



Artspace Mackay

EXHIBITIONS ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

January to June 2017



Artspace Mackay's next annual Art & Design Market will be held in beautiful Spring... SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER. Stallholder applications will open in April 2017. Follow Rock Paper Scissors Art & Design Market on Facebook to keep up-to-date!

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Art & Design Market // 10 SEP 2017

WELCOME to ARTSPACE MACKAY'S REGIONAL ARTGALLERY

Now in its 15th year of operation Artspace Mackay continues to highlight the vitality of the arts and cultural scene of today. It is clear that many contemporary artists are challenging and exploring materials, techniques and concepts in a way that provides us, the viewer, with much food for thought.

A renewed and invigorated exhibition program, guided by the development of the Artspace Mackay Strategic Plan 2017-2019 and the Mackay Regional Council Arts & Cultural Plan, will see a dramatic shift in the focus of exhibitions towards the end of 2017 from those that tour from other organisations to exhibitions that are curated in house with works from the MRC Art Collection. Visitors will be able to experience a reaffirmed commitment to Queensland artists as well as the launch of a new retail area, The Tate Adams Reading Pod, the Artists in Residence Program and the refurbishment of Gallery Three into a dedicated new media space.

Since its inception the gallery has been an ardent advocate for the acquisition and exhibition of artists' books and we are delighted to be able to make these treasured works more accessible to the public through the specialised training of our volunteers. Visitors will be able to make a booking in the Tate Adams Reading Pod (TARP). This is a purpose-designed, custom built reading area that provides a dedicated space in which visitors can access Artspace Mackay's extensive collection of artists' books. Its physical presence alone will greatly increase awareness of the artists' book collection. TARP will give a sense of ideas being made evident, and the artists' endeavours being formed, within an ideas space. It will be a place for discussion, engagement and perhaps even bridge the perceived disconnect between art galleries, art lovers and artists' books.

Our aim at Artspace Mackay is to be relevant and accessible to all visitors, regardless of age or abilities. We hope to offer a space where you can have an immersive, participatory experience or one that is quiet and encourages contemplation. As usual a comprehensive range of public programs will accompany all our exhibitions, most of these are free and open to all.

We look forward to welcoming you to Artspace Mackay in 2017; a place that provides a "window to the world" from which to view the creative and social mores that shape the environment in which we live.

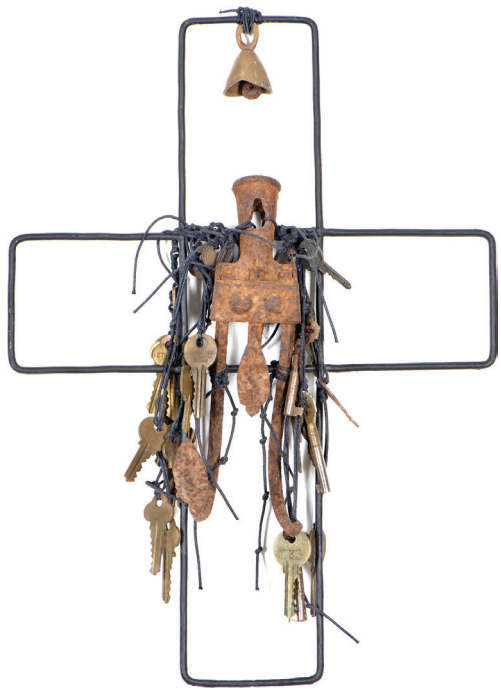
Julie Skate
Director, Artspace Mackay

COVER IMAGE: Whale tooth necklace,
'wasekaseka', sperm whale teeth / plant fibre,
maker unknown, Fiji, mid-19th century
Lent by the Museum of Applied Arts and
Sciences, Sydney. Purchased 1892.



The 2016 Libris Awards was a great success! Congratulations to all entrants, finalists & winners. Thank you to our major sponsor **Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal**, also Artspace Mackay Foundation & Mackay Regional Council. We'd like also to thank our Judge, Sasha Grishin and all of you who came to the opening and visited the exhibition!






FOCUS *on the* COLLECTION KARLA DICKENS

Gallery Two, Artspace Mackay

Wiradjuri artist Karla Dickens creates work from an intensely personal place and it's this authenticity that powers each and every work. Healing is a recurring theme and through the building up of layers, textures and history she communicates messages of strength, hope and salvation. Known for her collage and installation works, she trawls rubbish tips, second hand shops and laneways looking for discarded objects. Worn, rejected and full of history, she repurposes these items, representative of the history of her own struggle and that of Indigenous Peoples as a whole. By salvaging the discarded, these items, like the artist, are given a new life and a purpose, symbolising the hope she holds for the future of her Peoples.

