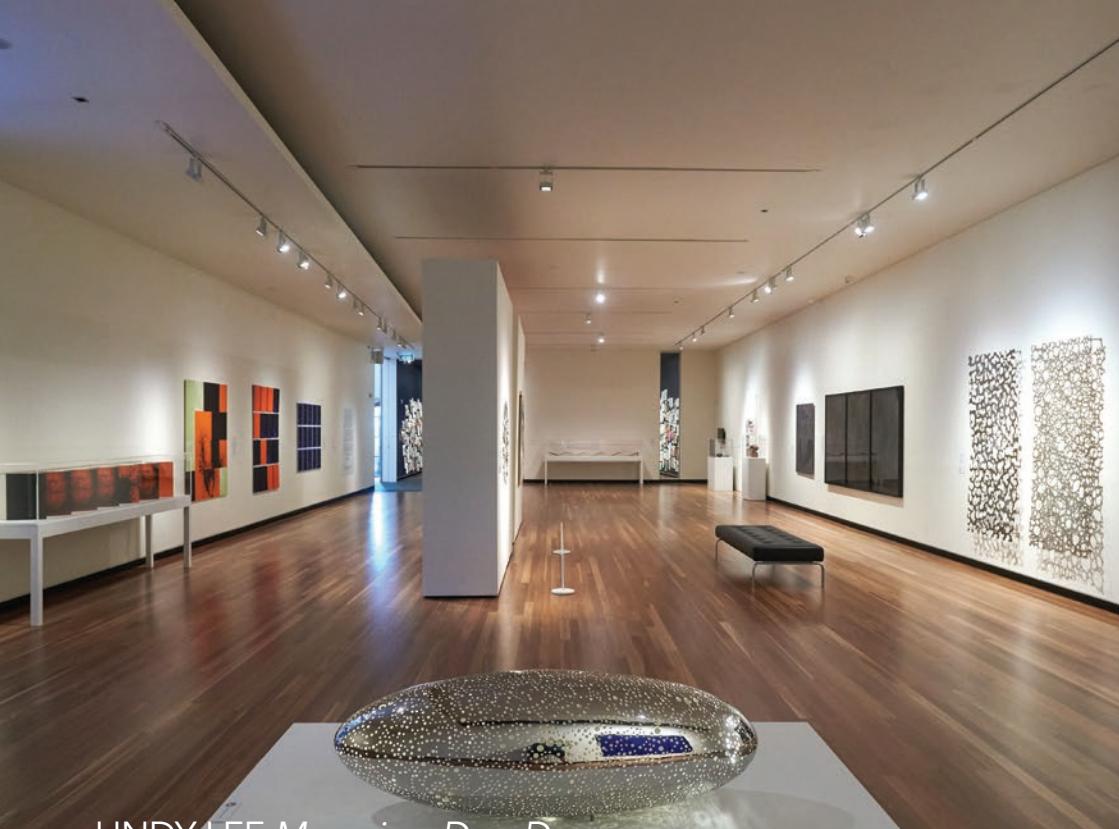




# ARTSPACE MACKAY EXHIBITIONS ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

January to June 2022

Mackay Regional Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians 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.



## LINDY LEE *Moon in a Dew Drop*

Main Gallery until 16 January 2022

## JENNA LEE *Cont.ained*

Foyer Gallery until 9 January 2022

## JONATHAN McBURNIE *Birdland*

Foundation Gallery until 16 January 2022

# VISIT ARTSPACE Mackay's Regional Art Gallery



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10am-5pm Tuesday-Friday  
10am-3pm Saturday & Sunday  
(Closed Mondays)  
FREE ENTRY

**COVER IMAGE:** Dianne FOGWELL *Inferno* (detail) 2020, linocut, woodcut, and burnt wood drawings, 79.5 x 27.5 x 3 cm. Winner, Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal National Artists' Book Award, 2020 Libris Awards. Mackay Regional Council Art Collection, acquired 2020. Photo: Jim Cullen Photographer.

**OPPOSITE:** Installation view, *Lindy Lee: Moon in a Dew Drop*, Main Gallery, Artspace Mackay, 2021. Photo: Jim Cullen Photographer.

**There are still many people in our broader community who are unaware of Australian South Sea Islander history, heritage and lived experiences.** Mackay is home to the largest Australian South Sea Islander (ASSI) community and Artspace Mackay has a long and proud history of partnering with the local ASSI community to showcase exhibitions that increase awareness of their unique identity and narrative. In 2022, we start the year off with a suite of exhibitions that explore this complex story.

Contemporary artist Jasmine Togo-Brisby is a fourth generation Australian South Sea Islander with strong familial ties to our region. Her powerful and moving solo exhibition *Hom Swit Hom* invites viewers to consider the history and legacy of blackbirding from her South Sea viewpoint, an identity that is intrinsically connected to this narrative. Mackay artist Dylan Mooney—of Yuwi, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander heritage—features alongside his cousin Jasmine with an exhibition of new work that explores the multiple facets of his self.

