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# EXHIBITIONS ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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# WELCOME to Artspace Mackay

I am very excited to present the first six month program of exhibitions and events at Artspace Mackay for 2012.

To commence, Artspace's McAleese Gallery will display *Perspectives: Jon Cattapan and eX de Medici*, a travelling exhibition from the Australian War Memorial. These two leading contemporary Australian artists were commissioned by the Australian War Memorial to travel to two strife-torn countries with the Australian Defence Force where they were undertaking peace-keeping duties.

In late March, Artspace audiences will delight in experiencing the 'larger than life' sculpture *Woman in bed* by internationally renowned Australian artist Ron Mueck. This enormous life-like sculpture is coming to Artspace Mackay, one of only four venues able to host this amazing artwork, from Queensland Art Gallery.

Towards the end of May, Artspace will host a travelling exhibition surveying the career of the important Australian printmaker, G.W. Bot. This gentle and unassuming artist has a close connection with the Australian landscape and uses her own personal language as a means to depict it.

In the Foyer Gallery throughout the first half of the year, visitors will also see solo exhibitions by local artists Janine Whiting, Tracey Heathwood, and to celebrate the 2012 Statewide Festival of Photography, Artspace presents a solo exhibition by Brisbane-based artist photographer, Martin Smith.

2012 is a very big year for Mackay Regional Council, marking its sesquicentenary, or 150th birthday and Artspace is looking forward to presenting a range of exhibitions and cultural events throughout our region in the second half of the year to celebrate this momentous milestone. Watch for information regarding these future events in our next program brochure which will be available in June 2012. Please also stay tuned to our website, or sign up for our e-bulletin, to stay up-to-date with all the latest information.

I do hope you enjoy our vibrant program for the first half of the year, and take advantage of the many and varied cultural experiences we offer here at Artspace Mackay.

**Anna Thurgood**  
Artspace Mackay Acting Director

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COVER IMAGE: **Ron MUECK** *In bed* (detail) 2005. Polyester resin, fibreglass, polyurethane, horse hair, cotton, ed. 1/1, 161.9 x 650 x 395 cm. Purchased 2008. Queensland Art Gallery Foundation. Collection: Queensland Art Gallery. © Ron Mueck courtesy Anthony d'Offay, London. Photo: Natasha Harth.

OPPOSITE: Jill Chism's public artwork *The elemental labyrinth* at the entrance of Artspace Mackay in Gordon Street.

**Use this brochure in conjunction with the Artspace Mackay website [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au) to keep up-to-date with Artspace exhibitions, activities and events. Join Artspace's mailing list to receive brochures and invitations. Visit the website and sign up for convenient monthly Artspace eBulletins to be the first to find out about art workshops.**

# ARTSPACE MACKAY GALLERIES AND SPACES



## Exhibition Galleries

Artspace Mackay encompasses three impressive exhibition spaces: McAleese Gallery; Cox Rayner Gallery & Artspace Mackay Foyer.

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 and museums.

## Artspace Mackay Seminar Room

The Seminar Room is Artspace Mackay's main 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.

For further information contact the Administration Officer, 4961 9722.

## Tate Adams Reading Room

Artspace Mackay's *Tate Adams Reading Room* provides an ideal quiet space for visitors to sit and read from its broad, contemporary art reference book collection. The purpose-designed reading room is also the storage space for Mackay Regional Council's extensive and significant collection of artists books. It is here that artists books are brought out for small groups of visitors to explore, research and enjoy.

The art reference book collection is an excellent resource for students and teachers. It is stored within the Artspace offices and visitors may transfer books into the reading room to read and research upon request.





## PERSPECTIVES: JON CATTAPAN AND EX DE MEDICI

McAleese Gallery, Artspace Mackay

*Perspectives* presents the unique insights of two contemporary artists commissioned by the Australian War Memorial to respond to the subject of peacekeeping. Jon Cattapan travelled to Timor–Leste in July 2008 and the work he subsequently produced evokes a unique vision, offering viewers a profound insight into the nature and significance of Australian peacekeeping in the twenty-first century. eX de Medici went to the Solomon Islands in March 2009 and created finely rendered watercolours and drawings which offer a visual history of the events that inform the current fragile state of the Solomon Islands, the complex nature of peacekeeping and the legacy of colonisation.

