



Artspace Mackay

EXHIBITIONS ACTIVITIES&EVENTS

January to June 2021

Acknowledgement of Country

Mackay Regional Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters that make up the Mackay region, the Yuwi People.

We extend this acknowledgement to all Aboriginal members of the Birri Gubba Nation and pay respects to Elders past, present as well as young emerging leaders. We acknowledge the important protocols of the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander communities across the Mackay region.



SYSTEMATIC

FIELD Engineers Gallery until 14 February

IMAGE: **Laura WOODWARD** *Writhe* (detail) 2015, water, acetal, acrylic, fasteners, motors, dimensions variable, Image courtesy of Laura Woodward and Jem Selig Freeman.



JABU BIRRINY

[LAND + SEA]

Foyer Gallery until 17 January

IMAGE: **Edna AMBRYM** *Mayi bugaam - sea* (detail) 2017, etching on paper, 40 x 40 cm. Photo: Mick Richards Photography. Image courtesy Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct.



LYN LAVER-AHMAT

Light on Landscape

Foundation Gallery until 14 February

IMAGE: **Lyn LAVER-AHMAT** *Midday in the desert gorge* (detail) 2019, acrylic on canvas, image courtesy the artist.

WELCOME to ARTSPACE MACKAY'S REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Each and every new exhibition and public program elicit a great deal of excitement and anticipation from the Artspace Mackay team. These projects are always a long time in the making so when we do get to deliver projects that have been in the 'development' stage for eighteen months to two years, it's a great thrill for all involved. In early 2021 you can expect a suite of programs created by the Artspace team that focus on our region's natural environment.

Acclaimed Townsville artist Ron McBurnie is a long-term friend of Artspace Mackay. Ron's artworks feature extensively in the Mackay Regional Council Art Collection and he has exhibited in our gallery many times. Throughout 2019 and 2020 Ron completed multiple visits to Mackay as part of an extended artist residency to work en plein air, capturing our region's unique landscapes and views. It's been a massive undertaking for Ron and the resulting suite of new works are something to behold.

Another highlight is our hosting of Yuwi artist Dylan Mooney as part of *The Wall* artist-in-residence exhibition program. Dylan is the first Yuwi artist to exhibit at Artspace Mackay and we couldn't be prouder to showcase his site-specific work, inspired by Dylan's research into the material culture of this region's First Peoples. Complementing these exhibitions are another two in-house curated shows – *Tony Druery: Horizons* and *A Changing Ecology*, which explore changing landscapes and approaches to expressing a shared sense of place.

After a tumultuous 2020, it's feels very fitting and 'grounding' to start the year contemplating our relationship to place. We hope these programs inspire our visitors to get out and explore all that this region has to offer.

Tracey Heathwood
Director, Artspace Mackay



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TONY DRUERY

Horizons

Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Tony Druery (1964 - 2016) was an artist and educator in the Mackay community, creating images that spoke to his love of the water, the Australian outback and scenes closer to home. His dynamic fish-eye views of Mackay's construction boom in the late 2000s capture a rapidly changing cityscape at an important time in the town's recent history. Druery's linocut prints exploit the visual attractions of cranes and scaffolding while also expressing the disorientation felt by many of Mackay's local residents at the time. In recognition of Druery's untimely death, the exhibition will showcase well-loved works alongside unexhibited pieces to commemorate his legacy within the local arts community.

**04FEB to
16MAY**

Opening 6pm Friday 26 February

IMAGE: **Tony DRUERY** *A new level* (detail)
c. 2009, linocut print, edition 8/10, 28 x 41 cm.
Image courtesy the artist.



