



Club Fermoy

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Dear friends and supporters,

It's hard to believe that there are just two weeks left to enjoy *Best in Show: Australian Photographic Dog Prize 2025*. Recognising David Roche's life in the canine world, the prize was established to celebrate Australia's canine companions, and this inaugural exhibition of the shortlisted finalists' photographs has indeed charmed and cheered dog lovers and photography aficionados alike. I urge you to visit before Saturday 25 October to see the exhibition, and if you visit before Saturday 18 October please have your say by voting for our People's Choice award!

Following *Best in Show*, the gallery will be transformed to present *Art Deco: A Modern Vision*, opening Saturday 8 November. It's the ideal time to take a guided tour of David Roche's home, Fermoy House, and explore over 250 years of European art history brought together because of one man's passion. Though this month's lectures on French 18th century interior design and porcelain are reaching capacity, on Wednesday 5 November, we are proud to support Feast Festival with a lecture that explores how the sunny climes of the Mediterranean have captivated the queer imagination for over two centuries. Delivered by Professor Alastair Blanshard, *Greek Love, Roman Vice* promises not only to enlighten, but will not fail to entertain, and make you see classical history in a slightly different light.

Enjoy reading more in this month's newsletter, and we look forward to welcoming you back to David Roche Gallery again soon!

Best wishes,

Robert Reason
Director, David Roche Gallery

CURRENT EXHIBITION



Best in Show 2025: Australian Photographic Dog Prize Ends 25 October

Last chance to see *Best in Show 2025: Australian Photographic Dog Prize*. An exhibition for all dog and photography lovers, celebrating the many ways dogs continue to play a central role in our lives. Paying homage to the legacy of David Roche AM (1930-2013) who was a canine breeder, exhibitor, judge as well as an art collector. The exhibition features over 70 exceptional finalists including professional, amateur and young photographers across Australia.

The exhibition has received an incredible response, with visitors leaving delighted and moved by the stunning photography on display. Featuring Dog Portraits, Dogs and Companions, Dogs in Action, and Puppies, the exhibition beautifully celebrates the strength, joy, and character of dogs. Open Tuesday to Saturday, 10am–4pm. Showing until Saturday, 25 October 2025.

[DETAILS AND TICKETS](#)

UPCOMING EVENT



Greek Love, Roman Vice: The Mediterranean in the queer imagination

A lecture by
Professor Alastair
Blanshard

Wednesday 5 November 2025

Since the 19th century, the sunny climes of the Mediterranean have been a haven for gay men and lesbians. Fantasies about the cultures of Greece and Rome offered a form of escapism from the moral oppression that many experienced, while the prestige accorded to classical civilisation provided ammunition against those who treated homosexuality as a crime or a form of medical disorder. This lecture explores the queer passion for the classical, focusing on the ways that specific figures and motifs from antiquity were cherished and imitated.

In the lives and stories of Nero, Narcissus, Ganymede, Sappho, and Antinous, people found their ancestors and patterns to emulate in their own lives. Greco-Roman visual arts enthralled them. Like Pygmalion, they melted the coldness of the marble with the heat of their desire and found in forms of the ancient world, real, fleshy figures to love and inspire them.

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UPCOMING EXHIBITION

Art Deco: A Modern Vision

Celebrating 100 Years



8 November 2025 – 31 January 2026

Stay tuned to the upcoming exhibition, *Art Deco: A Modern Vision*, opening early November. Discover the origins of Art Deco, its global journey, and see how this distinctive style became a part of everyday Australian life. From its extraordinary debut in 1920s Paris to its lasting influence on Australian art and architecture, explore the timeless legacy of this modern vision. More information will be posted on David Roche Gallery social media channels and website. Make sure to follow us to keep up to date with what is happening at the gallery.

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UPCOMING EVENT

**A special
Twilight
Evening**



at David Roche
Gallery

Thursday 4 December 2025

Save the date! David Roche Gallery will open its doors late on Thursday 4 December for a special twilight evening viewing of *Art Deco: A Modern Vision*. Enjoy refreshments on the forecourt while you take in the evening light, and see stunning examples of deco-period design.

Whether you are unable to visit the museum during the day, or you love unique experiences to share with friends or family, our Twilight Evening is not to be missed. More information will be shared on the website soon.



CANINE TIDBIT



Fabulous fashion and divine dogs

Recently discovered among Fermoy Kennels archival materials were photographs, colour slides, and a partial proof sheet depicting a fashionable photo shoot which paired Afghan Hounds from Fermoy Kennels with models Marion Ten Voorde, Sophie Mehaffey and Joan McInnes.

The images were shot by Ken Barkleigh Shute on the banks of Karrawirra Pari/River Torrens, and served to promote the Afghan Hound Club of South Australia's 1973 fashion parade fundraiser. Such events were popular at the time, as the Port Lincoln United Training Obedience (PLUTO) held a similar fundraiser the following year. While the designers of the garments await rediscovery; Fermoy Ch. Tamara and Fermoy Ch. Cinnamon Cinder were among the dogs photographed for the shoot.