Both artists gained insight into the role of Australian peacekeepers, and from their experiences, created a series of works that reveal a personal vision and artistic style.



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## VEILS OF ILLUSION: IN SEARCH OF SELF

Artspace Mackay Foyer

An investigation into the fragility of the human spirit, *Veils of illusion* is an exhibition of recent works by Janine Whitling. Now a Brisbane-based artist with strong ties to the Mackay region, Whitling ponders the screens or facades people use to survive and hide their innermost selves.

Opening night: 6pm Friday 3 February  
Meet the collection: 10:30am Saturday 4 February  
Exhibition floor talk: 11am Saturday 4 February

IMAGE: Jon CATTAPAN *Maliana day patrol (Meeting the Suko)* 2008. Oil and coloured pencil on paper. Image courtesy Australian War Memorial.

**3 FEB –  
24 MAR**



## DRAWING LIFE FOR KIDS ON TOUR: CELEBRATING ARTISTS

10am – 1pm, Saturday 14 January 2012

*Drawing Life for Kids on Tour* is a regional Queensland holiday program toured by the Queensland Art Gallery, focusing on all kinds of drawing techniques and activities for people of all ages and abilities. It's a fun free day for the entire family with numerous art 'activity stations'. Drop in to Artspace on the day between 10am and 1pm – you can stay for 3 minutes, or 3 hours if you're having fun. No bookings necessary.



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IMAGE: A child completing a drawing based on a page from the Children's Art Centre publication *Drawing Life for Kids: My Art Journal*. Photograph: Mark Sherwood.

OPPOSITE: Opening celebrations for *Batik of Java* and *Creative Generations* exhibitions at Artspace, 2011

14 JAN





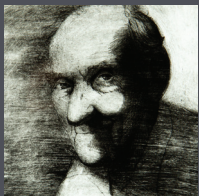


# COX RAYNER GALLERY



## THE LYRE BIRD SINGS

This exhibition showcases a stunning array of artists books and livres d'artistes produced by Townsville's Lyre Bird Press during the 1990s and early 2000s, held in the Mackay Regional Council Collection. Lyre Bird Press was established by Tate Adams in Melbourne in 1977 to print and publish artists books, and in 1989 Adams moved to Townsville where he re-established the press at James Cook University producing work by many of Australia's leading printmakers including George Baldessin, Ron McBurnie, Fred Williams, Jan Senbergs and John Brack.



TOP: **Tate ADAMS** *Island Voyage* (detail) 1997. Linocut, colour pencil, pen and inkracing, paper, acrylic sheet, magnets. Collection Mackay Regional Council, Artspace Mackay.

DETAILS LEFT TO RIGHT:  
**Danny YATES** *The Bartflies' chorus* (detail). Artist book. Mackay Regional Council Collection, Artspace Mackay.

**Tate ADAMS** *Lyrebird* (detail). Woodblock print. Mackay Regional Council Collection, Artspace Mackay.

**Tate ADAMS** *Evening, Chinatown* (detail). Woodblock print. Mackay Regional Council Collection, Artspace Mackay.

**NOW UNTIL  
30 JUNE**



## IN BED BY RON MUECK

McAleese Gallery

Australian-born, London-based sculptor Ron Mueck creates figures in both emotional and physical states of exposure, suspended in self-consciousness, introspection or deep contemplation. Widely acclaimed and astounding in their realism, Ron Mueck's works are some of the most evocative sculptures of our time.

*In Bed* is one of Mueck's largest and most engaging works. It elicits strong feelings of empathy, despite its overwhelming scale, and invites audiences to reflect on the psychology of everyday situations. The work has a genuine human vulnerability and an undeniable poignancy that resonates strongly with audiences.

