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RACV GOLDFIELDS RESORT SHOWCASES EXHIBITION BY ARTIST JACOB RAUPACH

ArtHouse at RACV Goldfields Resort will host an exhibition and photography masterclass by Bethanga based artist Jacob Raupach from 16 March to 16 June 2024.

Circumspice is a multi-format exhibition of photography, artist books, sculpture and installation investigating Creswick and the legacy of its industries. The exhibition borrows its title *Circumspice* – the Latin word for "look around you" – from the motto of the Victorian School of Forestry in Creswick, inviting guests to explore the relationship between natural and societal environments.

"The installation deals with Creswick as a site and links it with Ballarat and Melbourne. These sites have all been closely linked to gold mining and industry in general and my hope is that the installation will tease out some of those idiosyncratic ideas that link up the three locations," Mr Raupach said.

"The Blackwood frames that appear in the exhibition are an important aspect, both in terms of presenting the photographs and setting up the thematic links between images. Blackwood is a species native to this area and it feels quite pertinent as a material that holds a lot of different metaphors for how we relate to the environment and industry."

In May, Raupach will host a roving photography masterclass inspired by the exhibition with participants invited to hit the streets of Creswick with the artist as he shares his approach to documenting regional infrastructure through street, architectural and landscape photography.

RACV Goldfields Resort Manager, Bowen Kress, said the exhibition is a great opportunity for guests to engage with RACV's visual art displays while enjoying the natural grounds of the resort.

"I am pleased RACV supports exhibitions like this that support the arts community and provide an opportunity for locals and guests to enjoy world-class art experiences," Mr Kress said.

Raupach has exhibited widely across Australia and has published five photobooks including his prizewinning publication Radiata and the Australian and New Zealand Photobook of the Year finalist, Image Ecologies, with collaborator James Farley.

Book your stay at RACV Goldfields Resort and learn more about the Circumspice exhibition by visiting racv.com.au/art. Tickets to the <u>Photography Masterclass with Jacob Raupach</u> and school holiday program <u>Architecture for Kids</u> are limited – book now to reserve your place.

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