

MEDIA RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OUT OF THE SHADOWS OF A LONG SUMMER

4 September to 10 October 2019

Alison Rehfisch (1900 - 1975) and her contemporaries

Artists: Alison Rehfisch, Jean Appleton, Janna Bruce, Enid Cambridge, Margaret Coen, Grace Cossington Smith, Nancy Goldfinch, Adelaide Perry, Margaret Preston

Opening Event: Saturday 7 September 2-4pm with Dr Nicky McWilliam (daughter of the late Eva Breuer)

Curated by Nick Vickers

A group of women artists emerge from the shadows of the long summer of Sydney during the nineteen thirties. These are the late afternoon shadows that stretch from the northern suburbs of Pymble and Waitara to the tiny bohemian enclave of Rowe and Bligh Streets in the centre of a city exhaling the dust of the first world war. Sometimes these are the shadows of their male contemporaries who were riding a wave of Modernism into the ateliers and galleries that peppered that part of town.

The Dattilo-Rubbo studio, based in Rowe Street was to become the central meeting point for many of the women artists of that inter-war period. It was not just a physical location but also a studio where the location of ideas, philosophies and colour theories become the dialogue of the day. Dattilo-Rubbo was energised by the works of Cezanne, Matisse and Gauguin and his influence on the direction that the works of artists like Alison Rehfisch, Grace Cossington Smith, Nancy Goldfinch, Janna Bruce, Adelaide Perry and Margaret Coen were to take forms the central curatorial of this exhibition.



Alison Rehfisch *Berrima Landscape*

SHORT STATEMENT

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Margaret Coen

Hydrangeas with Chinese figure, 1934

Watercolour on paper

31.0 cm x 36.0 cm

Image Greg Weight



Nancy Goldfinch

Henrietta Street, Double Bay, 1939

Oil on canvas, mounted on board

45.5 x 36 cm

High Resolution images are available.

The **Grace Cossington Smith Gallery** is a not-for-profit gallery, run by Abbotsleigh, serving the public through free admission and a changing exhibition program.

The Gallery is open Monday to Friday from 10 am-5 pm and Saturday 9am – 4pm.

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