## IN BED BY RON MUECK

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Opening night: 6pm Friday 30 March

Meet the collection: 10:30am Saturday 31 March

Exhibition floor talk: 11am Saturday 31 March

## MARTIN SMITH: A PERFECT PRICE FOR DONNY

Artspace Mackay Foyer

Artist photographer Martin Smith creates collages telling stories of lived experiences and family histories. By painstakingly hand carving text into his photographs, he creates a type of intricate self portrait, an assemblage of moments and memories to which many will easily relate.

IMAGE: Visitors viewing **Ron Mueck's** *In bed* (detail) 2005 Purchased 2008.  
Queensland Art Gallery Foundation Collection: Queensland Art Gallery. © Ron Mueck.  
Courtesy: Anthony d'Offay, London. Photograph: Natasha Harth.

**30 MAR**  
**- 19 MAY**





## GW BOT: THE LONG PADDOCK: A 30 YEAR SURVEY

McAleese Gallery

Spanning three decades, this exhibition of GW Bot's works evolves from the more literal figurative representations of the 80s to the almost pure 'glyph-marking' for which she is now renowned. Bot's glyphs take on a metaphysical nature and become metaphors for language and landscapes within us all. *The Long Paddock* showcases prints, paintings, artists books and sculpture and is a 'must see' exhibition for artists, students, printmakers, art lovers and collectors.

This is a Goulburn Regional Gallery touring exhibition curated by Peter Haines



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## CAMEO: RECENT WORKS BY TRACEY HEATHWOOD

Artspace Mackay Foyer

Local artist Tracey Heathwood presents an intimate, autobiographical series of works that explore family and relationships, her natural surroundings and the realities of daily domestic life. With paper as the main source material, this exhibition of etchings, collages, paste-ups and cut-outs is presented as site-specific installation, escaping the confines of the frame.

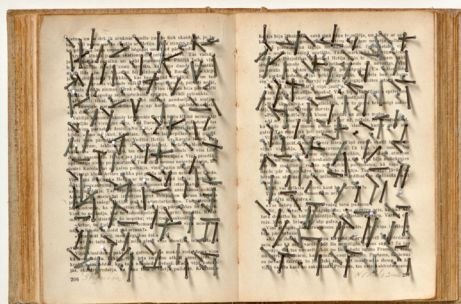
Opening night: 6pm Friday 25 May  
Meet the collection: 10:30am Saturday 26 May  
Exhibition floor talk: 11am Saturday 26 May

ABOVE: GW BOT *Molonglo Glyphs* 2009.  
Watercolour and graphite on Colombe paper.  
105 x 198 cm. Courtesy of Beaver Galleries,  
Canberra.

**25 MAY -  
7 JUL**



# MEET YOUR COLLECTION



## Mackay Regional Council Collection, Artspace Mackay

The Mackay Regional Council Collection was started in the late 1980s by the Mackay City Library and moved to the Mackay region's purpose built art gallery, Artspace Mackay in 2002. Initially, the council library's focus was on collecting art relating to the history of book publishing. This early focus diversified as limited edition artist prints, watercolours and artists books were both acquired and generously donated towards the collection.

In 2005, Mackay City Council adopted a revised art collection policy that identified artists books as the core focus of the collection. In 2006 Council, through Artspace Mackay, initiated *Focus on Artists Books*, a dual-faceted event encompassing *The Libris Awards* and *The Artists Book Forum*.

*The Libris Awards* is an artists book competition open to all Australian artists, and together with the *Artists Book Forum* have become nationally respected, developing awareness of the Mackay Regional Council's significant collection of artists books, and further developing the collection through the ongoing acquisition of new works.

Today, the Mackay Regional Council Collection is the most focused collection throughout the regional galleries network in Queensland, and is the third largest collection of artists books in Australia after the National Gallery of Australia and the State Library of Queensland.

LEFT: **Glen SKIEN** *I'm coming back for my wings* / 2009. Book and collage. Mackay Regional Council Collection, Artspace Mackay.

