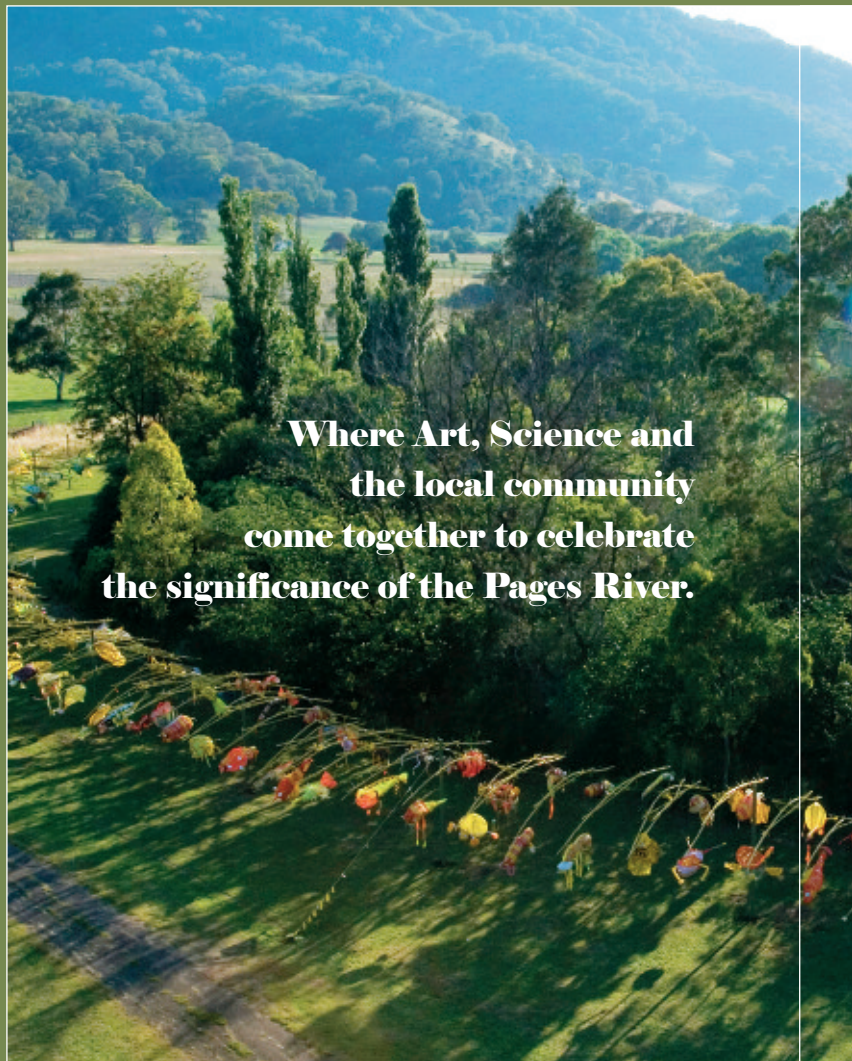


Turning the Pages





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Turning the Pages is an award winning project where Art, Science and the local community come together to celebrate the significance of the Pages River within the Upper Hunter Region of NSW.

Why?

Clean, healthy waterways matter, yet too often we take for granted the ones that flow through our midst.

This dilemma inspired local artist Hanna Kay to consider ways in which the local community could better understand the geological, biological, historical and cultural importance of the Pages River. The river is not just a major tributary of the Hunter River, it is a waterway of integral importance to future generations.

How?

Who better to inspire appreciation of the River than the children from five of the local schools?

So began, in 2007, this unique project, with school children, teachers and local community volunteers engaging in a series of scientific workshops to gain knowledge and awareness of the river's biodiversity.

Inspired by the science, 180 children, directed by artists from the Jennifer Turpin Studio, with the help of hundreds of volunteers, set about translating what they learnt of river life in the workshops into a magnificent temporary sculpture – River Quiver.

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Enthusiasm for the project grew as did ways in which the community could get involved.

Turning the Pages first anniversary celebrations in 2008 included a photographic exhibition and a presentation of a draft design for the Bridge to Bridge - a nature walk, approximately 2 kms along the riverbank in Murrurundi.

Community engagement

The response to the project has led to new activities to further realise the project's dream for the local community.

