

# Artist proud of Miles exhibit

The countdown is on at Dogwood Crossing in Miles, who are proud to present the exhibition of landscape artist Metka Skrobar, "Windows to the Outback" in the John Mullins Memorial Art Gallery.

This Saturday, as a great pre-race event, the exhibition will open from 11.30am.

Metka is an Australian artist, art tutor and mentor who has been dear to the heart of many emerging and now established artists in the Western Downs region.

She has been painting professionally since 1982 and has spent time studying under Europe's Master Watercolourist, France Siana.

Originally from Slovenia, Metka often travels to Europe where she has held solo exhibitions in her home town, Maribor and recently in the

Her work is highly regarded and held in public, private and corporate collections both in Australia and overseas.

Metka has made extensive journeys to the outback regions of Australia in her capacity as an artist and tutor.

Metka said she was captivated and mesmerised by the vastness of the landscape and resilience of the people who work and live there.

During her travels Metka records, sketches and collates information which later becomes the foundation for works of art executed in her Gold Coast studio.

Because she paints in a larger format she prefers the ease of her studio to bring these works of art to completion.

"I find I am passionately moved by the spirit of this land and am compelled to capture the



Metka Skrobar. Photo by Russell Shakespeare.

seem dry and sere," Metka said.

For this exhibition Metka has completed large and small format works as well as a range of unique painted fruit bowls made from plough discs.

The bowls have been commercially sand blasted and powder coated with three welded legs on the base for support and feature Metka's

visor Kylie Bourne said she was excited to be able to exhibit the striking work on an Australian artist who has had such a long association with

"I encourage everyone to come and enjoy the opening of 'Windows to the Outback' over champagne and nibbles on your way to the annual Miles District Picnic Races.

"Windows to the Outback" will



Beware, by Metka. Photo contributed.



Summer Harvert. Photo contributed.