

MEDIA RELEASE

**ANZAC DAY PORTRAITS 2020:
WHEN OUR VETERANS STOOD SILENTLY ALONE IN REMEMBRANCE
PRESENTED BY LISA HAYMES AT THE ART HOUSE, WYONG
Tuesday 20 April – Friday 7 May, 2021**

(Monday 19 April, 2021) The Art House, Wyong is pleased to host ANZAC Day Portraits 2020: When Our Veterans Stood Silently Alone In Remembrance, a photographic exhibition by Central Coast based photographer Lisa Haymes.

In 2020, ANZAC Day Memorial events were cancelled due to Stage 3 COVID-19 lockdown. Lisa was commissioned by the Central Coast Council to shoot a portrait of one of the local ANZAC veterans at dawn on 25 April in the comfort of their own home adhering to strict social distancing.

“It came to mind that there were many more Veterans isolated at home, so with the help of Leasha Craig, over the course of the year we photographed more of the Central Coast Veterans through their windows or door frames,” said Haymes.

“When I photograph people, sometimes they shy away from the camera however in this instance, the veterans stood tall and proud. In the early dawn, it was silent, still and reflective. It was a privilege.”

Shot simply with one 50mm lens and lit with only an iPhone torch, the exhibition gives a personalised face to our local Veterans and their stories, honouring their courage and bravery.

Anne-Marie Heath, Executive Director of The Art House said, “We are very honoured to be hosting this exhibition which commemorates the Central Coast war veterans in a uniquely personal way. Lisa Haymes’ exhibit encompasses the professional, creative and community values of The Art House and I’m thrilled to have these profoundly moving images in our foyer over ANZAC Day 2021, reflecting not only the challenges of war but also the challenges for the community during the global COVID-19 pandemic.”

A graduate of the National Art School, acclaimed photographer Lisa Haymes has lived and worked on the Central Coast for 17 years and works creatively with the local Arts community and commercial clients. A finalist in the Gosford Art Prize and works regularly with NAISDA (National Aboriginal Islander Skills Development Association); Central Coast Council; Darkinjung Council, Coastal Twist Festival and Naughty Noodle Fun Haus - featuring in their Shop Front Photographic Exhibition: The Best of Coastal Twist 2019. Lisa’s food, fashion and lifestyle work has been published in Coast Magazine and Central Coast Life and Style. ANZAC Day Portraits 2020 is Lisa’s first solo exhibition.

ANZAC Day Portraits 2020: When Our Veterans Stood Silently Alone In Remembrance
The Art House, 19-21 Margaret St, Wyong NSW 2259
Tuesday 20 April – Friday 7 May excluding Sundays

Lisa Haymes is available for interview.

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