IMAGE: **Karla DICKENS** *For better or worse #5* 2016. Mixed media. 42 x 30cm (cross). Mackay Regional Council Art Collection. Purchased 2016.

09DECEMBER *to*
19FEBRUARY



ARTSPACE is CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS 20 FEBRUARY to 20 MARCH!

Our beautiful gallery is nearly fourteen years old, and it's time for some new carpet, a purpose-built gift shop, a specialised reading pod for visitors to enjoy the artists' book collection, and renovations to Gallery Three that will see it transformed into an integrated audio visual display space! You'll still be able to enjoy a delicious breakfast, lunch or coffee at FOODSPACE, and Artspace public programs staff will hit the road with their Artspace-to-go program, visiting schools throughout the region. We apologise for the inconvenience, but feel confident you're going to love our fabulous improvements!

GALLERY

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MAN CHEUNG

Botanical Cosmos - Mackay

21 March to 10 May

Produced through the Artspace Artists in Residence Program and in collaboration with Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, *Botanical Cosmos* presents a stunning selection of plants found in the Mackay region. Using photography, video and sound, artist Man Cheung reveals the plants' refined aesthetics, seductive forms and vivid colours in a series of unique botanical artworks.

LIMINAL SPACES

Escaping the frame

16 May to 16 July

A new media installation by local artist Glenda Hobdell presents alternate views that are informed by the experience of two caves – one in Hungary, the other in Australia. A synthesis of immense hanging panels, animated videos, light projections and sonic effects reveal an interplay between light and dark, reflection and shadow, positive and negative, still and moving, physical and digital.



IMAGE: **Man CHEUNG** BLC. Alma Kee
"Tipmalee" 2016. Photograph. Image courtesy
of the artist.

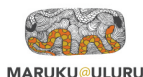
IMAGE: **Glenda HOBDELL (aka La Budda)**
Liminal spaces: Escaping the frame. Exhibition
installation at The Block, QUT, 2013. Hand drawn
film panels with animated rear projection. Image
courtesy of the artist.



PUNUKU TJUKURPA

Gallery One, Artspace Mackay

Artback NT, in association with Maruku Arts, presents *Punuku Tjukurpa*, the first touring exhibition of artworks from the Maruku Arts archive based at Mutitjulu, near Uluru in the Northern Territory. *Punuku Tjukurpa* includes 88 punu objects, alongside sculptural works, 2D objects and specially produced audio and video footage. The exhibition includes works made by three generations of artists for whom the tradition of wood carving and painting has been passed down. Artists have shared the teaching of stories that inform the intricate designs and markings incorporated in the objects. The title of the exhibition, *Punuku Tjukurpa*, describes the story and the Law behind these works.



24MARCH to
21MAY Opening 6pm Thurs 23 March

ABOVE: Niningka LEWIS *Teapot* 2013. Itara: River red gum and acrylic paint, 270x120x90mm.



ABOVE: Fans (2), coconut palm frond / feathers / vegetable dyes, maker unknown, Fanning Island, Kiribati, 1963. Lent by the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, Sydney. Gift of Lou and Elgin Brown, 2009.

ASSI150

Gallery Two, Artspace Mackay

2017 is a significant year that marks the 150th anniversary of the arrival of South Sea Islanders to Mackay. This anniversary is a significant milestone for our local Australian South Sea Islander (ASSI) community and an important part of Australia's history. Australian South Sea Islanders, despite the hardships they have suffered, are a strong and dynamic community who continue to make an enormous contribution to all aspects of life, not only in the Mackay region, but in the broader Australian community as well. A selection of objects from the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences aims to introduce viewers to the cultural diversity, vitality and spirit resonance of Oceanic art and to some of its universe of forms, both old and new.

21 MARCH to
21 MAY

Opening 6pm Thurs 23 March



DEBORAH KELLY NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL *(in all our glory)*

Gallery One, Artspace Mackay

Originally created for the 19th Biennale of Sydney (2014) this exhibition comprises 20 life-sized photographic portraits realised through ongoing discussion, exchange and art making between the artist, the subjects and the contributors. The subjects represent a fascinating cross section of contemporary Australia with each portrait telling an intimate story of the subject's life. "Without the barriers of language, culture, religion, sexuality, gender or race, this collaged imagery bombards the viewer with the human narrative, 'in all its glory'." Jacqui Hemsley, Director, Murray Art Museum Albury. Kelly creates mixed-media artworks that are at once unexpected, humorous, provocative, and profound.

