

Did you know

Artspace Mackay houses a nationally renowned and comprehensive collection of artists' books. An artist's book is a work of art created using the form or elements of a book. They can include a cover, pages, text and illustrations, just like the traditional book, but artists also find increasingly creative and clever ways to make artist's books. The Libris Awards: The Australian Artists' Book Prize is a national competition hosted by Artspace Mackay every two years that attracts accomplished artists working in the genre from throughout the country.

Location

Ideally located in the Civic Precinct, alongside the Mackay Entertainment Convention Centre (MECC) and the Jubilee Community Centre, Artspace Mackay is within walking distance of Mackay City Centre, making it an appealing and accessible destination for conference visitors and tourists.

Accessibility & parking

The gallery is purpose-built, on one level with easy access for all, and has parking at the front, side and rear of the building. A pick-up/drop-off zone is provided approximately 25m from the entrance doors with capacity for a medium sized bus and there are two designated disability parking bays and accessible footpaths near the building entrance.

Opening hours

10am to 5pm Tuesday to Friday

10am to 3pm Saturday & Sunday

Closed Mondays



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Make the art gallery
part of your event
experience



Add art & culture
to your next Mackay event or conference!

ARTSPACE MACKAY, MACKAY'S REGIONAL ART GALLERY



If you're planning to hold an event or conference in the Mackay region, make sure to program an art & cultural aspect to your visitor experience!

Mackay is a vibrant and culturally rich region that is home to a great many artists, art groups, designers and crafts practitioners. Artspace Mackay is a regional art gallery owned and operated by Mackay Regional Council and is an ideal entry point to the unique culture and creativity of this region, creating connections and inspiring our region's creativity.

Artspace has three impressive, contemporary gallery spaces and hosts exhibitions by local, Australian and international artists. A visit to Artspace Mackay is a creative, educational & enjoyable experience not to be missed. Viewing the exhibitions is free, and a number of public programs are also free of charge. But, to avoid gallery closure periods, and make the most of your visit, familiarise yourself with our exhibitions program and contact us so we can supply you with further information & advice.

It's best to plan ahead

When you plan to include a visit to Artspace Mackay in your program or satellite itinerary, our gallery staff can assist you to design an inspiring, enjoyable, educational and even interactive experience. On request, programs can be tailored to suit individual interests, needs and budget.



Book a guided tour

Take advantage of gallery staff's in-depth knowledge of each exhibition, and their experience in designing/delivering tours. We require bookings at least two weeks in advance. Staff-guided tours of the exhibitions are free but to avoid disappointment, availability must be confirmed with the Artspace public programs team.

Experience the collection

Viewings of artists' books from the MRC Art Collection can be arranged for your delegates. These experiences can be tailored to suit group sizes, and particular themes may be chosen depending on availability. This is a delightful, creative learning experience and bookings are essential, a minimum of one month in advance.



Join an activity

Artspace has a rich program of scheduled activities and events, from *Speed Date the Collection* to artist floor talks, family craft activities to art & design markets. By planning ahead & liaising with gallery staff, you can see if your visit co-incides with one of our many enjoyable, educational events.



Attend a workshop

We partner with many local practicing artists who love to share their skills and processes through organised workshops. If you'd like to integrate an art skills workshop into your program, or would like to get in touch with artists in our region, give the gallery a call to discuss your ideas and budget.



Hold an event

Artspace Mackay is a beautiful, contemporary venue where many community and corporate functions are held. It's an ideal venue for small to medium presentations or official welcome events, cocktail parties, long table dinners or gala occasions. Availability depends on existing public programs, bookings, and budget so plan ahead and make enquiries early.



Buy local craft

The Gallery Shop at Artspace Mackay stocks a creative range of giftware handcrafted by local and Australian artisans. For a creative souvenir of your visit, choose from a range of jewellery, cards, ceramics, textiles, various specialty books, and books by local authors. If you're interested in connecting with local artists, please call the gallery so we can assist you in any way we can.