

**Campbelltown Arts Centre** presented stories about people's struggles with schizophrenia including works by artists such as:-

**Matthew Dysart** (artist/environmentalist/taxi driver) was represented through their paintings and drawings, as well as diaries and sketchbooks, video, film, personal possessions and oral histories.

**Anthony Mannix** is renowned artist who presented his remarkable journals – tomes inscribed with images and writing, as well as creating a series of new paintings which Mannix described as visualisations of 'the psychotic landscape and its forces'.

**Simon Champ** is an artist/mental health services activist. Simon Champ's landscape series ranged from the sublime to the surreal, while his sketchbooks revealed the machinations of his mind in many states.

**Grant James Rowe:** a painter, film-maker and musician, also lives with schizophrenia, and his installation was based on these three areas. His sister, Sydney-based artist **Anne Louise Rowe**, has long addressed schizophrenia in her artistic practice.

**Elizabeth Day** (contemporary artist) shares Anne Rowe's experience of being part of a family with member(s) with schizophrenia. Day developed a major sculptural installation about her experiences, especially in the area of stigma.

**Graeme Doyle** (Melbourne-based artist and poet) contributed a suite of works on paper. His penetrating portraits and self portraits revealed the artist's ongoing struggles, as well as his unique – and uniquely insightful – processes of perception.

**Richard Morrison** presented sensuous paintings that are windows onto a joyous homoerotic world.

**Wart** (aka Jen Waterhouse) contributed a suite of tough paintings which continued her interest in mental illness and sexuality.

**Bruce Plant** presented paintings that described an often very peaceful life shared with his wife and dog.

**Brian Murray** (Melbourne-based Indigenous artist) presented works on paper and a sculptural installation. Murray has developed a unique perspective – combined his own Aboriginal beliefs with his interests in Egyptology and Ufology.

## Social Histories

**Simon Champ** has been a campaigner for the rights of the mentally ill for over twenty years. Simon was diagnosed with schizophrenia in his late teens. Simon is on the board of the schizophrenia Fellowship and Sane Australia. Champ is a practicing artist.

**Keith Wilson** is a former teacher, Anglican priest and Member of the WA Parliament. Keith's son has schizophrenia and currently resides with Keith and his wife in their family home after many failed attempts by the family to find adequately supported accommodation. Keith sits on the WA Governments Mental Health Taskforce and has been the Chair of the Mental Health Council of Australia since 2002.

**Jimmy Chi** is a well known Indigenous artist. His plays have been performed around Australia and his most noted work *Corrugation Road* deals with Jimmy's journey with schizophrenia. Popular Australian artists such as Shane Howard former members of Goanna and the Irish ballad singer, Mary Black have recorded Jimmy's songs.

**Alan Stephens** has had a fascination for the railways since his childhood. At the age of 19 Alan was diagnosed with schizophrenia. During his last two years of high school Alan sat and watched the trains at Hornsby train sheds and fascination led to him making his own models.

**Vince** writes words on a wall in the laneway outside Matthew Talbot Lodge. His words are intended as a way of sending a positive message into the community. Both of Vince's brothers have schizophrenia.

**Mrs Dymott's** son Andrew has been missing since 1996. Andrew was the resident electrician for the Melbourne Arts Centre, loved riding his trail bike and playing guitar. He had been diagnosed with schizophrenia and had not told his parents. It wasn't until Andrew went missing that his parents discovered his illness. 10 years later Andrew's room is exactly how he left it the day he went missing.

**Christine Rau** is a former journalist with *The Age* newspaper in Melbourne and mother of three children. Her sister, Cornelia Rau was held in the Baxter Detention Centre.

**Sergeant Steve Jeffrey** is currently involved in the series *Missing on Channel*. He heads up the Missing Persons unit for the NSW Police. Sgt. Jeffrey has strong opinions on policing and mental health as well as the importance of creating a national missing persons register.

**Dan Halloran** In April 2003, 15 year old Dan Halloran launched *You're Not Alone* a cartoon style book he wrote to assist other children who have parents with schizophrenia. Dan's belief that young people need to have an understanding of the illness as the child still loves the parent and the parent loves them. Dan's mother had schizophrenia and lost her battle with breast cancer in 2004. Dan was awarded an James Wall Bursary in 2003.