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Noosa Regional Gallery is delighted to welcome visitors to two exciting new exhibitions.

Presented with assistance from the Australian Government Visions of Australia program, multi award winning Australian ceramicist Prue Venables is the ninth artist to be celebrated in a national touring exhibition; the Australian Design Centre series *Living Treasures: Masters of Australian Craft*, celebrating the achievements of Australia's most iconic crafts practitioners.

Travelling to 13 venues across Australia since 2019 as part of ADC On Tour, Noosa Regional Gallery is delighted to be the second last venue for this outstanding exhibition.

Says Noosa Regional Gallery Director Michael Brennan, "The refined detail expressed in Prue Venables' functional artworks show her profound understanding of porcelain- the most precious and temperamental of clays. We are certain our audience will appreciate the quiet beauty of these delicate forms."

Also exhibiting with Venables is Sunshine Coast artist and silversmith jeweller Penny McIntyre. Informed by societal and environmental concerns, McIntyre's exhibition *Consequences* was created as a "reaction to the control and repression of women through fashion, religion, language and societal norms" explains the artist.

"Recent events, in particular the Me Too movement, Grace Tame, and the rise of women in governance are slowly changing our society for the better" she says.

Utilising children's play dolls and various materials reworked into abstract, commentary sculptures; McIntyre brings to the forefront the taking back of power by women in Western culture and the giving of voice to those previously oppressed. In so doing McIntyre incites strength in numbers.

Living Treasures: Masters of Australian Craft Prue Venables and Penny McIntyre: Consequences opens at Noosa Regional Gallery on Friday 11 March and runs until 24 April 2022.

Tickets to the opening event are available for booking via the Gallery website at www.noosaregionalgallery.com.au

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Image: Living Treasures, Prue Venables, Group Of Forms, Black Ovals & Yellow Sieve, 2018. Image by Terence bogue.