

PICTURING REAL WOMEN

Many photographers take a quick seat and let their subjects take a shoot, but that is exactly what John Dumble did when he teamed up with Julia Looney to create the exhibition *InnerSense*, which will debut at the Sunshine Coast Business Women's International Women's Day event on March 8.

The exhibition features 13 Sunshine Coast women who have inspired Looney to move to the region in 2002, and Mayor Mark Jamieson's wife and former Sunshine Coast councillor Teresa Mundt and 2015 Summer Surf Girl Sydney Di Ianni.

"So far from a collection of glamour shots, Looney and Dumble asked the women to direct their own shoot, provide props and backdrops and decide what they wanted to be portrayed. It's like a glimpse into who these women are at a very deep level. It's everything from jigsaw puzzles to homeleons, but I'm not going to get into that now," Looney says.

Looney and Dumble were planted in the region in 1990s when Looney launched her photography business with Michael Thorne's exhibitions.

Looney was the subject of one of Thorne's



John Dumble and Julia Looney

exhibitions and says the process of looking deep within your psyche to determine who you are is an enriching experience.

With no budget to work with, Looney says this project was brought to life with community support. Express Print & Mail provided 16-page booklets with each of the photographs and captions inside, and the Sunshine Coast Art Centre provided the walls for mounting the photos free of charge for the exhibition and Dumble donating his time to photograph the women.

Fragrance aficionado Nicole Eckels is guest speaker at the breakfast, from 6.45am to 8.30am.

Tickets are \$65 for members and \$85 for non-members available at scbwn.org.au.

37TH IMMANUEL ARTS FESTIVAL LAUNCHED



Left: Teresa Mundt; Right: Jill and Lyndon Braiden

What began as a small gathering and a limited number of pieces has reached epic proportions, attracting more than 200 emerging and established artists and occupying hanging space of more than 2000 metres squared.

It is the Immanuel Arts Festival. This year marks the 37th year and will see 800 artworks displayed across a wide variety of genres including painting, photography, sculpture, mixed media, wearable art, film and creative.


Proudly supported by *My Weekly Preview*, this year's Artists in Focus will be Teresa Mundt and Lyndon and Jill Braiden.

The event is hosted by the Immanuel

Lutheran College's P&F committee promotes visual, creative and art within the Sunshine Coast.

The Gala Opening Night will be on May 25 from 7pm and allows a chance for collectors, friends and family to see the opportunity to view and acquire artworks. Tickets cost \$35 and are available at immanuelartsfestival.com.au.

The exhibition will run on March 27 from 9am to 5pm and March 28 from 10am to 2pm. Tickets for the opening are \$5 at the door.



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