RIGHT BOTTOM: **Alex SELENITSCH** *Schach #1 (circle)* / *Schach #2 (triangle)* / *Schach #3 (square)* 2006. Three books. Mackay Regional Council Collection, Artspace Mackay.

RIGHT TOP: **Janis Nedela** *Stigmata* 2005. Nails, book. 40.0 x 50.5cm. Mackay Regional Council Collection, Artspace Mackay.

**7 OCT -  
26 NOV**



## ARTSPACE MACKAY GIFT SHOP

Artspace Mackay Gift Shop stocks creative giftware handcrafted by local and Australian artists and craftspeople.

Choose from artist-created jewellery, handmade books, pottery, sculpture and textiles, all at very affordable prices. The gift shop now also stocks more art magazines and publications than ever before. We stock the latest issues of Australian Art Review, Imprint, Habitus, Design Quarterly, Indesign, Sculpture + the enemies, Art Guide, Eyeline and more.

Artspace Enthusiasts receive 10% discount on all gift shop purchases, and credit card facilities are available. (See further information about becoming an Enthusiast on the inside back cover of this booklet)

## LOCAL ARTISTS & CRAFTSPEOPLE 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.





## ADULT WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Throughout the year, Artspace Mackay offers a creative program of workshops, artist talks and events for adults.

These programs are a great way to introduce beginners to new creative ideas and techniques, and for experienced artists to further develop their skills and learn from the process of others.

For a full program of workshops and events for children and adults, visit [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au) or contact Artspace Mackay to join our eNewsletter for regular updates.

## KIDS ART CLUB

Artspace Mackay Seminar Room

Term 1 > Saturday 18 February to Saturday 24 March

Term 2 > Saturday 12 May to Saturday 16 June

6 - 8 years > 10am - 12pm

9 -12 years > 1pm - 3pm

Kids Art Club is Artspace Mackay's ongoing term-based art program for kids. Renowned local artist, Rosemary Payne, delivers this rich six week program of creative art for kids in two age groups. Each week they explore and respond to the exhibitions on show at Artspace Mackay through fun-filled, exhibition-related art activities. \$135 per child, bookings essential, and seats are limited so contact Artspace Mackay, 4961 9722.

## KIDS HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS & ARTSPACE-TO-GO HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP

During holiday periods, Artspace Mackay host Holiday Art Workshops for kids at the gallery, as well as Artspace-to-go Holiday Art Workshops, an outreach program of workshops bringing artists to deliver art classes for kids in outlying Mackay regions.





**BMA**  
**Kidspace**  
 at Artspace Mackay

**BMA KIDSPACE**  
 Artspace Mackay Seminar Room

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.

**10am – 2pm with music between 12 and 1pm**

**Tuesday 6 March**  
**Tuesday 3 April**  
**Tuesday 8 May**

**Tuesday 5 June**  
**Tuesday 3 July**

ABOVE: Michaela creates a colourful collage with her mum at *BMA Kidspace* in 2011.

OPPOSITE: Isabel McPherson meets an artist book by **Glen Skien** at Artspace Mackay's *Meet the Collection*.



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## FLOOR TALKS

Artspace Mackay floor talks are usually held at the beginning of exhibition season, and are free for anyone in the region to attend.

Floor talks are usually delivered by the artist or curator of the exhibition and offer participants insight into the work on show in both the McAleese Gallery and the Artspace Mackay Foyer. Your participation in the floor talk and discussion is invited and encouraged.

Artspace Mackay are also pleased to offer **Audio Floor Talks** on MP3 players to enhance your gallery visit. If you're unable to make it to the scheduled floor talks, you'll be pleased to know that, where possible, Artspace Mackay now records them for all to enjoy. You simply borrow an MP3 player, headphones and map of works from the front desk.

## MEET THE COLLECTION

The Artspace Mackay *Meet the Collection* program is designed to bring locals and visitors closer to the Mackay Regional Council Collection. Artspace Mackay houses an extensive collection of more than 600 artists' books and prints of national significance.

