

Mother love a bid for charity

TANYA MACNAUGHTON

A quote by Mother Teresa was all Fremantle artist Lauren Elise Kennedy needed to inspire her Aspiring 2020 exhibition work titled Nurture.

"The theme of the exhibition was what you wish for the future to make it a better place," Kennedy said.

"Originally I wanted to do something about sustainability but then I came across Mother Teresa's quote 'If you want to change the world go home and love your children', and it really resonated with me.

"I think parents or guardians of young children need to work on raising people who are loved and nurtured, especially in those early years, so we can instil good morals like respecting ourselves, others and the planet. After all, they'll be making the decisions in the future for our existence."

The mother of two young

daughters said she thought many would be able to relate to her artwork of a baby in the arms of their mother, painted in acrylic and ink.

"I want people to feel the love," the ECU graduate said.

"It sounds really corny but we need more love in the world and for people just to slow down and be present, to take the time to nurture our children."

Kennedy was invited to take part in the exhibition where eight artists created their work live in Raine Square during January.

The pieces are displayed in the Windows of Wentworth on the corner of Murray and William streets while being auctioned online, closing April 1, with proceeds to Raine Medical Research Foundation.

"It's a wonderful initiative to raise money for the Raine Medical Research Foundation and a good opportunity for artists to showcase their work," Kennedy said. "It was nice to be out in the community because



as artists we work alone a lot, which can be quite isolating.

"It was great meeting the other emerging artists in Perth and to see how completely different our styles were. One was collaging, another was painting florals and another did geometric block work. It's such a variety."

Fremantle artist Lauren Elise Kennedy with her work, Nurture.
Picture: Andrew Ritchie

ARTEFACT

SCULPTURE BY THE UNI

A new sculpture commemorating Australian wartime prime minister John Curtin has been installed at Curtin University's Perth campus this week.

Designed and built by renowned British sculptor Walter Jack, Other Views features 18 towering blades cut from solid brass plates, which act as windows and feature five key statements made by WA's only PM.

Jack said he was honoured to be commissioned to design the work, which was "a once-in-a lifetime opportunity".

Curtin was, he said, "a man all about society, a revolutionary socialist and a thinker. I wanted to create a work which honoured that and also reflects what Curtin stands for as a university."

Brass plates cut from the windows have been transformed into benches: one has been incorporated into the installation, with the rest to be placed around the campus.



Walter Jack with his new sculpture, Other Views. Picture: Sam Proctor

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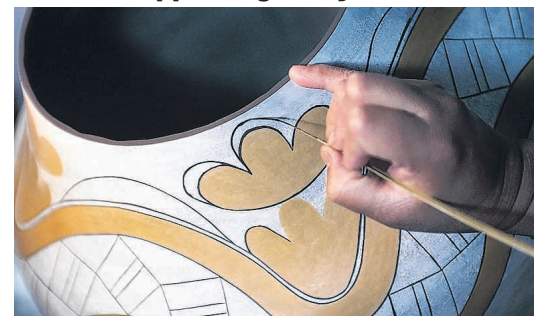
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