

donald keys

Urban Bliss

Officially opens Saturday 6:00 for 6:30pm December 3, 2011, Wollongong City Gallery



Old blue shoes.

50 x 25 cm or 20" x 10" acrylic on canvas, July 2010. \$190



Red runners in entry foyer.

50 x 25 cm or 20" x 10" acrylic on canvas, July 2010. \$190



Purple chucks.

50 x 25 cm or 20" x 10" acrylic on canvas, July 2010. \$190



Donald Keys

(b. Bulli NSW 1958 -)

When Donald was only nine years old, his mother fell ill and died. Unable to cope with the emotions that filled the family home he found solace exploring the bushland and sketching the native wildlife on the escarpment above the New South Wales coastal town of Bulli.

The cathartic process of painting generally brings Donald back to his youth as he explores the visual representation of nature in its natural and neatly confined urban state. No longer restricting himself to painting scenes from the bush, Donald now explores city gardens in hope of finding an interesting juxtaposition of nature and overtly planned suburbia.

Taking inspiration from the French impressionists, Donald's paintings feature quite visible brush strokes, yet unlike the masters of old, he avoids the subdued colours; favouring the vibrant young colours that are quintessentially Australian.

His paintings suggest we are surrounded by urban beauty. By capturing pieces of nature on canvas, infused with everyday suburban objects, Donald hopes to chronicle modern life through the eye of an artist.

URBAN BLISS is an exhibition of paintings produced during 2010 and 2011 that depict the close relationship between native and introduced flora and the ubiquitous shoe. While one carries the burden of our physical weight, the other lightens our spirit by providing immutable evidence that beauty will prevail regardless of resistance or dissent.

How to acquire one of these paintings

Paintings in this exhibition are available for sale directly from the artist through to the 21st of December 2011. Paintings will be delivered to the buyers on 22nd of December.



Gabby's netball and her dirty red shoes.
102 x 76 cm or 40" x 30" acrylic on canvas, September 2010. \$950



Ollie and er... Me.
51 x 76cm or 20" x 30" acrylic on canvas, April 2011. \$590



Not for all the tibouchina.
51 x 76cm or 20" x 30" acrylic on canvas, April 2011. \$590



There's no war here.
51 x 76cm or 20" x 30" acrylic on canvas, April 2011. \$590



Dog's Treasure.
40 x 50cm or 16" x 20" acrylic on canvas, October 2011. \$350



The very first Autumn.
51 x 61 cm or 20" x 24" acrylic on canvas, June 2011. \$390



Kathleen's Crocks in the garden.
91 x 56 cm or 18" x 36" acrylic on canvas, September 2010. \$440



Anyone for poker?

101 x 152 cm or 40" x 60" acrylic on canvas, August 2011 \$1,900



Shoes @ garden bed.

90 x 60 cm or 36" x 24" acrylic on canvas, November 2010. \$950



Kathleen's boots, and Robert's guitar.

102 x 76 cm or 40" x 30" acrylic on canvas, September 2010. \$1,400



Frangipani with two bugs.

102 x 102 cm or 40" x 40" acrylic on canvas, February 2011. \$1,200



Frangipani with three bugs.

102 x 102 cm or 40" x 40" acrylic on canvas, March 2011. \$1,200



Reds in the garden.

90 x 60 cm or 36" x 24" acrylic on canvas, December 2010. \$750



Peace Crescent Frangipani.

76 x 76 cm or 30" x 30" acrylic on canvas, May 2011. \$790



What—no shoes?

30x30cm/12x12" acrylic on canvas,
December 2010. \$120



Blue tongue.

30x30cm/12x12" acrylic on canvas,
January 2011. \$120



Stiletoes @ cliff face.

46 x 90 cm or 18" x 36" acrylic on
canvas,
November 2010. \$650



Foothills Road Delight.

40 x 50cm or 24" x 36" acrylic on canvas,
September 2011. \$690

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Refreshments available. All Welcome.

Exhibition continues until December 21, 2011

Community Access Gallery, Level 4 Wollongong City Gallery,
Corner of Kembla and Burelli Streets, Wollongong

Open to public during normal Gallery opening hours.

The paintings in this exhibition are available for sale directly from the artist during the exhibition, December 3rd through to the 21st 2011, and will be delivered to the buyers on 22nd of December.

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