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Image: Deborah KELLY & collaborators. Ramesh Mario Nitiyendran from *No Human Being Is Illegal (in all our glory)* 2014. Pigment ink print on Hahnemühle papers bonded to aluminium, with collage from books and found materials, glue and UV protective varnishes. 200 x 109cm. Image courtesy of the artist.

27MAY to
16JULY Opening 3pm Saturday 27 May



PETER LYSSIOTIS

Where are the originals? Once were photographs...

Gallery One, Artspace Mackay

Where are the Originals? slows down the frantic pace of photography in the modern era, pausing for a breath in our rush to capture every moment by taking an over-the-shoulder look at photography and interrogating it. Amongst other things this exhibition posits the view that once an idea has been stretched, almost to breaking point, it will return inevitably to the original. Lyssiotis' process of scratching, erasing, sanding and over drawing an existing image is a way of drawing those photographs, which have been made and already reproduced back to their essence... light. So that the immediacy of photography goes arm-in-arm with the meditative nature of drawing. Based on two series of works, these works look at the challenge of making visible that which the photographer has not foreseen, revealing, in the process, what was hidden in the original, with a view, always, to reach for those unexpected levels of poetry (and perhaps humour).

ABOVE: **Peter LYSSIOTIS** ..., & now? series (detail) 2015. Giclee print. 80 x 108 cm. Image courtesy of the artist.



27MAY to
16JULY Opening 3pm Saturday 27 May



ABOVE: **Jud WIMHURST** *Protection* (Installation detail) Image courtesy of the artist.

JUD WIMHURST PROTECTION

Gallery Two, Artspace Mackay

As a firm believer in DIY, research and experimentation is an important part of Wimhurst's practice and if that means sourcing a completely new material and exploring its capabilities or mastering a new technique, or even to make the necessary tools to do a specific job from scratch, so be it. Conceptually, his sculptures are inspired by consumerism, design, pop culture, mortality and humour- and in particular the point of which these themes may meet or intersect.

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BMA KIDSPACE

Join local artists and performers for creative art activities designed especially for toddlers and their adults. BMA Kidspace, our ever-popular toddler's program, gives children under five a chance to explore and have fun with art in a climate of co-operative learning. The program includes free artist-run workshops from 10am to 2pm and live musical entertainment for kids from 12pm to 1pm. Bring your children along for a fun day of art-making, singing and dancing. Proudly presented by BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance.

2017 BMA Kidspace dates

Tuesdays > 28 Mar / 18 Apr / 23 May / 20 June / 11 July / 22 Aug / 12 Sep / 10 Oct / 14 Nov / 5 Dec

