

Endangered Wildlife Art Lands at Hobart Airport

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Travellers can catch a rare glimpse of some of Tasmania's most endangered species at Hobart Airport as part of a new fundraising art partnership with Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary.

The original artworks feature the top five endangered species injured on Tasmanian roads: Spotted-tailed Quoll, Masked Owl, Swift Parrot, Tasmanian Devil and Wedge-tailed Eagle.

The original works will be auctioned at the end of the exhibition and prints are available now, with 50 per cent of auction profits and 20 per cent of the print sales going directly to Bonorong.

Hobart Airport Chief Operating Officer Matt Cocker said Hobart Airport was proud to partner with Bonorong and local artist Natalia Bennett to raise critical awareness and funds.

"Hobart Airport is the most popular gateway to Tasmania, six in every 10 travellers arrive through our terminal and many of them will tour our state by car," Mr Cocker said.

"This partnership with Bonorong and Natalia will help to send an important message to those visitors using our roads about driving safely and protecting our endangered species and our wildlife in general.

"We're so proud to play a role in delivering this exhibition and to do our bit to help protect our wildlife and raise much needed funds too."

Hobart-based artist and illustrator Natalia Bennett said she hoped her works would inspire change.

"It's amazing to partner with the airport and have this work reach so many people — all in the hope of turning visibility into action for our endangered species," Ms Bennett said.

"These species are under threat, and awareness is the first step toward protection. I hope this project sparks curiosity, compassion, and a sense of responsibility — not just in galleries, but on the roads, in our daily choices, and in how we connect to the natural world. If even one person slows down for wildlife or takes action to protect a vulnerable species because they saw this work, then it's made a difference."

Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary CEO Matt Clement said that almost three in four fatal incidents involving Tasmanian wildlife occurred on our roads.

"Wallabies and possums account for the significant majority of animals killed or injured on our roads each and every day," Mr Clement said. "Our endangered species, particularly the carnivores, are more likely to be hit by cars as they feast on carcasses left on or by the side of the road.

"Slowing down between dusk and dawn will certainly help to reduce the chance of a collision. But planning your trip so that you avoid driving at night altogether; that's safer for you and your family and is guaranteed to reduce the impact that cars have on our precious wildlife."

The artwork is on display for everyone to view near the check-in at the Hobart Airport, free bookmarks are also available, and you can purchase prints or original works online at



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