



Wallace Gallery Morrinsville

Gaye Jurisich

Backstories, Humour, and Truth

2 – 31 October 2021, Main Gallery

Gaye Jurisich was born in Rotongaro near Huntly, and now lives in Kirikiriroa Hamilton. Her practice is shaped by the rural landscapes which she has spent her life living in and around. *Backstories, Humour, and Truth* explores the encounters between natural and industrial materials.

Jurisich's work poses questions.
And asks us to be more mind conscious.

Many of these works are found objects, displayed in an unaltered state. Jurisich brings out the artistic quality of objects by letting them appear as artworks, no longer mere materials. She is not interested in ownership and authorship, but rather creating an opportunity for reflection and patience. This is at odds with the emphasis on brand-names, high-gloss art and instant visual gratification in today's market.

Jurisich is fascinated by materials, spatial experiences, juxtapositions and mutuality: *"By using materials that transform and react with each other I can create surfaces that push and pull and define my ambiguous process. I alternate between erasing and drawing, wiping away and adding, as the works reveal various cycles of compositions, in a complex mix of gestures and intrusions. Sometimes only ghosts and impediments remain leaving just a trace of my action."*

The title *Backstories, Humour, and Truth* refers to Jurisich's desire to showcase the stories that fill her mind and give her the drive to create; objects that make her laugh; and ideas that we should all be aware of. The exhibition focusses as much on the individual objects as on their interconnections and the humour of the various objects and materials.

1. RICHARD	Galvanised ducting and tape
2. MASK	Found plastic
3. UNTITLED	80kg Baking flour & stainless steel
4. UNTITLED	Found plastic extrusion
5. MASK II	Found plastic
6. CAGES	Found copper
7. MFS -97 & MFS-98	Found copper
8. TRUTH	Compressed waste
9. BACKSTORIES	Sketchbooks
10. BLOOD	Extruded plastic & paint
11. EAGLE	Extruded plastic
12. GIRDER	Wool & baking flour

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