KIDS ART CLUB

6 - 8 years > 10am - 12pm // 9 - 12 years > 1 - 3pm

TERM 1: Saturday 11 February - Saturday 18 March

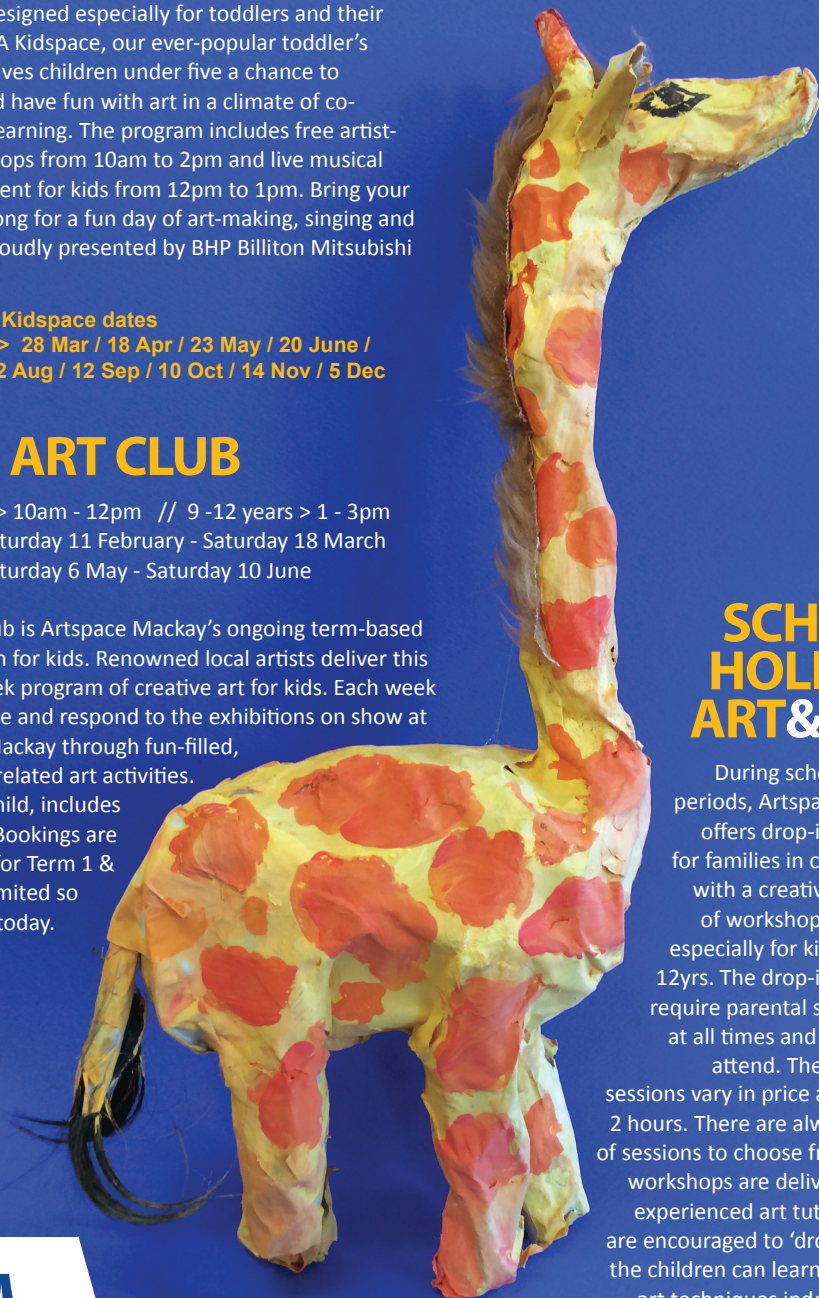
TERM 2: Saturday 6 May - Saturday 10 June

Kids Art Club is Artspace Mackay's ongoing term-based art program for kids. Renowned local artists deliver this rich six week program of creative art for kids. Each week they explore and respond to the exhibitions on show at Artspace Mackay through fun-filled, exhibition-related art activities.

\$150 per child, includes materials. Bookings are open now for Term 1 & seats are limited so contact us today.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART&FUN

During school holiday periods, Artspace Mackay offers drop-in activities for families in conjunction with a creative program of workshops designed especially for kids aged 8 - 12yrs. The drop-in activities require parental supervision at all times and are free to attend. The workshop sessions vary in price and run for 2 hours. There are always plenty of sessions to choose from. These workshops are delivered by an experienced art tutor. Parents are encouraged to 'drop & go' so the children can learn great new art techniques independently building confidence and creative freedom.



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ARTSPACE VOLUNTEERS

Artspace Mackay Volunteers provide an invaluable service to the Gallery by staffing our front desk, informing visitors about the exhibitions, workshops, events and other exciting opportunities and services offered by Artspace Mackay. They also provide valuable assistance at exhibition openings and special events.

To enquire about becoming a volunteer, please call the Artspace Administration Officer, 4961 9722.

COMMUNITY EXHIBITIONS PROGRAM

The Community Exhibitions Program managed by Artspace Mackay provides local artists with opportunities to exhibit their work. There are two community exhibition spaces in the region, Mackay Town Hall Studio, Sydney St, Mackay and Sarina Art Gallery, Field of Dreams, Sarina. To find out how you can hold your own exhibition in either of these spaces, contact the gallery today, 4961 9722.

ABOVE: Artspace Mackay Volunteer, Rita Jewell at the Libris Awards exhibition opening, 2016.