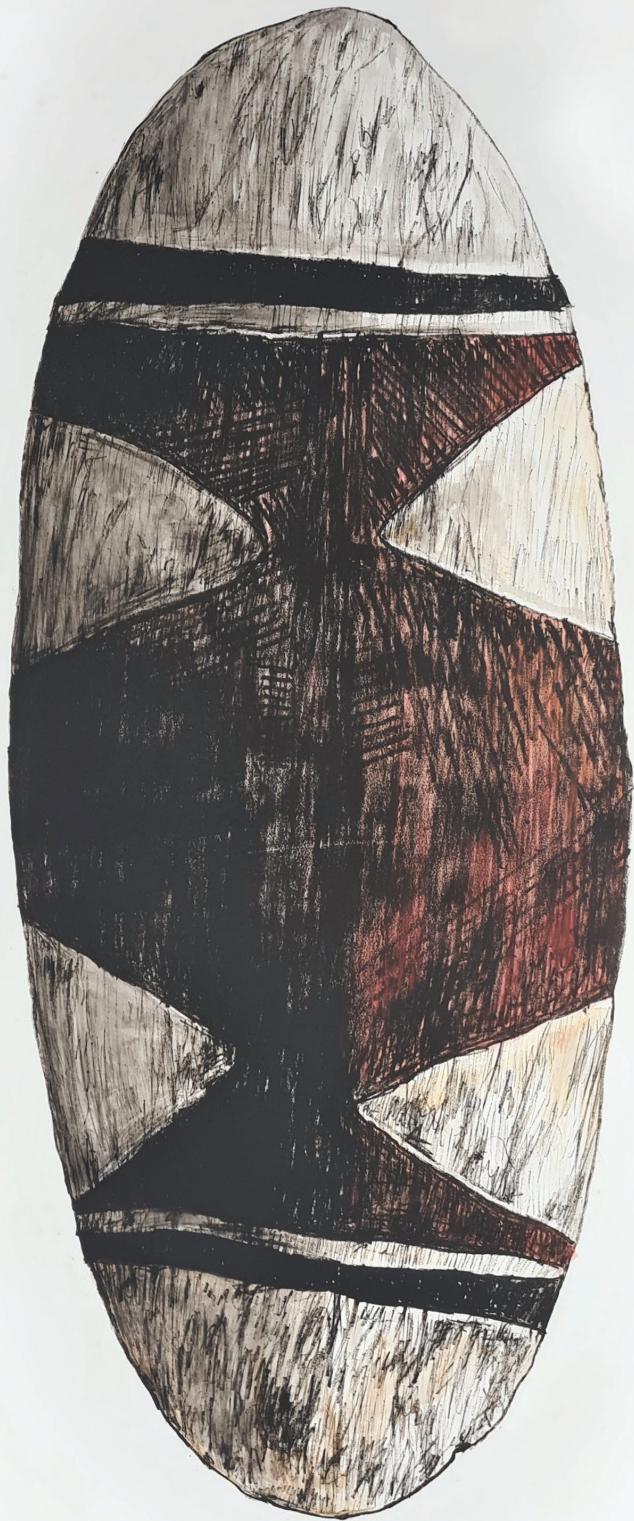
A CHANGING ECOLOGY

Foundation Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Drawing from historical and contemporary works held in the Mackay Regional Council Art Collection and Mackay Libraries' Heritage Collection, *A Changing Ecology* explores representations of Mackay and greater Queensland's flora and fauna since colonisation. The exhibition features early local photographs and glass plate negatives, historic botanical illustrations and floral still lifes alongside Indigenous voices including Danie Mellor, Fiona Foley, and Archie Moore, whose works look back on these past visualisations of Australia and its people.

IMAGE: **Danie MELLOR** *A changing ecology*
2012, pencil, pastel, paint, and wash on paper,
118 x 167.5 cm. Mackay Regional Council Art
Collection. Commissioned by Mackay Regional
Council, BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal and Artspace
Mackay Foundation 2012.

19FEB
to **16MAY**



Visit Artspace
2 - 12 Feb for an
opportunity to
meet the artist &
see his work in
progress!