*The Libris Awards: Australian Artists' Book Prize* makes a welcome return in 2022, with esteemed guest judges Adele Outteridge and Brian Robinson. We can't wait to again share with you the very latest and best Australian artists' books through this biennial art prize. Our artist-in-residence program *The Wall* returns, showcasing the site-specific work of printmaker Tamika Grant-Iramu. Through her creative practice, Tamika explores her identity and finds ways to connect with her Papua New Guinean, European and Torres Strait Islander heritage. At the same time, we reflect on the practices of two highly influential Australian female artists and illustrators, Barbara Hanrahan and Ida Rentoul Outhwaite.

When developing our ever-changing exhibition and public programs, we're constantly thinking about how the distinct exhibitions presented in our various spaces intersect and speak to each other. Mostly, conscious decisions are made to encourage interesting dialogue between the different offerings. Sometimes, it is 'happy accidents' that make for unexpected connections and a remarkable visitor experience. We look forward to sharing our diverse program of exhibitions, activities, and events with you all in 2022.

Tracey Heathwood  
Director, Artspace Mackay

**IMAGE:** Dylan MOONEY *Growing together* from the folio 'Queer, Blak & Here' 2021, colour print on 320gsm smooth cotton paper, 118.9 x 84.1 cm. Mackay Regional Council Art Collection, purchased 2021. Courtesy the artist.

# DYLAN MOONEY

## *Boundless*

Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Yuwi, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander artist Dylan Mooney explores intersections between identity and ancestry in *Boundless*, a combination of graphic illustration and mixed media work. 'Queer, Blak and Here,' Mooney's first major series of graphic illustrations, narrate the artists' lived experience of love within the queer community. Mooney also looks to his South Sea Islander heritage in a new series of portraits rendered in sugar. This symbolic choice of material draws attention to the artist's familial legacy in the Mackay region, starting a dialogue about contemporary Australian South Sea Islander identity.

14JAN to  
20MAR

Opening 6pm Friday 28 January



GROWING  
CONNECT

THRIVE



BLAK + QUEER

EMPOWER

HEALING

LOVE  
BEAUTIFUL

SURVIVING

STRENGTH





# JASMINE TOGO-BRISBY

## *Hom Swit Hom*

Main Gallery and Foundation Gallery,  
Artspace Mackay

*Hom Swit Hom* is a Bislama language version of “home sweet home,” an expression that speaks to artist Jasmine Togo-Brisby’s ancestral connections to Vanuatu, blackbirding, and indentured labour in the late-nineteenth century sugar industry in Australia. Through her large-scale sculpture, photography and cinematic installations, the artist delves deep into her Australian South Sea Islander story.

IMAGE: **Jasmine TOGO-BRISBY** *Amidst in the middle passage II* from the series ‘Adrift’ 2019, collodion on glass, 30.5 x 25.8 cm. Courtesy the artist.

28JAN  
to 27MAR

Opening 6pm Friday 28 January



# TAMIKA GRANT-IRAMU

## *The Wall #8*

Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Brisbane artist Tamika Grant-Iramu is an emerging printmaker whose artworks connect to her Papua New Guinean, European and Torres Strait Islander heritage. Influenced by cultural carving techniques and storytelling aesthetics, her practice brings focus to the native flora of her surrounding environment. Grant-Iramu's artist residency at Artspace Mackay will look to the rare and endemic species of flora found in Eungella National Park as she creates a unique and temporary wall painting for the Foyer Gallery.

**05APR to  
22JUN**

Opening 6pm Saturday 9 April

IMAGE: Tamika GRANT-IRAMU *Carving country* (detail) 2021, vinyl-cut print on paper. Photo: Louis Lim. Image courtesy the artist.



# BARBARA HANRAHAN

## *Focus on the Collection*

Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Barbara Hanrahan (1939-1991) was a prolific artist and writer who lived and worked between Australia and the United Kingdom. Her unique figurative drawings and prints cherished a view of nature, mythology and family inspired by the 1970s women's movement and her admiration for the iconic paintings of Frida Kahlo. Featuring a selection of Hanrahan's editioned prints and publications from the Mackay Regional Council Art Collection, this exhibition highlights the artist's colourful and entangled visual worlds.

IMAGE: Barbara HANRAHAN *Winter* (detail)  
1977/82, screenprint on paper, edition 10/30,  
39.7 x 28.5 cm. Mackay Regional Council Art  
Collection, purchased 1989.

01APR  
to 19JUN

Opening 6pm Saturday 9 April

# Conversations with Art

1pm- 2:30pm on the 3rd Friday each month starting February

18 Feb / 18 Mar / 22 Apr / 20 May / 17 Jun / 15 Jul / 19 Aug / 15 Sep / 21 Oct / 18 Nov / 16 Dec

Artspace Mackay, Civic Precinct, Gordon St

*Conversations with Art* is a free and enjoyable discussion led by Artspace staff as we look at works on show and images from gallery and museum collections. During these sessions we take our time, consider themes and techniques used by the artist, and discuss links with our own personal experiences. Whether you're an artist, an art and language lover, beginner, or expert, we'd love you to join us. It's a FREE, inclusive, thought provoking and satisfying way to spend an afternoon!

