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# Florence can wait for artist's Weswal show

TAMWORTH-born artist Bronwyn Woodley Graham will choose her bush city over Italy any day.

She has turned down an invitation by an international committee of world renowned art curators, historians, art critics, and museum and gallery directors to exhibit her work in the Eighth Florence Biennale.

Instead, she is excited to launch her latest exhibition based on landscapes at the Weswal Gallery in Peel St.

Bronwyn said her decision to show in Tamworth was an easy one.

"I have been committed to this exhibition for two years and am looking forward to it immensely," she said.

"There is nothing like having an opening show in your own home town and I wouldn't miss it for the world."

Fortunately for Bronwyn, she will have a second opportunity to take her art to Italy.

She said the international committee of the Florence Biennale had extended their invitation to her for the next edition



**ARTIST AT WORK:** Bronwyn Woodley Graham is preparing for her exhibition at Weswal Gallery, which begins in less than two weeks.

in 2013. Weswal Gallery owner Tonia Mason said Bronwyn's exhibition, *Breathing the Landscape*, would be officially opened by Bill Gleeson on Friday at 5.30pm.

"We are really excited about the opportunity of having an artist of the calibre of Bronwyn exhibiting with us," Ms Mason said.

"It is even more special seeing as she is a local girl.

"When I took over the gallery in 2009 and first laid eyes on her work, I

knew straight away that I had to have Bronwyn in the gallery for a feature solo exhibition.

"After two years in the making, Bronwyn's hard work and planning will come to fruition when the exhibition opens this month."

Ms Mason said the exhibition would be the gallery's last for the year.

It will be on show for just over a month and will end November 24.