DYLAN MOONEY

The Wall

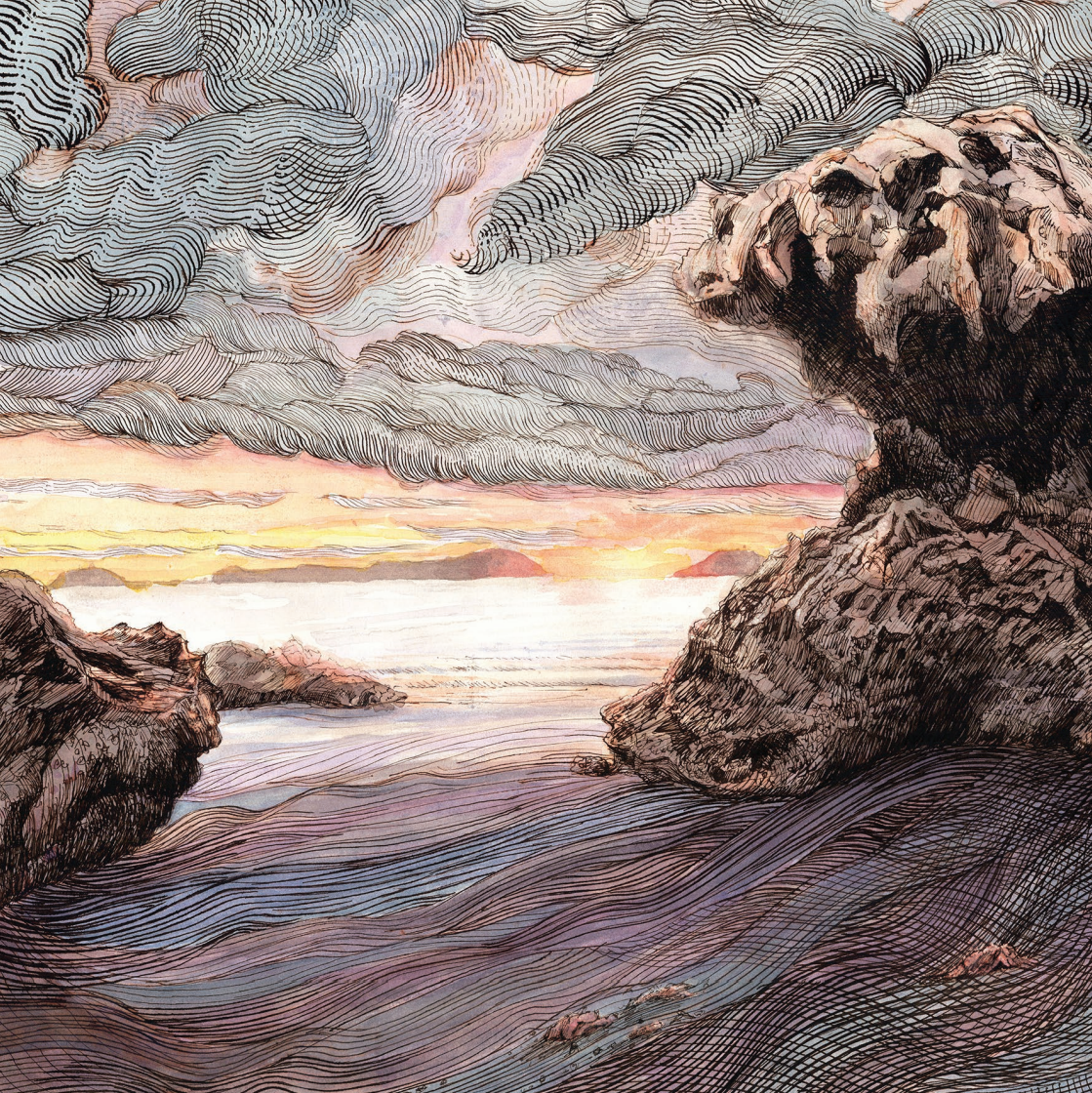
Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay

The Wall is an artist-in-residence exhibition program offering Australian artists the opportunity to create a site-specific artwork directly onto the gallery's foyer wall. Now in its sixth iteration, Artspace Mackay hosts Mackay-raised Dylan Mooney, an emerging Yuwi, Torres Strait Islander, and Australian South Sea Islander artist. Mooney's practice includes prints and drawings inspired by First Nations history, culture, and personal ancestry. Mooney's residency will include archival research and learning on Country about traditional Yuwi shield-making and other material cultures of this region's First Peoples.

IMAGE: Dylan MOONEY *Away from country*
2020, lithography and watercolour, 111.5 x 77 cm.
Image courtesy the artist.

16FEB
to **12MAY**

Opening 6pm Friday 26 February



RON MCBURNIE

In Search of Arcadia

FIELD Engineers Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Ron McBurnie is a leading Townsville-based artist and educator, drawing inspiration from early traditions of British and European printmaking and painting. In 2019 and 2020 McBurnie completed an extended artist residency with Artspace Mackay, capturing beloved landscapes and views of this region *en plein air*. The resulting suite of work on paper will be shown together in a major celebration of the beauty of Mackay and its surroundings, from Cape Hillsborough beaches to cane fields in Eton.

