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ARTBOX ventures on its first road trip out of the Huon Valley

The Huon Valley Council's mobile art gallery, ARTBOX, has ventured on its first road trip out of the Valley.

Featuring a collaborative exhibition of painting, music and words dedicated to the Hartz Mountains, the 20-foot high cube shipping container has been placed at Mawson Place on the Hobart waterfront.

At the official opening today, Mayor Bec Enders paid tribute to the City of Hobart for enthusiastically welcoming ARTBOX and creating a wonderful space for the viewing of some exquisite artworks by Huon Valley artists.

"ARTBOX is all about showcasing the outstanding creativity and skills of our local artists and makers and connecting our communities with the arts," Cr Enders said.

"Having ARTBOX travel to Hobart provides the artists with more exposure and recognition and creates opportunities for communities outside of the Valley to connect with their work and perhaps venture to our beautiful part of the world."

The exhibition is called *Suspended Breath: A Hartz Journey*. The artists, Kat Scarlet, Gareth Dawson and Jane Rawson, all live in the Huon Valley.

City of Hobart Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds said it is a real honour for the City of Hobart to be able to host ARTBOX's first venture out of the Valley.

"ARTBOX has been a great cultural initiative in the Huon Valley over the past 18 months. Kat's paintings are a wonderful perspective on a beautiful piece of Tasmanian landscape," Cr Reynolds said.

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"We're really pleased to have this exhibit on display at Mawson Place for the next month."

Mayor Enders said since its inception in 2020, ARTBOX has travelled across many townships throughout the Huon Valley exhibiting artworks of all kinds, such as visual arts, sculpture, craft, design, digital media, performance, and installations.

"This maiden voyage outside of the Valley is an important first step," Cr Enders said.

"There are a lot more potential opportunities for ARTBOX to travel even further. Councils in Tasmania and interstate have expressed interest in collaborating and we've had interest from art groups keen to do something similar. The sky really is the limit when it comes to future collaborations.

"We would like to thank the Tasmanian Community Fund for funding the development of ARTBOX and the Bendigo Bank Community Funding for supporting the transport of ARTBOX to keep exhibitions affordable and accessible for artists."

ARTBOX will be at Mawson Place from today until 9 February. The exhibition is "a love letter to a landscape found nowhere else on earth".

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