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Keyring Dog

This cute Afghan Hound keyring makes a lovely addition to your set of keys. Visit the gallery store for more dog themed products.

BIS2025 Catalogue

Don't miss out on the beautifully illustrated *Best in Show 2025: Australian Photographic Dog Prize* catalogue. Discover the stories behind the stunning finalist photographs.

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HIGHLIGHTS AT OTHER HOUSE MUSEUMS

THE CEDARS

A guided tour of The Cedars

In the heart of Adelaide Hills is the beautiful, historic home and property of renowned Australian artists Sir Hans Heysen, daughter Nora Heysen and their family. A visit to The Cedars is an unforgettable look at an Australian cultural treasure and one of the world's few fully preserved historic artists' homes and studios containing the original working and living spaces of both Hans and Nora Heysen and their family.

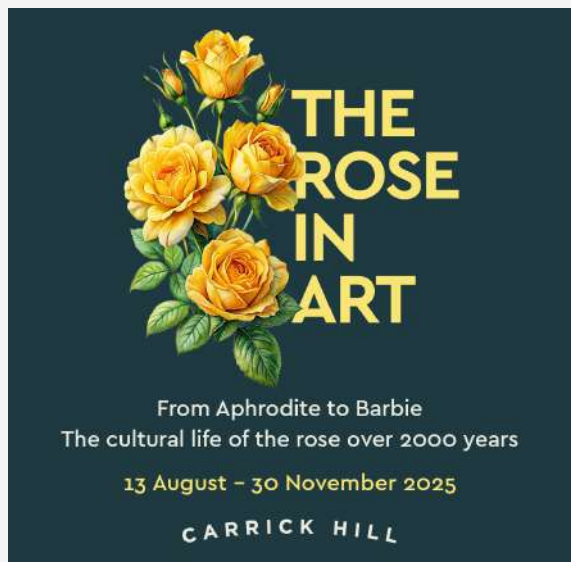
Guided tours provide in-depth information about the Heysen family, their art, and the history of The Cedars. Plan your visit today.



CARRICK HILL

Curator's Tour |The Rose in Art 22 October | 6:00–8:00pm | \$25

Join Susan McCormack for an inspiring tour of *The Rose in Art* exhibition. Discover the rich history and compelling stories behind the artworks, as Susan shares insights and behind-the-scenes perspectives that bring the collection to life. Spanning more than two thousand years, the exhibition includes classical sculpture, still life painting, and contemporary art, with highlights such as Meissen porcelain, Fantin-Latour and Schiaparelli.



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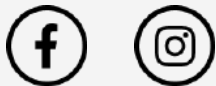


Your donation will help David Roche Gallery reach its full potential to acquire works of art and present innovative exhibitions that will add to the cultural life of South Australia. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

No matter how large or small, your gift will help us do more.

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Images in this newsletter: **Club Fermoy Banner:** Rex Wood, *Geelong Grammar graduation portrait of David J Roche* c. 1948, oil on canvas. The David Roche Collection. **Exhibition:** Rachel McCreedy, *Glamour on the rocks* 2024. Courtesy of the artist. **Greek Love, Roman Vice:** Adolf Joseph Grass, *Narcissus* 1866–67, oil on canvas. The David Roche Collection. **Upcoming exhibition:** Pierre d'Avesn, *'Hirondelles' bowl* c.1930, opalescent glass. The David Roche Collection, Adelaide; René Lalique, *Suzanne* 1925, glass. Private collection. **Canine Tidbit:** K. Barkleigh Shute (photographer), (l-r) Marion Ten Voorde, Sophie Mehaffey and Joan McInnes modelling fashion on the banks of the River Torrens with Afghan Hounds supplied by Fermoy Kennels, 27 February 1973. The David Roche Collection; Sophie Mehaffey and Fermoy Tamara posing, 27 February 1973. The David Roche Collection. **Museums:** Heysen, The Cedars, House Tour Website. **DRG Membership banner:** Germany, *Armchair (Fauteuil)* c. 1750, oak, pine, gilt, replacement silk upholstery. The David Roche Collection. **DRG Shop banner:** George Bullock, *Specimen table* c. 1815, Brazilian rosewood, brass, gilt bronze, hardstones. The David Roche Collection. **Giving:** Hubley Manufacturing Company (manufacturer), Daniel Cooke (inventor) 'Trick Dog' mechanical money box, designed 1888. The David Roche Collection.



David Roche Gallery continues the work of The David Roche Foundation, established in 1999 by David J Roche AM (1930–2013).

DAVID ROCHE GALLERY

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North Adelaide,
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FERMOY HOUSE TOURS
TUESDAY – SATURDAY
10AM – 12PM – 2PM

GALLERY OPEN
TUESDAY – SATURDAY
10AM – 4PM

DRG acknowledges the Kurna people as the traditional owners of the Adelaide region. We recognise and respect Kurna heritage, beliefs and spiritual relationship with Country, and we pay our respect to Elders past, present and eme



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