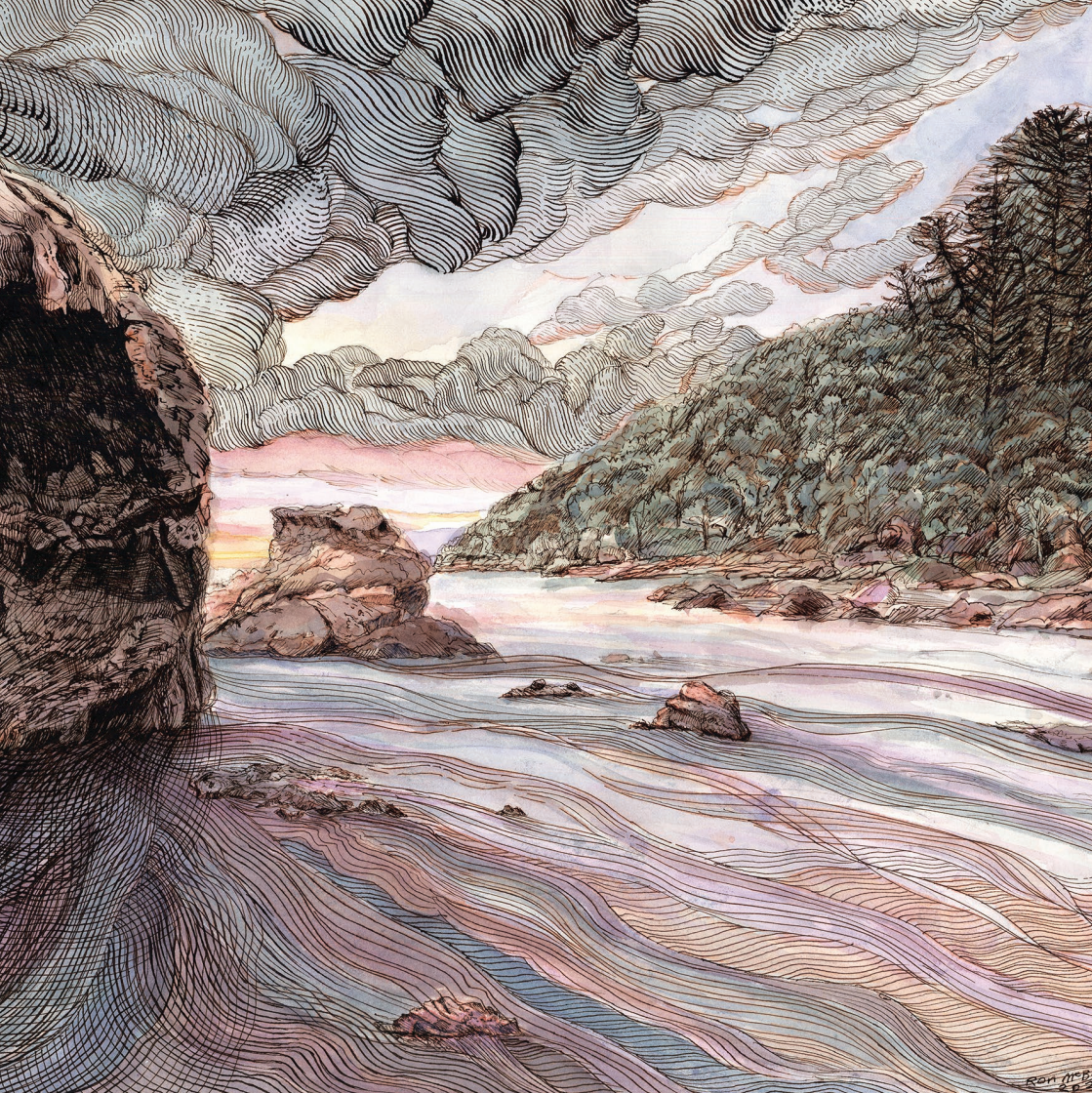


IMAGE: Ron McBURNIE *Giant Rock, Cape Hillsborough* (detail) 2020, pen and ink, 76 x 112 cm. Image courtesy the artist.

26 FEB
to **16 MAY**
Opening 6pm Friday 26 February



ITERATE/ELABORATE

Leigh Shoenheimer

Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Brisbane-based Leigh Schoenheimer is a multi-disciplinary contemporary artist who, through the genre of still-life painting, poses questions about what it is to “make pictures.” Her sculptural works are playful assemblages reflecting both her sense of humour and her bowerbird curiosity. *Iterate/Elaborate* combines image and object-making to create works that speak to each other and to key moments in art history. The artist’s whimsical use of found items and pieces of brightly coloured timber toys spark familiarity and joy, while seductive colour schemes tie her complex works together.

