



CATALOGUE

MURCH

Avalon Recreation Centre
59a Old Barrenjoey Road
Avalon Beach
7th, 8th, 9th July 2016
10am – 6pm

ARTHUR MURCH (1902 – 1989)

Arthur was a painter, sculptor, teacher and designer and his works are found in all major public galleries in Australia. After two trips to Europe and Central Australia and serving as a war artist in Darwin, Arthur settled with his wife Ria and their young son John in Sydney's northern beaches. In 1947, they camped on land they had bought in Avalon as Arthur built their home. Winning the Archibald Prize in 1949 was a financial boost to complete the house. The works chosen for this exhibition show Arthur's love of figure drawing, the environment and also his methods of working. He used sketches and studies as "templates"- refining and re-working them for different finished versions.

RIA MURCH (1918 – 2014)

Ria was a journalist, artist and activist. After Arthur's death in 1989, Ria championed his work and in 1997 her book, *Arthur Murch – An Artist's Life*, was published by Ruskin Rowe Press. While preserving and promoting Arthur's writings and artworks, Ria was modest about her own art. She wrote and painted and made fabric prints from the 1940's. In the 1970's, she studied etching and printmaking at the Willoughby Arts Centre. The works in this exhibition are from that period. They are bold, colourful and show an exuberant love of the natural world.

MICHELLE MURCH (1951)

Michelle has chosen some of her photographs from 1970's – 2013 and has curated the exhibition. She sees the exhibition as an opportunity to share with the public a glimpse into the Murch art archives. The exhibition shows the connections with landscape and community as well as the continuing art practice of the Murch family. The exhibition features sculptures, sketches and studies, paintings, photographs, and folders of news articles and unframed works.

JOHN MURCH (1941)

John is a sculptor and model maker. He worked on many films from the 1970's – 2000's. His credits include the sculpting of the crocodile featured in *Crocodile Dundee*. He has chosen three recent works. They demonstrate his versatility with materials and his sense of fun.

CHARLOTTE MURCH (1991)

Charlotte is following in her father's and grandfather's footsteps. Having graduated in 2012 from the National Art School (where Arthur also studied sculpture). Charlotte works in a variety of media. She is currently working in the sculpture department for the feature film *Alien: Covenant*. Her works in this exhibition show her keen eye for sculpting and working with watercolour.

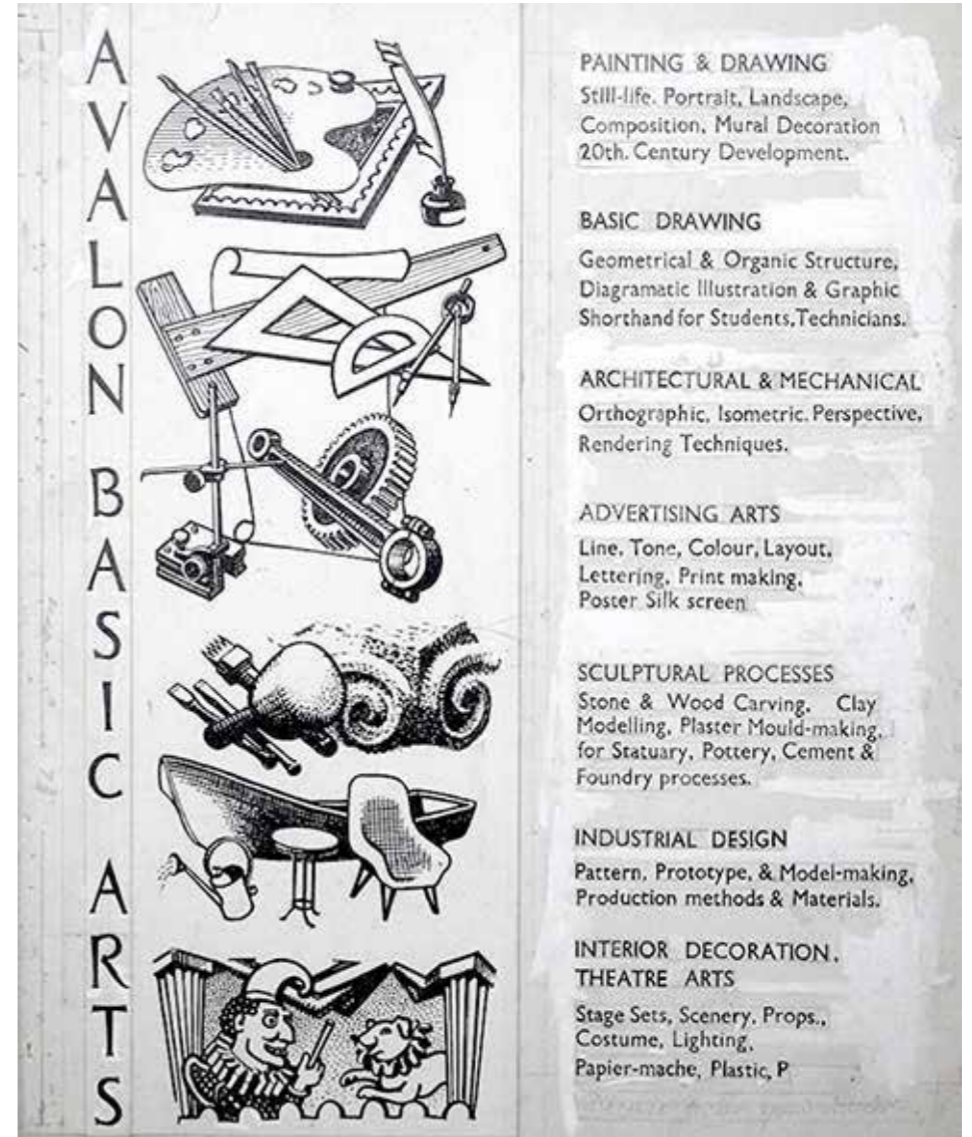


1.
Arthur Murch
*Sketch for portrait of
T.E.L Maguire- Head-
master Avalon Public
School*

1958
Pencil on paper -
several sketches on 2
pieces of paper.
75 x 75 cm

2.
Arthur Murch
*Avalon Basic Arts
Poster - paste-up*

1960's
Ink on card
50 x 40 cm



PAINTING & DRAWING
Still-life, Portrait, Landscape,
Composition, Mural Decoration
20th. Century Development.

