

Discover the Transformative Power of Art through the Radius 6.0 Mentor Program

The Junction Co. and Courthouse Gallery+Studio are thrilled to announce the exhibition opening of Radius 6.0, part of the Radius mentoring program. This dynamic group show features the talents of emerging regional artists from the Pilbara and Kimberley regions, offering early-career artists a unique platform to grow, develop their skills, and gain visibility.

The Radius mentoring program provides early-career artists with invaluable opportunities, including mentorship from experienced professionals, one-on-one feedback sessions, and comprehensive support throughout their artistic journey. This year's mentor, Ruth Leigh, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to guide the artists. The exhibition is a culmination of the artists' hard work and dedication, showcasing the works they have developed during the program.

Join us on 14/02/25 from 6 PM to 8 PM for the opening exhibition event, featuring live music by Locked Groove, delicious nibbles, a bar, and a special Radius 6.0 is more than just an exhibition; it's a launchpad for artists to build their confidence and refine their practice within a professional gallery setting. The exhibition welcomes a diverse array of artistic mediums, this year including painting, sculpture, textiles, digital media, and photography. The opening will highlight our talented mix of artists and their dedication to their craft, showcasing a broad variety of methods and mediums. On display will be Indigenous paintings that honour ancestral heritage, innovative sustainability-driven designs of upcycled fashion and textiles, intimate portraits, architectural studies, captivating photography, and imaginative sculptures.

"Radius 6.0 is a testament to the incredible talent and creativity found within our regional WA communities. Each artist brings their own unique perspective and powerful story, making this exhibition a celebration of diversity and artistic expression." says Nicole Leuchter, The Junction Co.'s Regional Curator.

A key standout of the Radius 6.0 program is the invaluable mentorship provided to all participants. Experienced industry professional and artist Ruth Leigh, offers both group and one-on-one mentorship sessions, guiding these emerging artists through the creative process with insights, feedback, and support, encouraging them to reach deeper and grow in their own practices. Accepted artists into the Radius 6.0 Program receive an exhibition fee, assistance with artwork installation, and comprehensive publicity and advertising.

"We are proud to support emerging artists and provide a platform for them to showcase their work. This exhibition not only highlights the importance of art in our community but also fosters growth and innovation among the artists." States Ashleigh Barr, Courthouse Gallery+Studio Manager. *"It's inspiring to watch their progression, and it's gratifying to see the Gallery at the heart of this vibrant creative hub. Opportunities flourish, and the positive impact extends throughout the entire community."*

The Radius 6.0 program aligns seamlessly with The Junction Co's vision to engage, grow, and empower regional creatives, providing them with the tools and opportunities to thrive in their artistic pursuits. Valeria Scoponi, The Junction Co. Regional Manager states, *"Providing resources for artists and teaching them how to use them is at the heart of what we do. The Radius program offers an opportunity to elevate one's practice and opens the door to new artistic possibilities."*

2025 Regional Artists:

- **Erin Nelson (South Hedland, PILBARA, WA):** Mixed Media, artist capturing faces, bodies, birds, and places through vibrant, emotive colours.
- **Venetta Yanawana (Bidyadanga Community, KIMBERLEY, WA):** Painting, focusing on the connection between desert and sea, celebrating cultural heritage and resilience.
- **Edward Badal (Bidyadanga Community, KIMBERLEY, WA):** Mixed Media, exploring land management, cultural heritage, and the relationship between people and their Country.
- **Sharon Gosling (Port Hedland, PILBARA, WA):** Wearable Art / Textiles, creating sustainable fashion from upcycled high-vis work clothing.
- **RJB (Port Hedland, PILBARA WA):** Mixed Media, challenging the boundaries between art, technology, and imagination.
- **Francis Jadzinski (Port Hedland, PILBARA WA):** Photography, showcasing the natural splendour of Port Hedland and the Pilbara.

This exhibition reflects the power of art to preserve tradition while driving change. It invites visitors to engage deeply with works that bridge the past, present, and future—connecting people, culture, and the world around us. Join us in celebrating this vibrant community of creatives and watch these talented artists grow and flourish.

Exhibition Details:

- **Exhibition Dates:** 14/02/25 – 28/03/25

- **Exhibition Opening Event:** 14/02/25, 6 PM – 8 PM
- **Artist Talk:** 15/02/25, 10 AM – 11 AM
 - Includes Artists and Mentor, a relaxed interactive session where the audience has the opportunity to listen and ask questions.
- **Venue:** Courthouse Gallery+Studio, 16 Edgar Street, Port Hedland WA 6721
- **More information:** hello@thejunctionco.com.au / www.courthousegallery.com.au / (08) 9141 0041

The Courthouse Gallery+Studio is managed by The Junction Co. on behalf of the Town of Port Hedland and is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of visual practitioners and fostering a vibrant, inclusive artistic community. Through dynamic exhibitions, programs, and events, the Courthouse Gallery+Studio and The Junction Co. can provide a platform for artists to showcase their talents and connect with audiences.

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