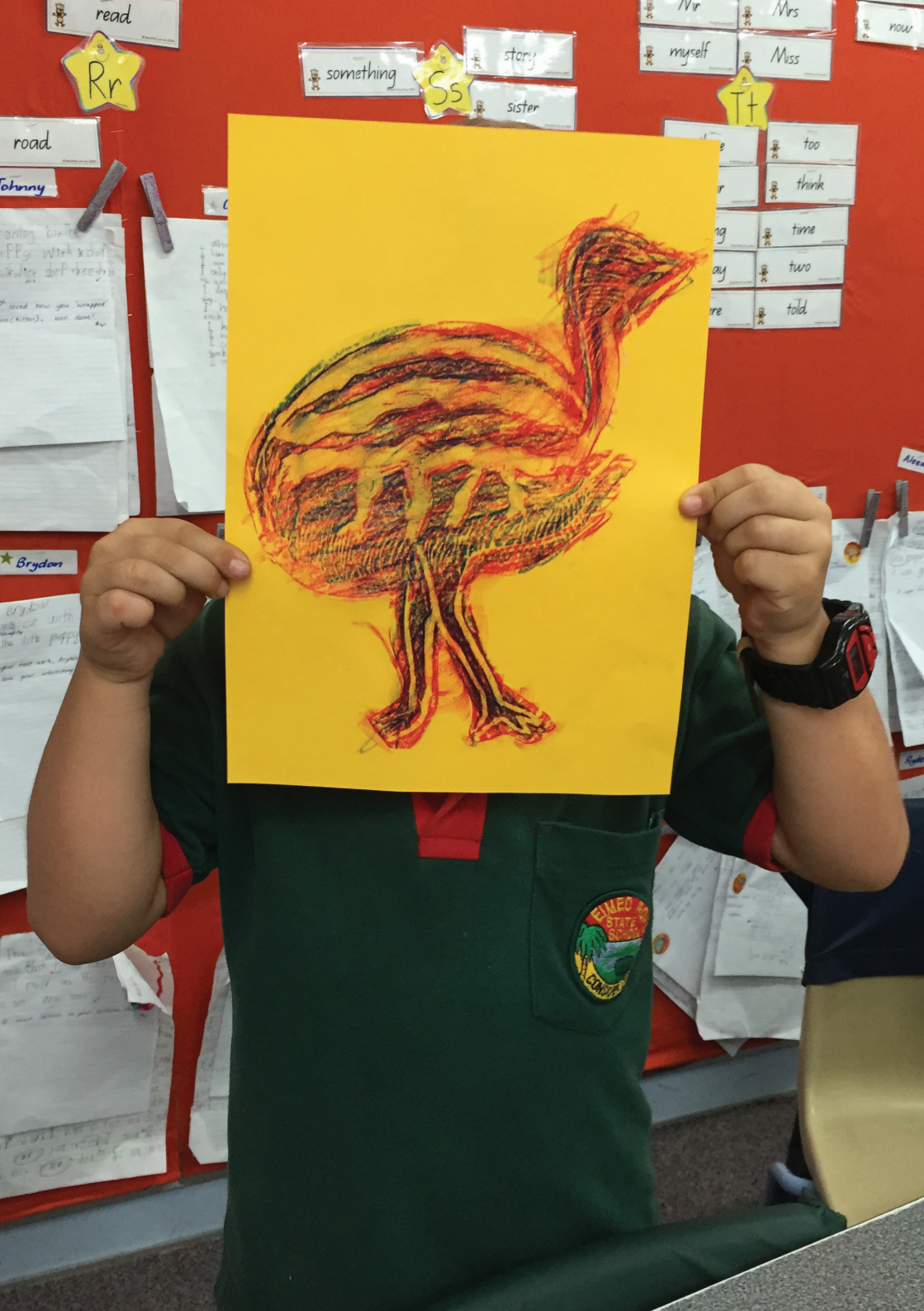
ART+FOOD= FOODSPACE

Simple, seasonal and fresh are the themes of Foodspace's delicious menu at Artspace Mackay. Open from Tuesday to Sunday and specialising in affordable, creative food from delicious breakfast options to quick snacks, great coffee and gourmet lunch options. Overlooking the green spaces of the Civic Centre Precinct, Foodspace offers a welcome relief for diners in search of a cool, contemporary place to unwind. Enjoy convenient lunches and delicious gourmet deli options, eat in or takeaway. **For reservations, bookings and enquiries regarding Foodspace, please call 4961 9719**

FUNCTIONS @ARTSPACE MACKAY

Hold your function at Artspace Mackay, the most creative venue in town. Artspace can host community and corporate functions including meetings, workshops, training seminars as well as gala occasions such as dinners, cocktail parties and product launches.

To book your next community or corporate function at Artspace, contact the Administration Officer today, 4961 9722.