BASIC DRAWING
Geometrical & Organic Structure,
Diagrammatic Illustration & Graphic
Shorthand for Students, Technicians.

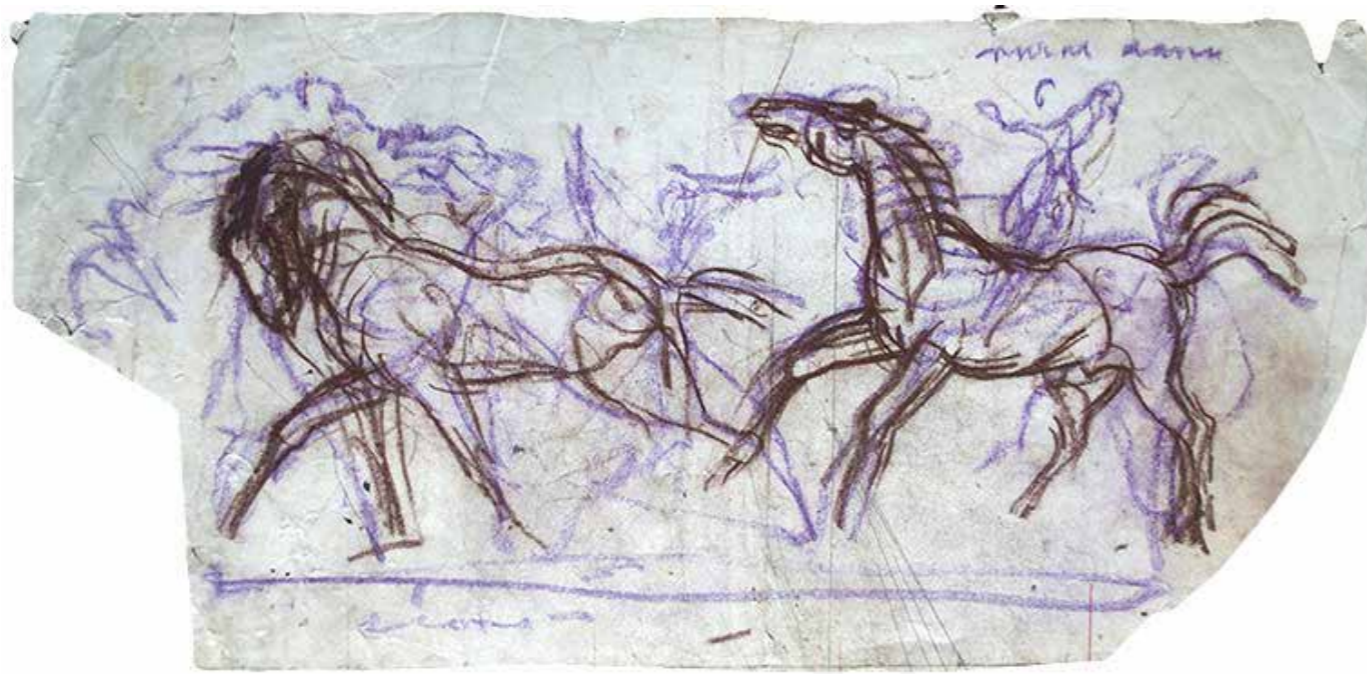
ARCHITECTURAL & MECHANICAL
Orthographic, Isometric, Perspective,
Rendering Techniques.

ADVERTISING ARTS
Line, Tone, Colour, Layout,
Lettering, Print making,
Poster, Silk screen

SCULPTURAL PROCESSES
Stone & Wood Carving, Clay
Modelling, Plaster Mould-making,
for Statuary, Pottery, Cement &
Foundry processes.

