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Within and Beyond 18 April – 16 May
Opening 22 April 6 to 8pm
to be opened by Rhonda Davis, Curator Macquarie University Art Gallery.

Showcasing the vitality of art practice in Sydney's North Shore

The Grace Cossington Gallery is pleased to present *Within and Beyond*, bringing together a selection of artworks produced by artists who live within the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai regions of northern Sydney. The gallery sits on the boundary of these two areas and, through Abbotsleigh's October 1898 move to Wahroonga, feels a strong connection to the locality. The gallery namesake Grace Cossington Smith spent most of her life in her family home in Turramurra. Like the artists in this exhibition she found inspiration and beauty nearby but also sought the wider picture of art ideas and world events occurring beyond the home.

It is clearly evident from this exhibition that the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai region has a great wealth of artistic talent but there is no regional art gallery representing the diversity of creative ideas and skill of professional artists and this is our first step in forging connections with these artists. We aim to be a vibrant destination in the region with a mix of innovative and culturally diverse exhibitions. We wish to engage the public in rich artistic dialogues with artists and artworks.

Within and Beyond presents the work of twenty-nine artists who are linked by location:

Lucy Barker, Lyndall Beck, David Collins, Liz Cuming, John Crawford, Kate Downhill, Karen Farrell, Amanda Hale, Stephen Hall, Rew Hanks, Kristin Hardiman, Tannya Harricks, Ross Harvey, Sussie Heymans, Roslyn Kean, Michael Kempson, Ursula Laverty, Ana Pollak, Sandi Rigby, Alex Robinson, Anne Starling, Sally Stokes, Janet Tavener, Sherna Teperson, Ingrid van der Aa, Greg Warburton, Margaret Woodward, John Wright, Peter Zanetti.

These artists work in varied media: in painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, video and photography. Subjects are also diverse; some drawn from the area, such as the Hawkesbury River, the beautiful Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park and the tree filled suburban gardens and its wildlife and others from journeys, personal experiences and beliefs.



Margaret Woodward (born 1938)

Owl, 2004

Ink and watercolour, 21 x 16 cm

Private Collection

(Margaret has been the recipient of the Le Gay Brereton Prize for Drawing, the Wynne Prize for landscape painting, and twice winner of the Portia Geach Memorial Prize among numerous other awards. Several of her drawings submitted for the Dobell Drawing Prize have been purchased by the Art Gallery of NSW.)

For more information regarding the artists in this exhibition please contact Mary Faith.

The **Grace Cossington Smith Gallery** is a not-for-profit project run by Abbotsleigh and serves the public through free admission and an education program. The Gallery is open Monday to Saturday from 10 am-5 pm. Enter via Gate 7, 1666 Pacific Highway Wahroonga. Phone: 02 9483 7878

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***Within and Beyond* exhibition at Grace Cossington Gallery, Wahroonga, 18 April to 16 May 2015**

Within and Beyond brings together a selection of artworks produced by artists who live within the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai regions of northern Sydney, the local area of GCS gallery. The exhibition reveals a wealth of talent with works by 29 artists working in painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, video and photography. Subjects are also diverse, drawn from the beauty of the region as well as journeys, personal experiences and beliefs. The Grace Cossington Smith Gallery plans an annual program showcasing the work of professional artists and this is our first step in forging connections with the artists.

Exhibition features:

- Works by 29 artists
- Lucy Barker, Lyndall Beck, David Collins, Liz Cuming, John Crawford, Kate Downhill, Karen Farrell, Amanda Hale, Stephen Hall, Rew Hanks, Kristin Hardiman, Tannya Harricks, Ross Harvey, Sussie Heymans, Roslyn Kean, Michael Kempson, Ursula Laverty, Ana Pollak, Sandi Rigby, Alex Robinson, Anne Starling, Sally Stokes, Janet Tavener, Sherna Teperson, Ingrid van der Aa, Greg Warburton, Margaret Woodward, John Wright, Peter Zanetti.
- Varied media and concepts