

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2023

## ‘MADE YOU LOOK’! FORMER FEDERATION ACADEMIC LAUNCHES NEW ART EXHIBITION

An exhibition at Federation University Australia’s Post Office Gallery in Ballarat will showcase Geoff Wallis’ recent series of paintings, ‘Made You Look’!

The ‘Made You Look’! Series will be informed by Wallis’s extensive knowledge of art history and contemporary art issues and ideas.

In the paintings, text is used as a kind of meta-commentary, which aims to provoke responses from his audience about broader issues of authenticity, reality, and purity as they pertain to art.

Geoff Wallis was formerly an academic, lecturing in Art History at Federation University, Ballarat, and has curated significant exhibitions and written extensively on art and artists.

The community is invited to the Post Office Gallery for the exhibition which opened on Friday 1 December and will be on display until February 2024.

For more information on the ‘Made you Look’! and other exhibitions at the Post Office Gallery, visit <https://federation.edu.au/pogallery>.

### **Quote attributable to Federation University Manager, Engagement and Planning, Clare Gervasoni**

*“Always a practitioner and exhibitor in his artform, this is Geoff Wallis’ first ever one-person exhibition.”*

*“Geoff’s big, bright and vibrant works encourage contemplation of not only painterly style, but aspects of Geoff’s knowledge and understanding of art practice and appreciation.”*

*“The exhibition inspires the viewer to find fun and at times humorous challenges within the works encapsulating the exhibition title ‘Made You Look!’.”*

### **About Federation University Australia**

*With a history spanning over 150 years, Federation University Australia is Victoria’s premier regional dual-sector university with campuses located in Ballarat, Berwick, Gippsland and Wimmera. From 2018-2023 Federation ranked first in Australia for first-generation student enrolments. In a first for Australia, the globally recognised co-operative education model will be embedded across all Federation programs from 2025.*