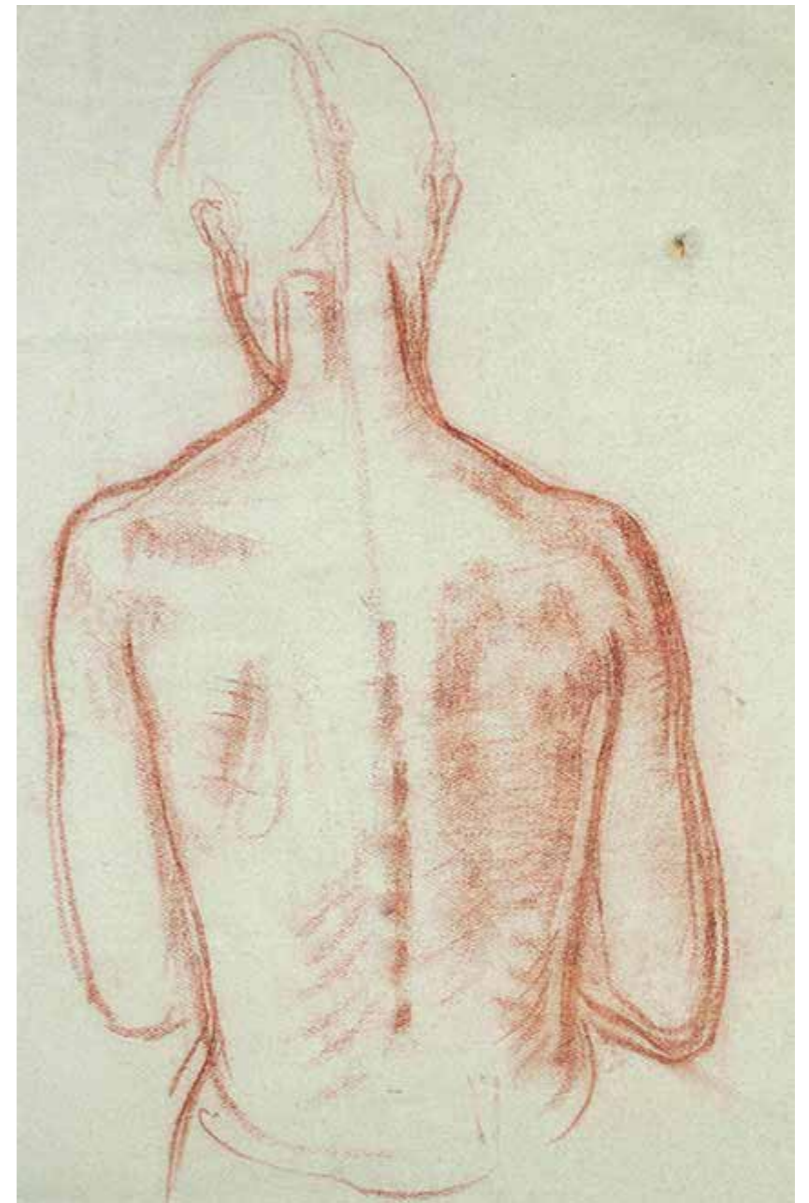
INDUSTRIAL DESIGN
Pattern, Prototype, & Model-making,
Production methods & Materials.