SCHOOL TOURS

Take advantage of our staff's in-depth knowledge of each exhibition, and their experience in designing/ delivering tours aimed at any age level. We require one weeks notice for self-guided groups and two weeks for staff guided sessions.

School tours, both independent and staff-guided, are free. The gallery is available for school visits from 10am- 3pm Tuesday to Friday. All groups must book in advance. Confirm your tour with the Public Programs Officer, Billie-Jo Ogilvie 4961 9737 or billie-jo@mackay.qld.gov.au

SCHOOL OUTREACH

Artspace-to-go, the gallery's newly developed outreach program is available to schools throughout the Mackay region. Liaise with Artspace staff to schedule a classroom visit which may include practical art making, 'Looking at Art' activities, and gallery information sessions. For more information, contact the public programs officer, billie-jo.ogilvie@mackay.qld.gov.au

FLOOR TALKS

Artspace Mackay floor talks are often held at the beginning of each exhibition season, and are free for anyone to attend. Floor talks are usually delivered by the artist or curator of the exhibition and offer participants insight into the work on show. Your participation in the floor talk and discussion afterward is invited and encouraged.

GALLERY TOURS

Free gallery tours are available upon request for each exhibition at Artspace Mackay. Viewings of selections from the artists' book collection can also be arranged. Tours aim to include content that will meet your group's needs and complement teaching and learning programs. Gallery tours are available from Tuesday to Friday between 10am and 4pm (Artspace Mackay is closed Mondays). A minimum of 15 days notice is required to secure a guide's services for tours, so plan ahead for your visit. To book a gallery tour and/or viewing of the artists' book collection, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

THREE EXHIBITION GALLERIES

Artspace Mackay encompasses three impressive exhibition spaces. These state-of-the-art facilities ensure residents and visitors to Mackay are provided with the opportunity to see art exhibitions by significant international, Australian and local artists, as well as touring exhibitions presented by Australia's largest art galleries.

ARTSPACE SEMINAR ROOM

The Seminar Room is Artspace Mackay's in-house facility for workshops and presentations. Artspace's regular programs for children including Kids Art Club, BMA Kidspace and Kids Holiday Workshops are all held in the Seminar Room. The room is set up for workshops, seminars and presentations by businesses and community groups, accommodating up to 40 people in a classroom/ lecture style, and up to 25 people in table/seated format.



ARTSPACE MACKAY GIFT SHOP

Artspace Mackay gift shop stocks creative giftware handcrafted by local and Australian artists and craftspeople. Choose from artisan jewellery, cards, handmade books, ceramics, sculpture and textiles, all at very affordable prices. The gift shop also stocks art magazines, exhibition catalogues and publications as well as various art books and books by local authors. Gallery Members receive 10% discount on all gift shop purchases. See further information about becoming a Gallery Member on the inside back cover of this book.

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LOCAL ARTISTS & CRAFTS PEOPLE WANTED!

If you're an artist or craftsperson in the Mackay region, and you've designed a creative handmade product that would be suitable for selling in our gift shop, please contact Artspace Mackay for information on how to apply, 4961 9722.

IMAGE: Artspace Mackay gift shop stocks an amazing range of cards, jewellery, homewares and other artisan products. It's a great spot to find an individual and creative gift.



BECOME A GALLERY MEMBER

As a Gallery Member, you have the exclusive opportunity to show your support, receive special discounts, and be a part of special 'members only' events. From only \$44 per year, your membership ensures you receive invitations to exhibition openings, members newsletters, discounts to workshops and selected events, 10% discount at Artspace's gift shop and selected Mackay businesses.

**To join today, contact
Artspace Mackay Foundation
0400 005 958.**

ARTSPACE MACKAY FOUNDATION

The Artspace Mackay Foundation's goal is to raise funds and invest them in the Mackay regional community by funding ongoing educational community programs, workshops, exhibitions and other cultural events, as well as acquiring artworks for Mackay Regional Council's art collection which is stored and cared for at Artspace Mackay. The Foundation seeks to secure donations, individual and corporate partnerships, grants and bequests. For more information regarding the Foundation, contact Melissa Broadhurst 0400 005 958.

Artspace Mackay and Artspace Mackay Foundation would like to recognise the valuable contribution made by our sponsors and thank them for their ongoing support.



IMAGE: Gallery member Lesley Kane viewing artists' books from the Mackay Regional Council Collection, on display in the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Display Cabinet.



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