- ❖ On going Art and Science workshops with local school students.
- ❖ Landscape design, sculpture and natural history illustration workshops.
- ❖ Aboriginal cultural heritage workshops.
- ❖ A short story writing competition.
- ❖ Local artists painting their impression of the Pages River.

The vision

The vision for the Pages River centres on the development of a River Walk from bridge to bridge in the township of Murrurundi. This walk will feature, among others:

- ❖ artworks
- ❖ interpretive sites
- ❖ walking, cycling and exercise tracks
- ❖ an arboretum
- ❖ a bush tucker forest

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- ❖ interpretive, picnic and relaxation areas
- ❖ active river rehabilitation sites
- ❖ artistic garden and water management features, and
- ❖ a nationally significant and unique wind-and-water kinetic sculpture.

Each element of the project will stimulate the imagination and tell a story about the ecology of the Pages River.

A community vision

A series of local workshops will continue to engage all sectors of the local community: business owners, indigenous elders, land owners, residents, and of course our school students.

Ideas, suggestions and dreams that are generated in these forums will help form the basis of the final design for the River Walk and contribute to the concept for the artwork.

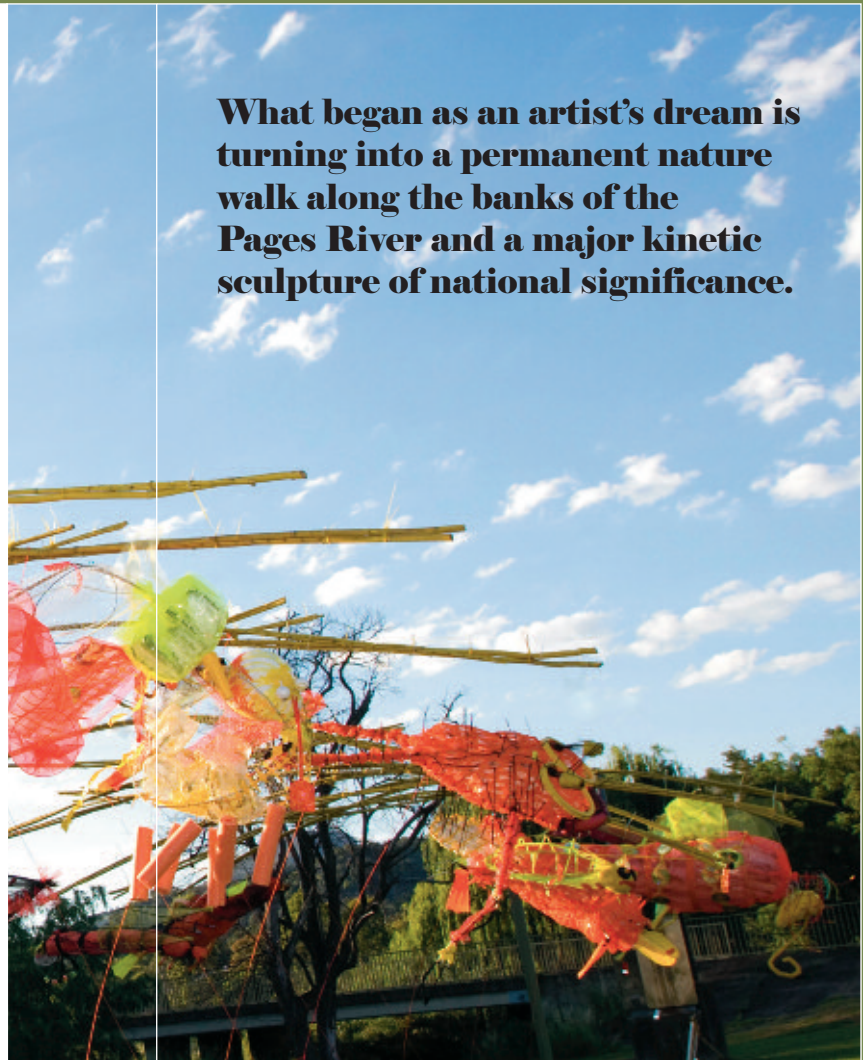
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Turning the Pages is a not-for-profit incorporated body. It relies on the generous support of its partners, sponsors and community grants.

Want to know more?

Visit turningthepages.com.au for details of upcoming programs / workshops, photo galleries, further background to the project and a list of partners, patrons and sponsors.

What began as an artist's dream is turning into a permanent nature walk along the banks of the Pages River and a major kinetic sculpture of national significance.



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