**INTERIOR DECORATION,
THEATRE ARTS**
Stage Sets, Scenery, Props.,
Costume, Lighting,
Papier-mache, Plastic, P



3.
Arthur Murch
Mural Dance

1960's
Chalk on paper
40 x 17 cm



4.
Arthur Murch
Woman's Back

1960's
Chalk
39 x 56 cm



5.
Arthur Murch
Brown Tree

1940's
Ink on Paper
40 x 27cm



6.
Arthur Murch
Angophora

1972
Chalk, crayon
67 x 44 cm



7.
Arthur Murch
Waves at the Rocks

1950's
Watercolour
34 x 25 cm



8.
Arthur Murch
Avalon Pattern

1960's
Biro and chalk on paper
30 x 41cm



9.
Arthur Murch
Reclining nude

1960's
Chalk on Paper
30 x 34 cm



10.
Arthur Murch
Nude Study

1960s
Paint on paper mounted card
78 x 51 cm



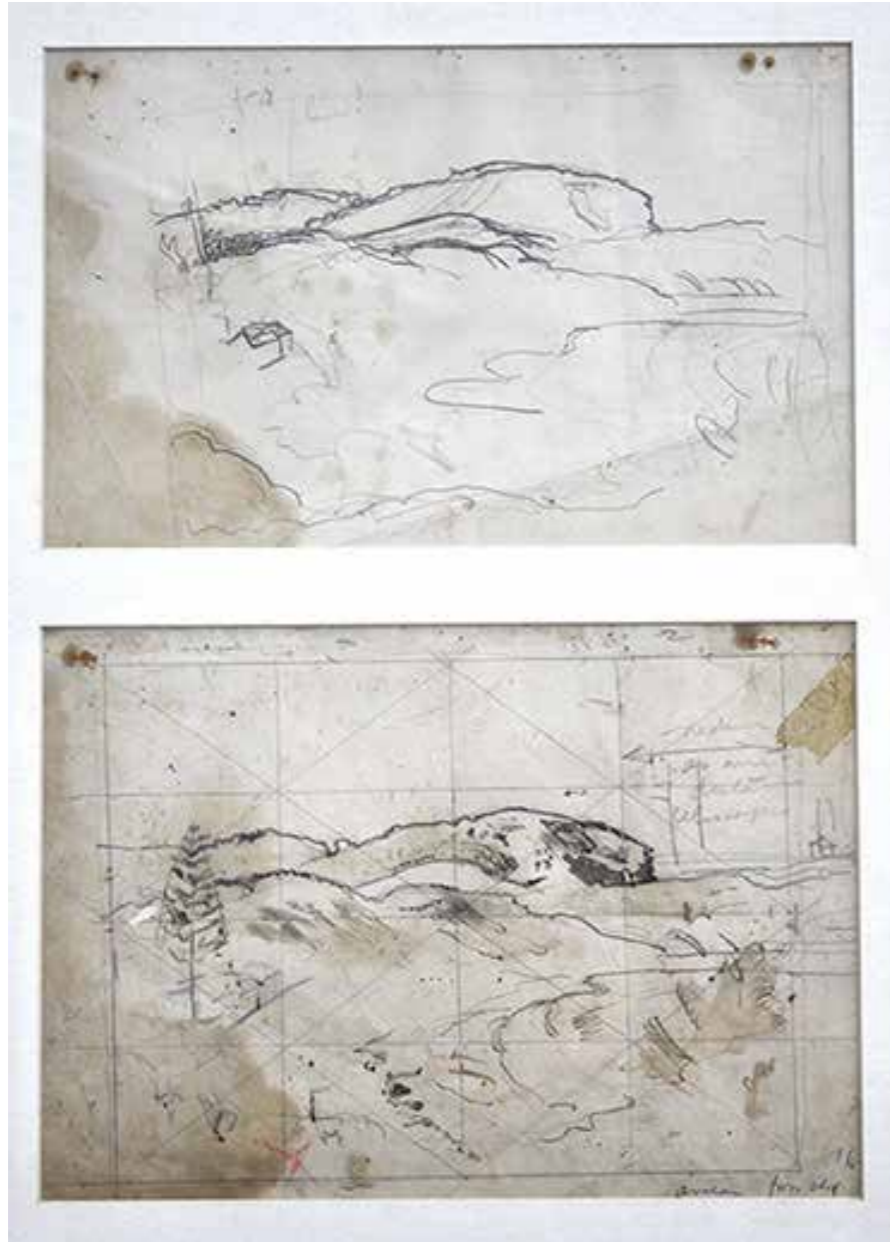
11.
Arthur Murch
Nude Looking in Mirror

1960's
Blue & black biro on paper
66 x 56 cm



12.
Arthur Murch
