

The last two months at Ceramic Break Sculpture Park have been hectic; the Art (fabulous) the weather (wet and warm) and the local inhabitants (cantankerous) have kept everyone busy.

3 exhibitions opened April 11th: *New Creations* by Yvonne Ledingham, *Threads, fibres and figures, three women creating* by Marilynne Barnes, Gerda Gamper and Sue Taylor and the 'Blindspot', a traveling exhibition from the Tamworth Regional Gallery. The weather cooperated with sunny blue skies (the previous day a downpour cancelled the local horse race). Gallery patrons were enchanted and took advantage of the opportunity to chat with the artists.

The weather in April was so warm and wet that the grass reached new heights never before achieved and caused many headaches for the maintenance crew. Mowing and whipper snipping were constant activities and it wasn't only the machinery that had to be taken into account.



Bernard the Bearded

The fauna at CBSP are individuals like the resident sculptor. They take their independence very seriously. Bernard the bearded, a large and rather cantankerous bearded dragon staunchly refused to permit whipper snipping in preparation for the show. He stood his ground, hissing and flaring his beard until everyone knew who was the boss. Maintenance complied and he resumed his sun baking in peace. The rival gangs of galahs have had to be reprimanded for screeching during tours and told to hold off rioting till after hours. An unexpected visitor, Chester the canine, only had a cursory glance at the huge bones of the Allosaurus skeleton before being dragged away by his owner. Our local naughty boy, Gary the goanna, continues to incite anarchy despite receiving formal warnings for bad behavior. He remains in his tree with a smug expression ignoring the gallery manager's mutterings.

As May draws to a close, quilters near and far have been madly completing their submissions for the Travelling Quilters Challenge 2021. The quilts have their first pit stop at Fuller Gallery and Clay Pan, Barraba on June 1st. The quilts move on to Glen Innes Art Gallery on June 21st.

Preparations are underway for the opening of one of our most anticipated Myall Creek Memorial exhibitions in many years. The opening is June 12th at the sculpture park and features James Kearns, Jodie Herden, Kisani Upward, Natalie Little, Kaliela Thornton, Tess Reading and the Bum-bira Art and Yarn women's group.