

IAVA ARTISTS' TALKS AT THE GALLERY

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ILLAWARRA ASSOCIATION FOR THE VISUAL ARTS

IAN BROWN AND DAVID ROACH

Saturday 7 May, 2 - 3pm



IAN BROWN

My psyche is now predominantly about my art. In another life I was much more academic... I now immerse myself in all in all things art.

I work in abstraction where mark making becomes the most important aspect of the work. Fragmented landscapes emerge from bold textured responses. At the moment I enjoy baring back the pristine natural wooden canvas allowing the imagined world to evolve. My work explores layers of heavy texture, bold acrylics incorporating hand printed monotypes to intrigue the viewer. True colour is not necessarily an important aspect of my work as the abstracted form takes precedence. My works hopefully provide a narrative to explore the landscape with a non-traditional edge.

Image: Ian Brown, *The Cove*, acrylic on canvas, 100 x 120cm, 2021.



DAVID ROACH

I am an artist and filmmaker. Narrative drive is important in my films. They're temporal journeys. Whereas my paintings are more like palimpsests, layered thoughts. If I'm lucky I discover meaning somewhere in those layers. It can be fleeting and arbitrary, like finding a moment in time captured in geological sedimentation.

The marks that move across the surface of my paintings could suggest animal tracks, pathways, contour lines or a child's scribbles. I work in abstraction. I don't make pictures of things. In film, the real power comes from the subtext - the gap between the language and the thought. Where does the 'art' take place; in the painting or in the viewer's perception of it? Perhaps it happens in the still point half way between the two.

Image: David Roach, *Walking the Wodi Wodi II*, cedar, acrylic, ground pigment on board, 78 x 70cm, 2021.

IAVA is a group of highly accomplished artists with networks of like-minded artistic friends and colleagues. In each talk an IAVA member has invited an artist they admire, for a joint discussion about their artistic practices. www.iavacomtempart.org

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