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“GENERATE” An Exciting New Exhibition At STURT GALLERY 28 March to 9 May 2010.

***Generate* is the title of an exciting new exhibition of textile and mixed media works by Julie Ryder. The exhibition will be officially opened on Sunday 28 March at 11am by lecturer and cultural theorist Dr Sharon Peoples. Following the launch, there will be an artist’s talk and visual presentation by Julie Ryder at 1.30pm. FREE EVENT.**

Julie Ryder’s exhibition **‘Generate’** explores the life and theories of the 19th century naturalist, Charles Darwin. Drawing inspiration from his five-year voyage in *The Beagle*, this body of work investigates the impact that this exotic journey had on his ideas of social and natural history. Darwin’s journey and encounters with inhabitants from South America and the South Pacific are referenced through works on tapa cloth, glass and textiles to give insight into his theories on natural selection and origin of species.

‘Generate’ reflects Ryder’s ongoing fascination with nature, as a way of understanding our inner and outer worlds, challenging perceptions of chaos and control, perfection and imperfection – questioning concepts of beauty and veracity.

Julie Ryder has been a practicing artist for over two decades. In 2004 Julie completed an MA in Visual Arts at ANU School of Art in Canberra. Julie has exhibited her work in numerous solo and group exhibitions throughout Australia and overseas. Julie’s work is included in many recognised collections including those of the National Gallery of Australia, National Gallery of Victoria, Powerhouse Museum, Art Gallery of South Australia and the Sturt Collection in Mittagong.

Sturt Gallery Cnr Range Rd and Waverley Pde, Mittagong 2575. Open seven days 10am – 5pm.

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