

# Volunteering at Artspace

*Mackay's Regional Art Gallery*

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## Artspace Mackay, Mackay Regional Council

*Providing residents and visitors to Mackay with an impressive window to the world of contemporary art, Artspace Mackay is the regional art gallery owned and operated by Mackay Regional Council. The gallery includes three impressive exhibition spaces, Foodspace Cafe overlooking the green spaces of the Civic Precinct, The Gallery Shop for creative gifts and souvenirs, and the Tate Adams Reading Pod, a quiet space for visitors to access the gallery's significant collection of artists' books.*

The award-winning purpose-built gallery, designed by Queensland architects Cox Rayner, is an integral part of Mackay Regional Council's Cultural Precinct. Situated at 61 Gordon Street the gallery provides residents and visitors to Mackay with the opportunity to see art exhibitions by significant local, national and international artists.

Exhibitions are complemented by innovative educational and community focused activities for all ages, abilities and backgrounds. Programs include artists' talks, guided tours, practical art workshops for adults and children as well as professional development opportunities for local artists, teachers and students. *Rock Paper Scissors Art and Design Market* is a highlight in the gallery's calendar and the event provides a platform for local artists and designers to showcase their work. The biennial *Libris Awards: Australian Artists' Book Prize* is the gallery's nationally recognised competition that attracts entries by emerging and established Australian artists who compete in four categories.

Volunteers play a vital role in the running of Artspace Mackay, assisting with front of house duties ensuring every visitor feels welcome, providing information, and processing payments for workshops and merchandise in the *Gallery Shop*. Their passion and love for the arts and creative industries helps to spread the word throughout the community about the wonderful exhibitions, activities and events that Artspace offers month after month. Our volunteers also provide valuable assistance at special events and workshops in a great variety of ways. We aim to make volunteering at the gallery a fun, positive, and mutually rewarding experience and consider our volunteer's valuable stakeholders in our excellent community facility.

# VOLUNTEER ROLES AT THE GALLERY

## *Visitor Services Volunteers*

Visitors services volunteers are the face of Artspace Mackay. Their role consists of greeting visitors, helping with queries, answering phones and general administration duties. Visitor services volunteers also supervise the galleries to ensure artworks are kept safe and the spaces tidy. They assist with running The Gallery Shop; taking sales and offering excellent customer service. Visitor services volunteers play an important role in ensuring the success of the gallery.

## *Project Volunteers*

Another specialised area volunteers can become involved in is learning about the Mackay Regional Council Art Collection. Project Volunteers are specially trained in handling and presenting artists' books from The Collection. They present artists' books to the public, either through being available for bookings in the Tate Adams Reading Pod (TARP) or participating in Speed Date the Collection.

The TARP is a specially designed space in the gallery where people can book in with a volunteer to view two to three books from the MRC Art Collection in a one on one situation.

Speed Date the Collection is an event run on a regular basis throughout the year. The project volunteers are given a book prior to each event and prepare a ten-minute talk to present to those who attend. Speed Date the Collection is a free event and is a wonderful way to experience the MRC Art Collection in a relaxed and casual setting.

Project volunteers are required to meet on a regular basis and take part in different training activities. They also need basic research skills so they can prepare and present informative and engaging talks.









## *Special Events Volunteers*

Artspace Mackay often holds special events such as exhibition opening nights. At these events, volunteers play a crucial role in making sure the event runs smoothly. Volunteering at a special event involves working bar service, food service and supervising gallery entrances.

## *Workshop Volunteers*

Art classes and workshops are held at the gallery throughout the year for a variety of age ranges. A workshop volunteer's job is to assist the teacher or tutor who is running the session. Duties may include helping the tutor with supervising children, assisting with room setup or simply cleaning and tidying up after the class or workshop.

## *Benefits of being a volunteer*

Becoming a volunteer at Artspace Mackay offers a wide range of benefits and transferrable life skills. These include:

- Each volunteer role helps build specific skills such as administration, presenting and handling artists' books or working with children.
- Help the community engage with art in a fun and encouraging environment.
- Teachers and students can request a PD certificate confirming their volunteer hours.
- Being a volunteer entitles you to a 10% discount to the Gallery Shop.
- Invitation to volunteer only workshops and activities. This includes learning print making, afternoon teas and more.
- Meet and make new friends with other like-minded volunteers!

## *Become a volunteer today!*

Fill out an application form and hand it in at the front desk or visit our website; [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au) to download and fill in an application, then email or post it back to the gallery.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## GALLERY HOURS

10am – 5pm Tuesday to Friday

10am – 3pm Saturday and Sunday

(Closed Mondays)

FREE ENTRY

