



## Journey

An exhibition of paintings and pottery by **Bill McSwain**.

Bill McSwain's artistic journey has two parts.

His adventure started in 1969 when he left Australia by ship for England and South Africa. His wanderlust took him on to Italy, then overland to London. After working and exploring Scotland, Ireland, England and many European countries, Bill returned back home through the Panama Canal, stopping off at Tahiti.



Then again in 1974, adventure beckoned him to ride the wild seas around Cape Horn, stopping off at Argentina and Brazil. Bill based his stay in London, and this time was one of study, painting at the National Gallery and copying the Old Masters as part of the study programme.

His drawing lessons included studying ceramics and painting down around the coast of Cornwall. Once Bill returned home, he put into practise all his newly honed skills in painting, drawing, pottery. He also began teaching and exhibiting in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide.

In 1981 the sirens beckoned him again, and he set off to the South Pacific to work and live, ending up in the Gilbert Islands Kiribati; working as a Youth Trainer on a UN funded programme. Bill returned to Australia in 1986 with his new family to continue painting, potting, drawing and teaching.

The second part of Bill's journey started twelve months ago. This time, with a blank canvas, he set out to discover the wonders of colour, shape, form, light and reflections. Bill used his knowledge of the past to guide him on his way.

Bill's paintings include landscapes, portraiture and a stunning set of large works on canvas featuring Australian birds. His pottery too, is large – created using a pottery wheel and hand building techniques.



Some of his glazed pottery works also feature decorative elements, both figurative and abstract. "I have pushed the boundaries of shape and form on the pottery wheel" Bill says.



He describes his style as Modern Impressionism, reflecting on the wonder of images seen on past adventures.

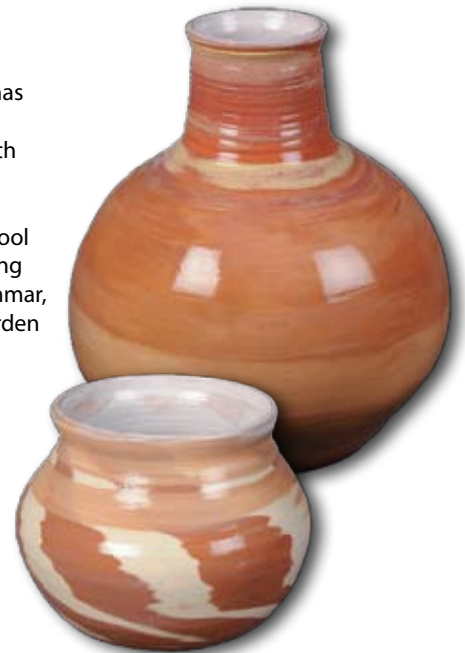
Bill gained his Diploma of Graphic Arts at the Caulfield Institute of Technology

He then worked as a designer for Channel 9 in Melbourne, as well as a freelance Graphic artist/illustrator.

Bill's teaching career has included positions in the Victorian and South Australian Education Departments, plus numerous private school appointments including Woodlands Girls Grammar, Westminster and Muirden College, teaching art & design.

He has participated in numerous group and individual shows around Australia.

Bill hopes you will enjoy your journey through this exhibition.



'Journey' will be officially launched by the **Hon Iain Evans MP**, Member for Davenport  
**7pm, Friday 8 April**  
 Free entry, all welcome

# GALLERY **M**diary

**3 April**

CLOSE OF CURRENT EXHIBITION

**8 April - 8 May**

WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

- ▶ *'Journey'*  
Paintings and pottery by **Bill McSwain**

## MEET THE ARTIST

**2pm, Sunday 17 April**

A chance to talk to Bill McSwain in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.  
Free entry.

### PLEASE NOTE:

*Gallery M will be closed for the Easter Weekend from Friday 22 April to Tuesday 26 inclusive*

**13 May - 5 June**

TWO EXHIBITIONS

- ▶ *'Divergent Perspectives'*  
Textile artworks by the **Wild Fibre Artists**
- ▶ *'The Closed Schools of Marion'*  
Photographs & artefacts from the 'Baby Boomer' schools (now gone) that once existed in the City of Marion area. In conjunction with the **Marion Historical Society**

**10 June - 3 July**

WHOLE GALLERY EXHIBITION

- ▶ Paintings and hand painted porcelain by the **Australasian Porcelain Art Teachers SA Inc** and artistic friends of APAT

**8 - 31 July**

THREE EXHIBITIONS

- ▶ Paintings and drawings by members of the **Marion Art Group**
- ▶ *'On Vessels'*  
Prints and drawings, boat travel inspired, by **Glenda Bowen**
- ▶ *'With Vessels or Vassals'*  
Classic and contemporary 3D vessels and sculptures by **Studio Potters SA Inc.**

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