

Art & Photography exhibition by Pamela Reid

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Through their 'Urban-Eyes'

In her belief that everybody is creative, Artist/Photographer Pamela Reid invited people around Stonnington to paint: spontaneously, unstructured, 'no rules' art.

Laying out canvases, paints and brushes, Pamela encouraged passers-by, shoppers, families, whoever was willing to 'give it a go'. Mostly, these were people who told her they had never painted before or hadn't picked up a paint brush since school. As they painted, Pamela captured the community photographically.

"The title 'Urban-Eyes' is a play on words," explains Pamela. "I concentrated on the Prahran/Windsor area as there is such an urban mix: high rise housing commission flats, gardens and charming Victorian terrace houses. Around the back streets I explored colourful graffiti art, or I strolled Chapel Street where there's a host of multi-cultural dining on offer. The two-fold purpose of the 'Urban-Eyes' project was to foster individual creativity, while I observed, portraying the essence through my camera lens."

All 'artists' were delighted with themselves and the works have their own representative story: a family celebrating a 60th birthday in Victoria Gardens; fruit and veg shoppers at Prahran Market; dog walkers; youth at the skate park; the Principal, staff and students at Prahran's new high school. *"Watching the exhibition evolve, was a joyful, collaborative experience,"* added Pamela.

These wonderful outcomes comprise the 'Urban-Eyes' project, proving that everyone is, indeed, an artist.

The City of Stonnington proudly supports the 'Urban-Eyes' project.

Exhibition opening: Tuesday 25 February, 6-7.30pm

Exhibition dates: February 25 – March 15, 2020 | 12pm-5pm daily

Chapel Off Chapel, Foyer Gallery, 12 Little Chapel Street, Prahran 3181

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Other solo/project exhibitions by Pamela Reid:

2019: **Stage Door** - Foyer Gallery, Chapel Off Chapel

2019: **en plein air** - Eagles Nest Fine Art Gallery, Aireys Inlet

2019: **The Village Artists, Middle Park** - Supported by City of Port Phillip Cultural Development Fund

2018: **Wish You Were Here** – Foyer Gallery, Chapel Off Chapel.

2017: **Pen to Paper** – Foyer Gallery, Capital Theatre, Bendigo

2016: **Women in Love – along the Great Ocean Road** - Eagles Nest Fine Art Gallery, Aireys Inlet

2015: **Women in Love** - Foyer Gallery, Chapel off Chapel

2011: **Upstaged** – Midsumma Festival – Heritage Hallway, Gasworks Arts Park

2009: **Light and Day** - Angela Roberts-Bird Gallery, Gasworks Arts Park

2008: **Fabric** - Theatre Foyer, Gasworks Arts Park

2007: **Body of Work** - Theatre Foyer, Gasworks Arts Park



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