**BOOK YOUR TICKET** at [www.artspacemackay.eventbrite.com](https://www.artspacemackay.eventbrite.com)

COVID19 check-ins and social distancing rules apply.





# The Art of IDA RENTOUL OUTHWAITE

Foundation Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Creator of feminine and enchanting fairy-tale illustrations, Ida Rentoul Outhwaite (1888-1960) was one of Australia's most celebrated women artists of the early twentieth century. She was at the fore of a new wave of storytelling for a new generation of Australian-born British children, incorporating native flora and fauna into the fairy-tale genre to create a uniquely local feel. Looking at the development of the artist's iconic visual style, this exhibition brings together original working sketches from the early part of her career alongside watercolours and published books.

IMAGE: Ida RENTOUL OUTHWAITE *Elves and fairies have thee in their keeping* 1916, watercolour and ink. Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales and courtesy Stella Palmer & Vanessa Martin.

02APR  
to 19JUN

Opening 6pm Saturday 9 April



Black Saturday

7<sup>th</sup> February 2009

inferno

# 2022 LIBRIS AWARDS

## *The Australian Artists' Book Prize*

Main Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Artspace Mackay's biennial event, the Libris Awards, brings together works by leading and emerging artist book makers from across Australia. The Awards are a chance to celebrate the art form and build on the gallery's significant artist book collection through the competition's acquisitive prizes.



IMAGE: Dianne FOGWELL *Inferno* 2020, linocut, woodcut, and burnt wood drawings, 79.5 x 27.5 x 3 cm. Winner, Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal National Artists' Book Award, 2020 Libris Awards. Mackay Regional Council Art Collection, acquired 2020. Photo: Jim Cullen Photography.

CATEGORY 1. Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal National Artists' Book Awards

- Overall Winner \$7,000 (acquisitive)
- Highly Commended \$3,000 (acquisitive)

CATEGORY 2. Mackay Regional Council Regional Artists' Book Award

\$2,500 (non-acquisitive)

CATEGORY 3. Artspace Mackay Tertiary Artists' Book Award

\$2,000 (non-acquisitive)

09APR  
to 19JUN

Opening 6pm Saturday 9 April



## BMA KIDSPACE

10am - 2pm one Tuesday each month, Artspace Workshop Room and Foyer Gallery  
22 Feb / 22 Mar / 26 Apr / 24 May / 21 Jun / 19 Jul

*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. Covid 19 social distancing rules apply, seats will be limited. Proudly supported by BHP Mitsubishi Alliance.

## KIDS ART CLUB

8-12 years > 10am - 12pm  
TERM 1: 19 February to 26 March | TERM 2: 7 May to 11 June  
BOOK & PAY ONLINE ONLY: [www.artspacemackay.eventbrite.com](http://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, Covid 19 social distancing rules apply.



## 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](http://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 Jubilee Community Centre, visit [www.mackay.qld.gov.au](http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au)



# ART+FOOD=FOODSPACE

Simple, seasonal and fresh are the themes of Foodspace's delicious menu at Artspace Mackay. The 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, email [artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au)

# SCHOOL OUTREACH

Artspace-to-go, the gallery's 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 or career information sessions. For more information, email [artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:artspace@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. Usually delivered by artists or exhibition curators, they offer participants insight into the work on show.

# 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. 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.

# EXPLORE THE COLLECTION ONLINE

The Mackay Regional Council Art Collection includes over 1200 works of art with one of the biggest holdings of artists' books outside of the capitals. Highlights include prints from the Lockhart River Art Gang of North Queensland, contemporary Indigenous artworks, ceramics and a significant holding of Lyre Bird Press publications. 759 works in the MRC Art Collection can be viewed online at [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au)



## 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 Gallery 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.

CITY OF MACKAY and MACKAY REGIONAL COUNCIL present

# 20 Libris Awards

The Australian Artists' Book Prize

27 AUGUST TO 1 SEPTEMBER 2021



IMAGE: Mackay Regional Council Mayor Greg Williamson acknowledging major event sponsors Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal at the official opening of the 2020 *Libris* Awards.

BACK COVER: Installation view, *Jonathan McBurnie: BIRDLAND*, Foundation Gallery, Artspace Mackay, 2021. Photo: Jim Cullen Photographer.

## GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

While Mackay Regional Council covers the day-to-day operational costs of the gallery, Artspace Mackay relies on gifts, donations and partnerships to grow and develop the Mackay Regional Art Collection. By expanding our capacity to purchase new artworks, we enhance a valuable community asset that tells the story of our region. **To find out how you can support the gallery and the work we do, please scan the QR code or go to [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au)**

Artspace Mackay recognises the valuable contribution made by our current corporate partners and thanks them for their ongoing support:  
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