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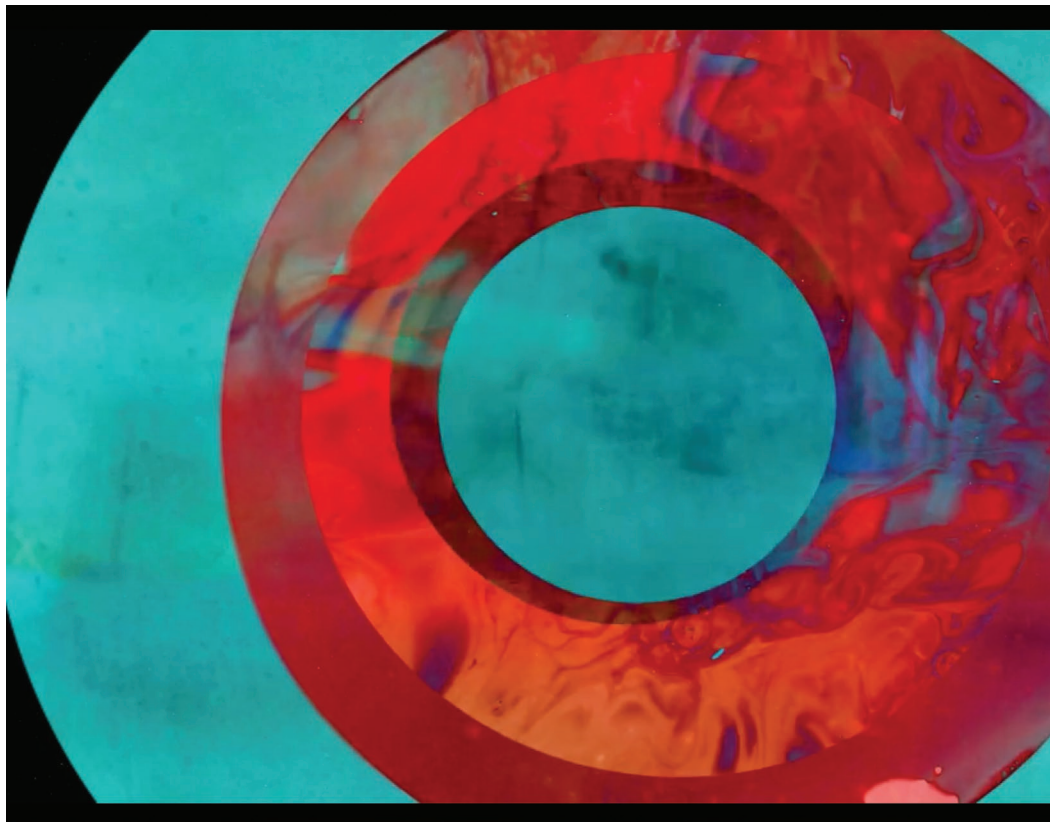


CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY PRESS

21 MAY to
07 JUL

Opening 6pm Friday 28 May

IMAGE: Leigh SHOENHEIMER *Ways of seeing/ ways of knowing: construction #13* 2019, painting, relief and mixed-media sculpture. Image courtesy the artist.



CONTINUUM

Donna Maree Robinson & David Pyke

Foundation Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Donna Maree Robinson is an internationally exhibited, Mackay-based artist creating site-specific digital media. Robinson teams up with Mackay-raised composer David Pyke to create an immersive, multimedia exploration of music and science. Inspired by David's experiences in vast desert landscapes, the work is the result of Donna's experimentations with cymatics, or the visual representation of sound vibrations.

IMAGE: **Donna Maree ROBINSON**
Pathogenocytosis (detail) 2016, single-channel
video, 6 min. Image courtesy the artist.

21 MAY
to **25 JUL**

Opening 6pm Friday 28 May

IMAGE: Yinarr MARAMALI *Weaving warrabah (short neck turtle)* 2019, lomandra and water vine, 140 x 92 x 1 cm. Photo: Miranda Heckenberg.



TENSION(S) 2020

Tamworth Textile Triennial

FIELD Engineers Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Held every three years, the *Tamworth Textile Triennial* showcases the best of textile art from across the country. *Tension(s) 2020* curator Vic McEwan creates a record of the changing nature and progress of textile practice from a national perspective. In acknowledging the world has long been a place under various tension(s), both harmonious and dissonant, the triennial's focus is on the future of people and place through textile as a material and human experience as materiality.



TAMWORTH



28MAY
to **18JUL**

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government's Visions of Australia program.