Woman & Children at Avalon Beach - study

1960's
Pencil on paper
45 x 35 cm



13.
Arthur Murch
Sketches of Avalon Headlands

1950's
Pencil, Ink on paper
50 x 37 cm



14.
Arthur Murch
Cold Boy
1970's
Oil and chalk
45 x 27 cm



15.
Arthur Murch
Woman & Child- Study

1960's
Coloured chalk on paper
34 x 27 cm



16.
Arthur Murch
Couple in the Surf

1940's
Watercolour
35.5 x 25.8 cm



17.
Arthur Murch
After the swim

1930's
Pencil on paper
44 x 23 cm



18.
Arthur Murch
Girl Digging in Sand

1950's
Pencil on paper
37 x 27 cm



19.
Arthur Murch
Nude Woman

1960's
Pencil on paper
69 x 48 cm



20.
Arthur Murch
Study- Family Bathing

1960's
Pencil on paper
35 x 30 cm



21.
Arthur Murch
Anatomical Man

1960's
Green ink and blue biro
53 x 32 cm



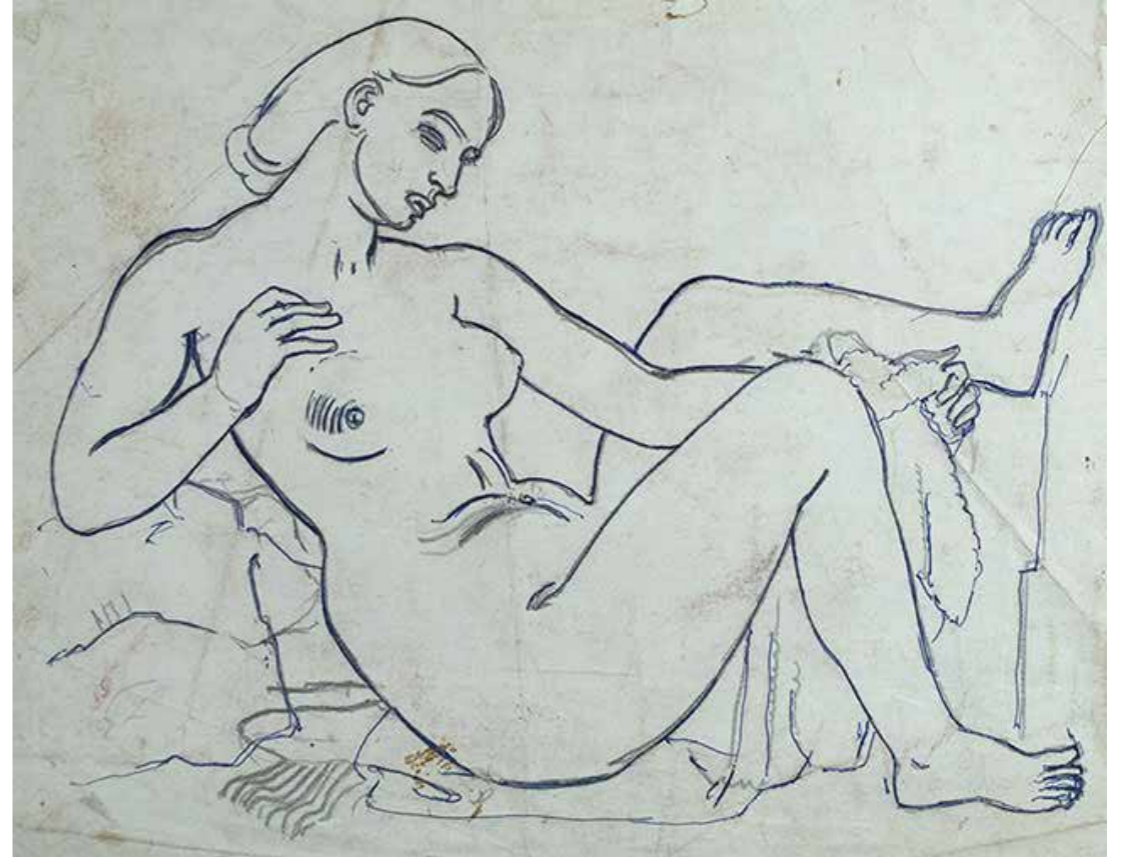
