

**LISA ROBERTS** Artist-in-Residence June - September 2021

**Lisa Roberts** is a flying fox advocate and photographer who chases bats, blossom and disappearing trees. She lives and works in Gippsland on unceded Gunnai Kurnai Country. Her recent exhibition was Flying Foxes and Disappearing Trees at East Gippsland Art Gallery. Her latest project, The Future is a Big Sky, is a photographic survey of forests scheduled for logging and burning.

**Public presentation** - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 4pm

at ORBOST EXHIBITION CENTRE 10 Clarke St. Orbost 3888

in conjunction with Concerned Artists Resisting Extinction (CARE) Exhibition 24 July - 28 Aug

Lisa will speak to her photographic artwork on local ecosystems impacted by planned burns and Fire behaviour scientist and Adjunct Associate Professor at Curtin University, Dr. Philip Zylstra, will question planned burns.

Reservations via email [info@omeodance.com/](mailto:info@omeodance.com/) via call or text 044 726 9930

*Grey-headed flying foxes are the only long-distance pollinators of east-coast eucalypt and banksia forests. Essentially one mobile colony, their normal range is from Melbourne to Brisbane. An 'umbrella species' with over 100 trees and shrubs relying on them for effective pollination. Lisa shares her experience photographing flying foxes and documenting the forests they visit locally.*



*Flying in the face of adversity - Lisa Roberts 2020*

*Called the canaries in the coalmine of climate change, extreme heat events kill flying foxes in epic proportions and heat events and destruction of habitat are inextricably linked. Flying foxes are a portent reminder, in more ways than one, of the man-made crisis playing out in our remaining forests.*

Since 2018 Lisa has collaborated with dancer Rosalind Crisp developing multi-artform installations and responses to the destruction of East Gippsland's forest and coastal ecosystems. In this residency they will focus on the high conservation, Cabbage Tree Palms area, which, despite being one of the rare sites spared the massive environmental losses of the 2019/2020 fires, is now on the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's current planned burning program.



*The future is a big sky* - Lisa Roberts