Opening 6pm Friday 28 May

BMA KIDSPACE



BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance

10am - 2pm one Tuesday each month, starting February 2021

23 Feb / 23 Mar / 20 Apr / 18 May / 22 Jun / 20 Jul / 17 Aug / 14 Sep / 19 Oct / 16 Nov / 7 Dec

Artspace Workshop Room and Foyer Gallery

After further relaxing Covid19 restrictions, *BMA Kidspace* will again be delivered face-to-face in the gallery. Local artists and performers will deliver art and music activities designed especially for toddlers and their adults. *BMA Kidspace*, our ever-popular toddlers' program, gives children under five a chance to explore and have fun with art in a climate of co-operative learning. Social distancing rules apply, seats will be limited, and all participants **MUST** remain seated during their stay. If there are no seats available in the room when you arrive, simply try again later. Proudly presented by BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance and Artspace Mackay.

Kids Art Club
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eventbrite.com](http://www.artspacemackay.eventbrite.com)

KIDS ART CLUB

8-12 years > 10am - 12pm

TERM 1: 20 February to 27 March | **TERM 2:** 8 May to 12 June

BOOK ONLINE ONLY: www.artspacemackay.eventbrite.com

Kids Art Club is Artspace Mackay's ongoing term-based art program for kids aged 8 to 12 years. 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. \$160 per child, includes materials. Hurry, spaces are limited due to COVID19 social distancing rules.

***Book and pay for your child's Kids Art Club spot online only through Eventbrite at www.artspacemackay.eventbrite.com**



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, or download an application form at www.artspacemackay.com.au

Community Exhibitions Program

Council's Community Exhibition Programs provide local artists with opportunities to exhibit their work.

For community exhibition spaces managed by Mackay Regional Council, including the new Jubilee Community Centre, visit www.mackay.qld.gov.au

**Foodspace menu
available in Braille
& large text**



ART+FOOD= FOODSPACE

Simple, seasonal and fresh are the themes of Foodspace's delicious menu at Artspace Mackay. The creative gallery café specialises 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.



Large text and Braille menus available for patrons with vision impairments.

For table reservations, bookings and enquiries regarding Foodspace, please call 4961 9719.

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 a week's 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 billiejo@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, billiejo.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 afterwards 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.

TATE ADAMS READING POD

The Tate Adams Reading Pod (TARP) is designed for gallery visitors to better access its comprehensive collection of artists' books.

The collection is the third largest of its kind in Australia and was enriched by benefactor Tate Adams who donated the Lyre Bird Press Archive, consisting of artists' books, bookplates and works on paper to the collection.

Visitors can select up to three books for a one-hour viewing experience, and Artspace volunteers have been trained in correct handling procedures to deliver informed and entertaining talks.



THE GALLERY SHOP

Artspace Mackay's 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.

Local artists and craftspeople wanted.

If you're a maker in the Mackay region, and you've designed a creative handmade product range that would be suitable for selling in The Gallery Shop, please contact Artspace Mackay for information on how to apply, 4961 9722.

IMAGE: The Gallery Shop stocks a vibrant range of gift cards, homewares, games and shopping bags by La La Land.

ARTSPACE MACKAY and MACKAY REGIONAL COUNCIL present

2020 Libris Awards

The Australian Artists' Book Prize

27 JUNE to 13 SEPTEMBER 2020



GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

Partnerships, sponsorships & donations

Artspace Mackay seeks support through donations, individual and corporate partnerships, grants and bequests with a view to raise funds for investment into the Mackay community. This valuable support funds ongoing educational community art programs, workshops, exhibitions and cultural events, as well as the acquisition of artworks for Mackay Regional Council's Art Collection which is stored and cared for at Artspace Mackay. Artspace Mackay would like to recognise the valuable contribution made by our current corporate partners and thank them for their ongoing support:

IMAGE: Artspace Mackay Director Tracey Heathwood acknowledging major sponsors Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal at the official opening of the 2020 Libris Awards.

BACK COVER: Installation view, Patricia Piccinini: *Curious Affection on Tour*, FIELD Engineers Gallery, Artspace Mackay 2020, photo by Jim Cullen.

Patricia PICCININI, *The Stags*, 2008; Fiberglass, automotive paint, leather, steel, plastic, and rubber, 69 3/4 x 72 x 40 1/4 in.; National Museum of Women in the Arts, Gift of Heather and Tony Podesta Collection; © Patricia Piccinini.



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