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Women with space to create

Three talented young South Australians now have the all-important space to pursue their artistic dreams.

Carclew has named its two Artists in Residence as well as its Resident Curator for 2017, giving the trio a huge boost as they start to make their way in the art world.

Artists Emma Sullivan and Imogen Porteous, both recent graduates of the University of South Australia, will now have their own studio space within Carclew, accessible seven days a week.

At the same time Olivia Kubiak, who has just completed a Master of Arts at Adelaide University, has been named as Carclew's new Curator in Residence – a position that provides her with the space to both plan and host art exhibitions.

“Winning came out of the blue and I was ecstatic,” Imogen said. “To be told my painting is good enough to earn this position is great, and being able to access this space guarantees I’ll be off to a good start in my career. I want to develop a body of work to exhibit but also develop an on-line store for commercial pieces.”

Both artists no longer have to worry about finding studio space to rent, and finding money to pay for it.

“Coming straight out of university that’s a huge thing. It is going to be so helpful to have a dedicated space,” said Emma, who is focusing on sculpture. “Otherwise it was going to be hard to continue making and creating. Now I have some studio space I have some ideas about making some larger pieces, which I want to take out and photograph in various settings.”

Being a young artist is hard but being a young curator is even harder, with even fewer opportunities available.

“Yeah, it’s tough but the heart wants what the heart wants,” Olivia said. “I love art; I love the story telling so I can’t wait to engage with emerging contemporary artists. Getting the phone call to say I had won really brightened up my day,” she laughed.

For Tricia Walton, Carclew’s Chief Executive, the residency program is a win-win.

“Space is fundamental for an artist, space to think, to try new ideas and to grow creatively, so it is fantastic to be able to provide that here at Carclew.

“It also gives them additional impetus to grow and produce and develop because they are going to be more visible, more in the spotlight than they otherwise would have been so hopefully that positive pressure is a drive they can embrace.”

Olivia, Emma and Imogen will all take up their residencies in early February.

For more information about Carclew, go to carclew.com.au

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