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Coodabin Shoodabin Coral Coast

Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery's 'Artist-In-Residence' for 2009 is Blair McNamara.

Blair is currently in the Bundaberg Region looking for content about the impacts "seachange" has made on the Coral Coast to create a multi-media exhibition that will open at the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery on December 6 2009.

With limited time based in the region, Blair's research includes a welcome for anyone to contact him with photos, information or personal observations they could pass on.

Over the past 4 years, Blair has been the artistic ambassador to National Seachange Taskforce Australia. His initial "coodabin/shoodabin" (could-have-been/should-have-been) art exhibition at the University of the Sunshine Coast Art Gallery in 2005 pondered the paradoxes of the construction craze brought on by the 'sea-change' phenomena in his hometown of Coolum Beach over the past 10 - 25 years.

Blair often mixes sculptural forms and mediums to take representational imagery into semi-abstraction. Starting from reality he peels away visual layers to reveal stories.



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“Right now I am just looking for any photographs from the past 10 to 20 years of things like built environments such as old shops, kiosks, houses, dressing sheds, cars parked, motels, restaurants, holiday crowds, backyard dunnies or even park benches and if possible some of the past events or scandals you have enjoyed around these locations such as 21st birthdays, weddings, dances, going surfing, fishing, picnics, camping, protests, famous eccentrics - anything that might give me some good insights into the region” says Blair.

You can approach Blair directly at the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery or by calling 0402 598 105. Blair’s website www.blairmcnamara.com ‘gallery’ section has more detailed information on the “coodabin/shoodabin” exhibition.

Blair also has a slide show presentation to show any interested groups which he will be presenting at Woodgate’s Built & Natural Environment Expo this coming May 2-3 2009.

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For media images, photo opportunities or interviews, please contact Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery Marketing Officer, Chloe Camilleri on 07 4130 4750 or via email at bragmarketing@bundaberg.qld.gov.au

IMAGE CAPTIONS

Image01:

Blair McNamara, *Blueprint*, 2005, mixed media on canvas.