

Turning the Tide

Turning the Tide is our current exhibition by local artist and environmentalist, Narelle Renn.

She is passionate about wildlife in the bay and their future. The exhibition celebrates and illustrates the life cycle of turtles in particular, their eating habits, their amazing long ocean journeys and the hazards they face in everyday life.

Narelle conveys her message through art, using diverse techniques in producing numerous colourful, vibrant paintings, sketches and photographs, presenting the great beauty, intriguing lifestyle, and some problems that these unique creatures face, following their emergence as hatchlings, heading intuitively to the sea.

She has illustrated one of the most worrying hazards faced by turtles—with a diverse collection of marine debris gathered from beaches.

Turtles are a living line from the dinosaur age and have been inhabiting earth's oceans for 140,000 million years. From this exhibition we gain a greater understanding of how amazing and precious they are and how deserving of our protection and care.

The exhibition raises some questions and provides some very positive answers, simple, direct and very "do-able".

Would we ever want to live in a world without turtles?

Could we ever live in a world without plastic?



Comments from viewers say " a moving and powerful wake up call" and " an exhibition that highlights issues and provides simple choices we can make to make a difference."

The artwork is exquisite.

The exhibition also offers suggestions as to how we, by adopting positive methods and habits, can make a real difference to the lives of turtles and their survival.



Turning The Tide closes on 30th June, 2014.

SANDRA DAVIS.