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Exhibition explores the theme of women in art and business

The artwork of regional high school students will be on display alongside works by local emerging artist Emma-Kate Busscher as part of an exhibition exploring the theme of women in art and business.

The exhibition is the culmination of the Jansz 'Women, Art, Business' Artist Residency Program and will be held at the University of Tasmania's NEW Gallery (Newnham campus) on **Friday, 6 December from 6 pm-7.30 pm.**

The Jansz residency program is run by the University's College of Business and Economics and aims to give an emerging female artist in Tasmania the opportunity to develop their practice as well as engage with young female students from regional schools.

Academic and Creative Lead Dr Kim Lehman said the residency stemmed from the recognised need to amplify female voices in the current social climate.

"The selection panel felt that Ms Busscher's keen interest in the lived experiences of women in rural and regional environments made her an ideal artist for the residency," Dr Lehman said.

"What's really exciting about this program is the participation of a group of female students from rural high schools, who have been encouraged to consider the potential of learning and understanding business and creating art within a supportive environment."

Students from Port Dalrymple School, Lilydale District School and Scottsdale High School took part in the four-week program, which included a series of workshops and presentations to inspire their artwork and develop their creative skills.

Artist Emma-Kate Busscher was based at Jansz Winery for the first week of her residency, which included a full-day workshop with the students and presentations on women in business by guest speakers from the University and Jansz.

She then relocated to the School of Creative Arts and Media at Inveresk to complete her work and assist the students during their studio sessions.

“This residency really made me think about women in everyday life getting on with their own business and what that’s like for them. Celebrating life is important for every stage of life and that impacts women as much as seeing women in places they want to be,” Ms Busscher said.

The Jansz ‘Women, Art, Business’ Exhibition will be on display at the NEW Gallery, University of Tasmania (Newnham campus), from 6 – 18 December, 2019. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

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