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## Local faces on show at Mosman Art Gallery

Mosman Art Gallery is pleased to present the work of Mosman photographer Denise Pope from **11 September - 17 November 2019**. The exhibition titled *Mosman in Focus* will be exhibited in the Gallery's In Profile space, which is dedicated to showcasing the work of artists living or working in Mosman.

*Mosman in Focus* presents a series of black and white photographs which celebrate the thriving multicultural neighbourhood that is Mosman. Since 2018, Pope has captured the portraits of 29 Mosman residents, including local business people, new comers to the area, and those who are Mosman born and bred. Each portrait is accompanied by text written by Mosman resident Trish Daley, based on interviews conducted with each portrait subject. Pope describes the project as “a tribute to the hidden heroes of everyday life, unearthing a rich and diverse community graced with captivating people whose stories are as fascinating as they are heart-warming.”

Pope's love of black and white photography began at age 13, when she was given a copy of *The Family of Man*, a book depicting the photographic exhibition of the same name created for the Museum of Modern Art, New York in 1955 celebrating “the universal aspects of human experience”. However, over the years her passion for photography took a back seat as she pursued careers in graphic design and art direction. Later in life she returned to photography, specifically portraiture, developing her gift for working with the magic of natural light to capture the intrinsic nature of her subjects.

The exhibition is part of the 2019 Festival of Mosman program which takes place between 18-27 October. The Festival of Mosman is a biennial festival that celebrates the best of Mosman's harbour-side lifestyle with an array of activities, exhibitions and events, including concerts, outdoor cinema screenings, markets and environmental activities. For the full program visit; [www.festivalofmosman.net](http://www.festivalofmosman.net)

### **Denise Pope: *Mosman in Focus***

Where: Mosman Art Gallery, 1 Art Gallery Way, Mosman NSW 2088  
On view: 11 September – 17 November 2019  
Open: 7 days, 10am – 5pm (Wednesdays 10am-8pm). Closed public holidays.  
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