

# WATER IS LIFE

**KATHY HOLOWKO**

CS Gallery Window Commission

As a child, artist Kathy Holowko lived near the Kororoit Creek. She noticed that after a flood, the trees beside the creek looked a bit like decorated Christmas trees, with shiny plastic, foil, plastic bags and other rubbish caught in the branches. It looked nice for a moment before she realised it was litter.

This 3D artwork is similar to how a Natural History Museum might show a natural environment and includes illustrations of animals made by early explorers, before big changes to the habitat began. These dioramas have the addition of litter that can be found in today's ecology. Kathy's uses litter in her artwork to remind us that healthy waterways are the life-blood that allows all plants and animals (even humans!) to flourish.



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# CAN YOU FIND?

Try and find the animals, plants and litter on this checklist in the hexagonal windows at CS Gallery.

- A Blue-tongued lizard
- Three Eastern Banjo Frogs
- How many fish can you count?
- Litter: A cigarette butt, plastic, foil, an old can
- A Sugar-glider
- A mushroom
- A microbat
- A Skink
- An beetle
- A nest
- An Eel

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## POSSUMS, SUGAR GLIDERS AND BATS

These creatures are nocturnal, which means they come out at night. Brushtail possums and sugar gliders are marsupials with cosy pouches for their young. Sugar gliders stretch out their arms to make a kind of paracute and glide long distances through the air, after jumping from tall trees. A microbat can flap its wings and fly around super quick to catch insects. They all like to nest in tree hollows, but big old trees are hard to find in the suburbs, so nest boxes are a good place for them to snooze the day away. You could put a nest box in a tree, and see who arrives! And a good way to keep these native animals safe is to keep cats inside and provide native flowering plants.

