatable and relevant to the broader community and offers a timely reminder that, despite our necessary distance, we are all connected.

CCH's Senior Curator Fiona Borthwick says bringing this exhibition to life in partnership with Tutti Arts is helping create positivity within the community and the artists in such a challenging year.

"Art in a hospital setting can have a powerful impact on people, especially those facing a difficult time in hospital, as well as the hospital staff working hard to help people in their time of need," Fiona says.

"The works from Tutti Arts artists are incredibly bright and colourful and will definitely transport viewers and take their minds off what they're going through."

Tutti Arts Artistic Director, Pat Rix, says: "Tutti artists are very tuned in to their communities and I can't think of anything more appropriate this year than to mount an exhibition aimed at lifting the spirits of health workers, patients and visitors at Lyell McEwin Hospital."

The LMH is a very important hospital servicing the northern community. Sandra Parr, Executive Director of Allied Health within the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network says it's a great collaborative initiative that will be enjoyed by all at the hospital.

"I'm very happy to support these local artists by having their artwork brighten up walls at the Lyell McEwin Hospital and am looking forward to seeing how patients and staff react to their incredible work," Sandra says.

The exhibition can be enjoyed by the many patients, staff, volunteers, and visitors at the LMH from 18 September 2020 until 11 December 2020.

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About Centre for Creative Health

The Centre for Creative Health aims to improve the quality and experience of healthcare through art, music and design; from living a healthy lifestyle, through prevention, treatment, recovery and end of life care. CCH provides best-practice arts, music and design programs, projects and other creative initiatives for the patients, visitors and staff in hospital across CALHN and NALHN including the Royal Adelaide Hospital, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre and Glenside Acute Mental Health Services. In 2019, the Centre for Creative Health extended its Gallery Program to the Lyell McEwin Hospital in the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network.

About Tutti Arts

Tutti Arts is one of Australia's leading disability arts companies where artists with a learning disability create visual art, music, theatre, dance, film, new media and installations for a growing local and international audience. Tutti has been operating visual arts and film & new media programs in the Barossa since 2017 with support from the Barossa Council.

As the world went into lockdown in response to Coronavirus, Tutti moved all of its programs online.

While online programs were a success in maintaining a sense of community and purpose, it was with great joy that Tutti's face-to-face programs were able to recommence in June. It was from this point that the Tutti Barossa artists worked towards the '**BURST: Static Vibrations**' exhibition for the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

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