22.
Arthur Murch
Mother and Child

1960's
Blue & black biro on paper
28 x 37 cm



23.
Arthur Murch
Bathing Woman

1960's
Chalk and oil
58 x 49 cm



24.
Arthur Murch
Woman Drying

1960's
Study pen on paper
33 x 25 cm



25.
Arthur Murch
Landscapes - 3 sketches

1950's
Pen, biro and wash on paper
59 x 22 inc frame



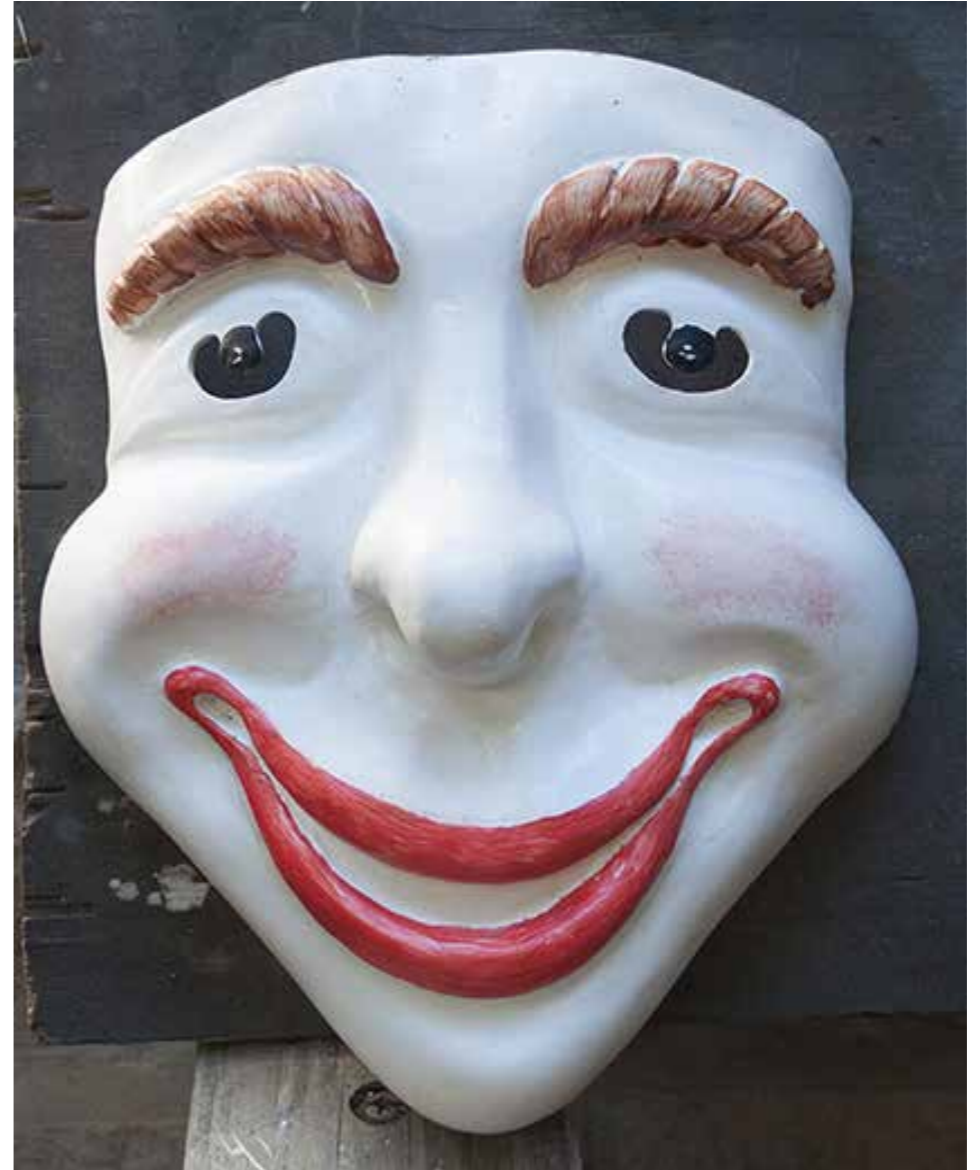
26.
Arthur Murch
Mermaid

1950's.
Re-cast 2016
Fired earthenware
33 x 25 cm



27.
Arthur Murch
Pelican

1970's, re-cast 2016
Fired earthenware



28.
John Murch
Clown Mask

1998
Resin
31 x 28 cm



29.
John Murch
Oryx

2012
Mixed media- glass,
cloth, resin and wood
130 x 30 cm



30.
John Murch
After Michelangelo: David's Eye, Nose, Mouth, Lips, Ear

2016
Plaster
Various sizes



31.
John Murch
After: Via Triumphalis Necropolis, Vatican City

