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## **'For Matthew and Others' exhibition: true stories of brave lives with schizophrenia**

*For Matthew and Others: Journeys with Schizophrenia* tells true stories through artwork and other media of brave lives lived in the face of what can be a devastating mental illness. The exhibition is a celebration of courage and creativity, inspired by the life and death of a young man called Matthew who struggled with schizophrenia for fifteen years.

*For Matthew and Others* includes an exhibition, public programs and an education component at Bundoora Homestead, all with the aim of raising public understanding of one of the most stigmatised illnesses today. Artists' works being exhibited include John Perceval AO, Graeme Doyle, Simon Champ, Richard McLean, and Derwent Lees.

Barbara Hocking, Executive Director of SANE Australia, says: '*For Matthew and Others* humanises schizophrenia and provides real insight into the impact it has on the lives of thousands of Australians. Celebrating the talents, humour and day-to-day heroism of so many with schizophrenia, this exhibition about a very treatable illness helps to reduce the stigma that surrounds it.'

Using oral and social histories, visual and literary arts, *For Matthew and Others* paints a vivid picture of the diversity of life with schizophrenia. Contributors range from people with personal experience of schizophrenia, to family, friends and those motivated by an interest in the illness.

### **Official Opening**

**When** Thursday 31 May at 6.00pm

**Where** Bundoora Homestead, 7-27 Snake Gully Drive, Bundoora

**Who** Dinah Dysart arts writer and editor, and mother of Matthew  
will open *For Matthew and Others*

Exhibition runs from 1 June - 1 July 2007      [www.bundoorahomestead.com](http://www.bundoorahomestead.com)

Opening hours:    Wednesday-Friday      11am-4 pm  
                         Saturday-Sunday      12pm-5 pm  
                         FREE ADMISSION

### **Interviews available.**

**Barbara Hocking, Executive Director SANE Australia, is available for comment**

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