2016
Resin
100 x 70 cm



32.
Charlotte Murch
Fusion

2012
Ink, pen, watercolour on paper
117 x 43 cm



33.
Charlotte Murch
Untitled

2012
Marble
80 x 60 cm



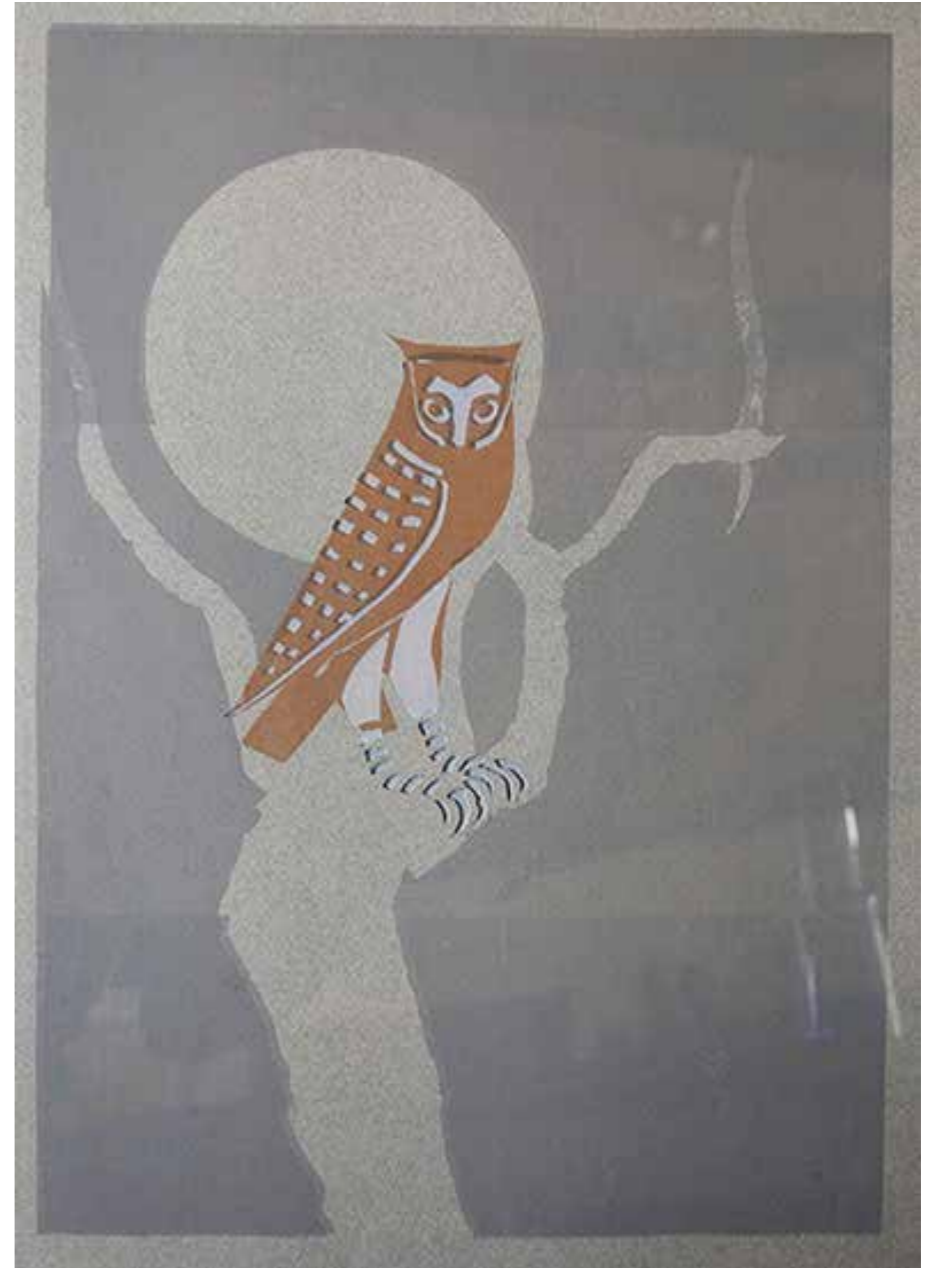
34.
Ria Murch
Peace Birds

1978
Screen Print 1 of 4
54 x 37cm



35.
Ria Murch
Cat

1978
Etching. 1 of 2
Initialed "R M"
30 x 23 cm



36.
Ria Murch
Owl

1978
Screen Print
51 x 37cm



37.
Ria Murch
Monitor Lizard

1978
Coloured Etching. 1 of 8
30 x 24 cm



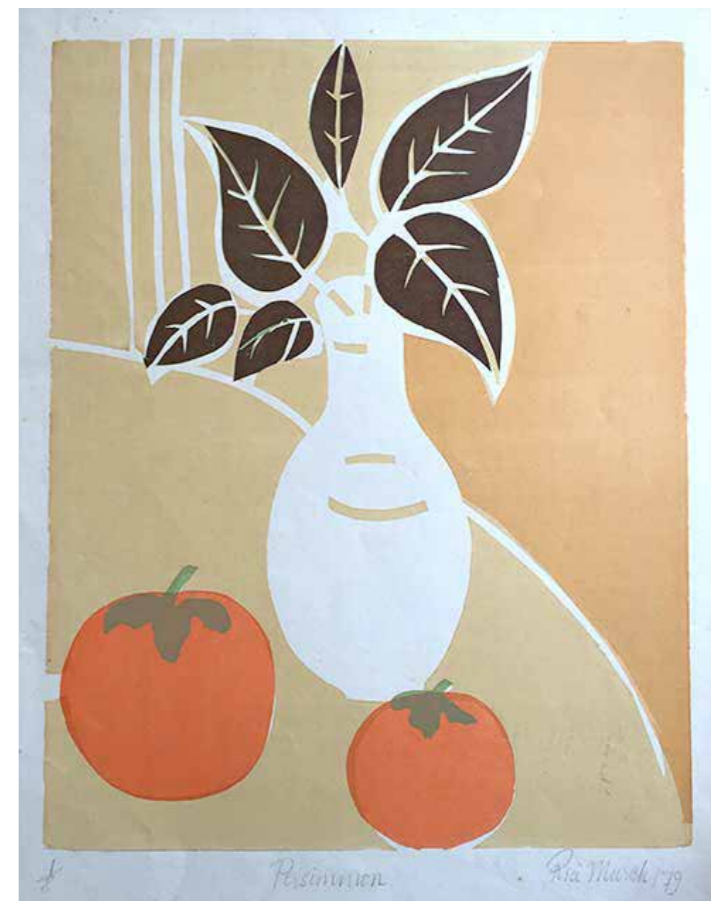
38.
Ria Murch
Leaves

1978
Contact etching 1 of 2
27 x 25 cm



39.
Ria Murch
Birds' Dance

1978
Paint, crayon, pencil
43 x 35 cm



40.
Ria Murch
Persimmons

1979
Screen Print 1 of 8
21 x 38 cm



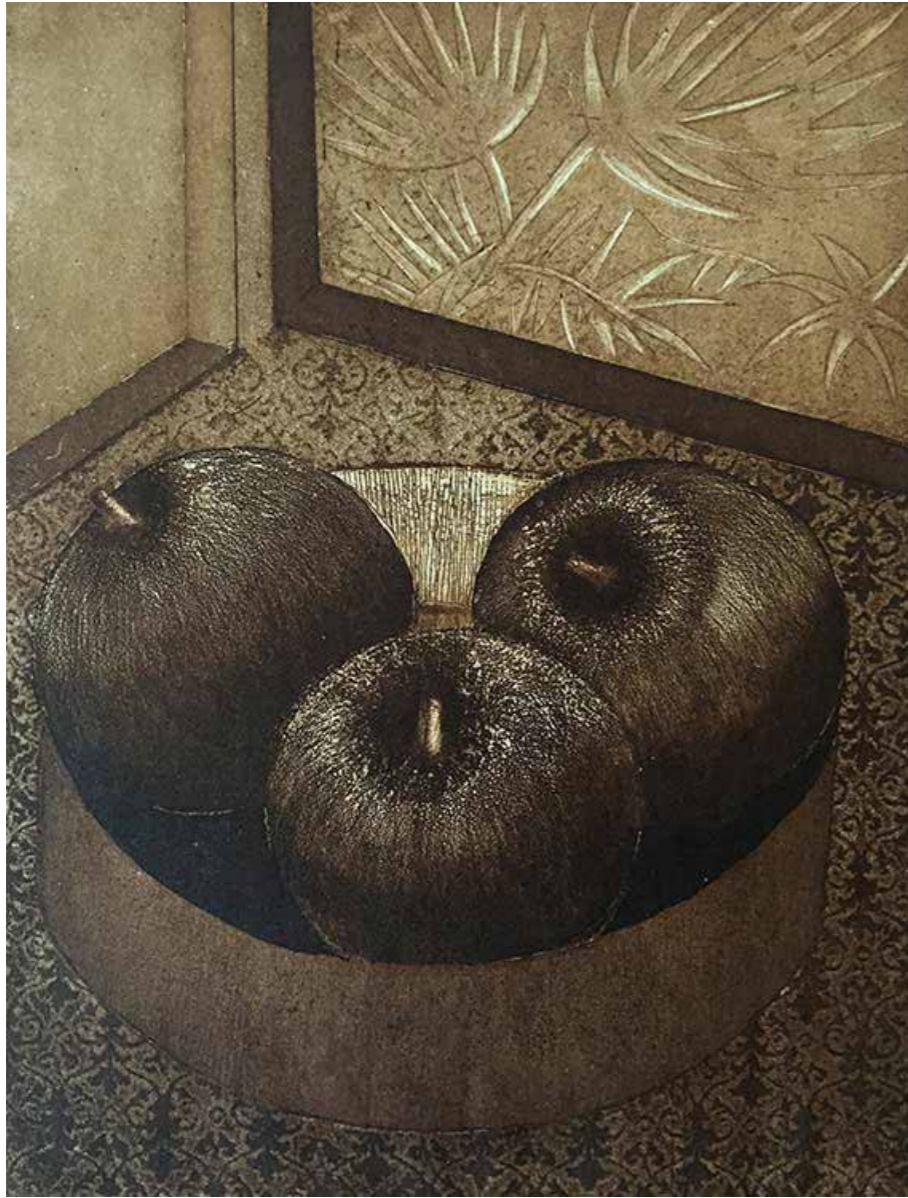
41.
Ria Murch
Marmalade Cat: "Claws"

1979
Chalk original
30 x 23 cm



42.
Ria Murch
Early Bird

1978 or 79
Screen Print. 1 of 10
44 x 33 cm



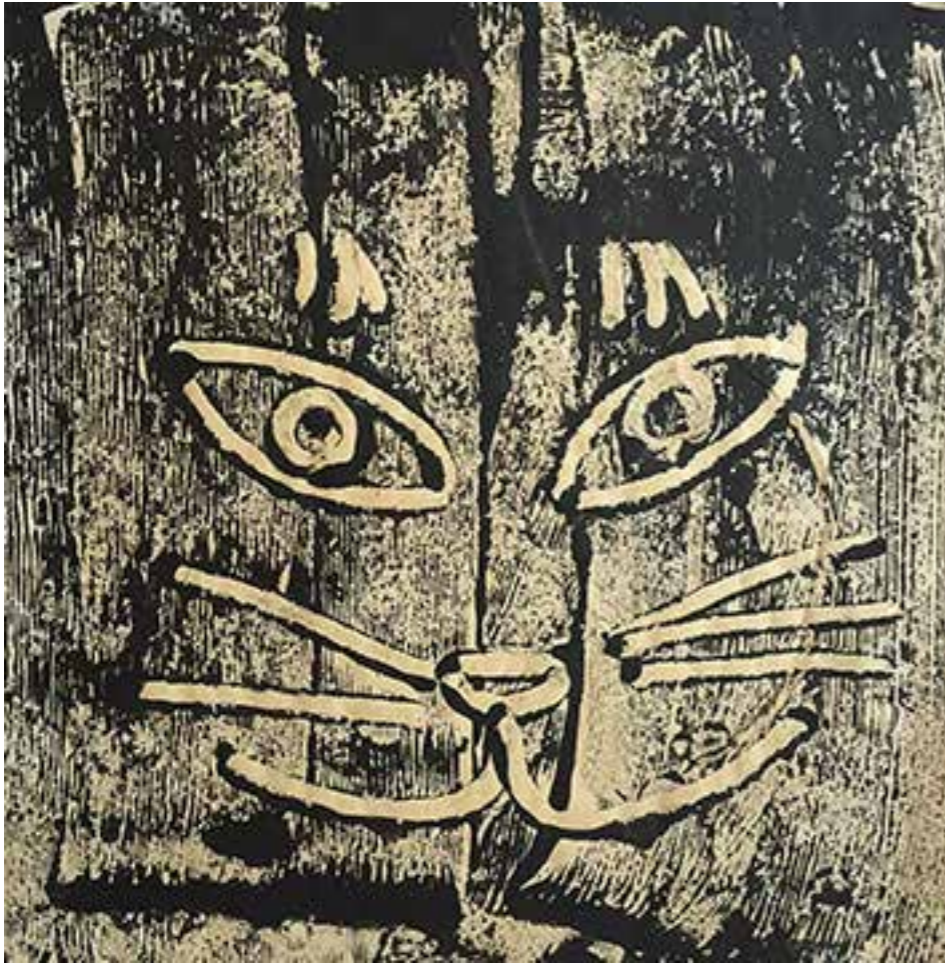
43.
Ria Murch
Apples

1979
Etching 1 of 2
30 x 26 cm



44.
Ria Murch
*Reflections of a Summer
Sky*

1978
Screen Print. 1 of 10
40 x 50 cm



45.
Ria Murch
Cat's Face

1978
Direct Print - 1 only
25 x 23.5 cm



46.
Ria Murch
Abstract Colours

1978
Screen Print
36 x 29 cm



47.
Ria Murch
Honeyeater

1978
Etching. 1 of 10. Various
colours
27 x 24 cm



48.
Michelle Murch
Flower Power

1971
Digital print from 35mm
20 x 30



49.
Michelle Murch
Ria and Bridge

1987
Digital print from 35mm
20 x 30



50.
Michelle Murch
Arthur at Easel

1979
Digital print from 35mm

20 x 30



51.
Michelle Murch
Women's Change Room
Avalon Surf Club 2013 - 1

2013
Digital print
20 x 30



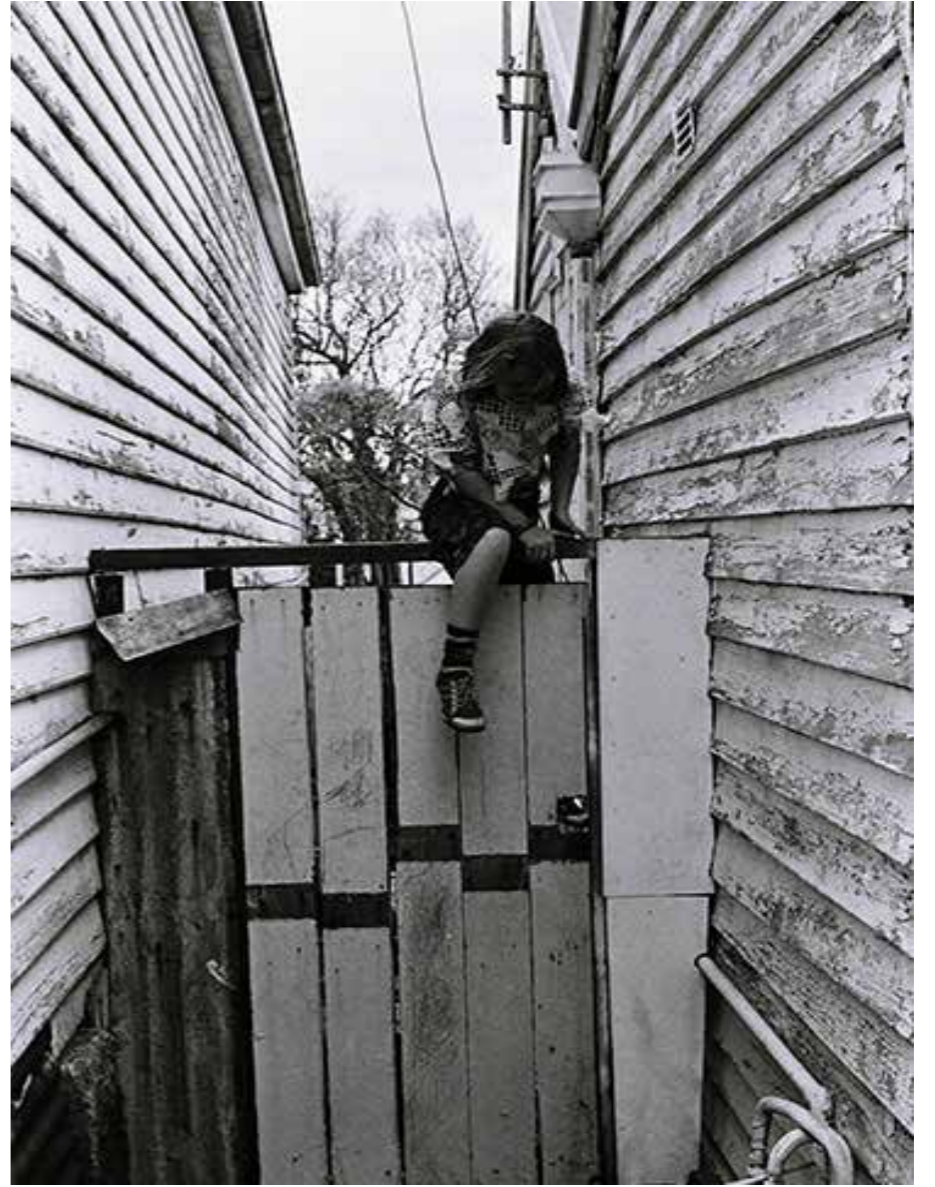
52.
Michelle Murch
Women's Change Room
Avalon Surf
Club 2013 - 2

2013
Digital print
20 x 30



53.
Michelle Murch
Cat Yawn

1971
Digital print from 35mm
20 x 30



54.
Michelle Murch
Rozelle Kids

1973
Digital print from 35mm
1 of 10
20 x 30



55.
Michelle Murch
Midriff Avalon Beach

1971
Digital print from 35mm
20 x 30



56.
Michelle Murch
Car on Avalon Beach

1971
Digital print from 35mm
20 x 30