*Meet the Collection* is a 'white gloves' opportunity for visitors to handle the artists books the way the artists intended. It's also an ideal opportunity for people of the Mackay Region to explore and learn from a growing collection that belongs to them.

## GALLERY TOURS

Free gallery tours are available upon request for each exhibition at Artspace Mackay. Viewings of selections from the artists books collection, held in the Tate Adams Reading Room, can also be arranged. Tours aim to include content that will meet your group's needs and complement teaching and learning programs. For example, you may wish to combine a viewing of the artists book collection with a guided tour of an exhibition. Gallery tours are available on the hour, from Tuesday to Friday between 10am and 3pm (Artspace Mackay is closed Mondays).

A minimum of 15 days notice is required to secure a guide's services for tours and viewings of the artists book collection, so plan ahead for your visit. To book a gallery tour and/or viewing of the artists books collection, contact Artspace 4961 9722.



## ARTSPACE MACKAY COMMUNITY EXHIBITION 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 and Sarina Art Gallery.

**Mackay Town Hall** is situated at 63 Sydney Street in Mackay's central business district. The studio space is well positioned for local artists or artist groups wishing to exhibit their work.

**Sarina Art Gallery** is located in the Field of Dreams Parkland, just off the highway in Sarina. It is a small exhibition space that is ideal for local artists and artist groups.

**Both spaces are open to the public during exhibitions only, from 10am – 4pm.** Visit our website, join the mailing list, or sign up for the ebulletin to keep up-to-date with Artspace Mackay exhibitions, workshops & events. [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au)

## COLLECTORS CABINET

Located in the Artspace Mackay Foyer is the *Collectors Cabinet*. This is another way locals can be a part of our community exhibitions program.

The idea behind the *Collectors Cabinet* is to highlight unusual and interesting collections belonging to local residents. Are you a collector of intriguing objects? If you think you have an interesting collection that might be suitable to show in our *Collectors Cabinet*, we'd like to know about it.

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## EXHIBITION SPACES AVAILABLE NOW!

**If you are a local artist or craftsperson interested in holding a solo or group exhibition, contact Artspace Mackay now and book your space! 4961 9722.**

IMAGE: Megan Lane installs an exhibition of faberge eggs in the Artspace Collectors Cabinet in 2011.





## ARTSPACE MACKAY VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to further your knowledge in art and join an exciting team?

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, help with preparation and facilitation of public programs and special events.

Our volunteers enjoy interacting with the public, have good communication skills and a willingness to help wherever needed. Volunteers are vital to the ongoing success of Artspace Mackay.

**To give the gift of your time, become an Artspace Mackay Volunteer by contacting the Administration Officer, 4961 9722.**



## FOODSPACE CAFE

Indulge your artistic palate with the culinary creations of the team at Foodspace. Overlooking the Civic Centre Precinct, the creative and informal atmosphere provides a welcome retreat for diners.

Foodspace also caters for lunch on the run with a delicious selection of gourmet takeaway food, simply phone or fax your order through ready for pick up.

Foodspace opening hours: 8am – 3pm Tuesday - Saturday

Fully licensed & available for private functions.

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## FUNCTIONS & BOOKINGS

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. Bookings are essential. Contact Artspace Mackay, 4961 9722 for further information.





## BECOME AN ARTSPACE ENTHUSIAST

As an Enthusiast you have the exclusive opportunity to show your support and keep in touch with what's happening. From \$44 membership per year, you have the privilege of receiving invitations to exhibition openings, newsletters, discounts to special art workshops and events, 10% discount at Artspace Mackay's gift shop and other selected businesses. To receive a membership form, contact Artspace Mackay on 4961 9722.

## ARTSPACE MACKAY FOUNDATION

The Artspace Mackay Foundation's goal is to raise funds and invest them into the Mackay regional community by funding ongoing educational community programmes, workshops, exhibitions and other cultural events. The Foundation seeks to secure donations, individual and corporate partnerships, grants and bequests.



## ARTSPACE MACKAY PARTNERS

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

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ABOVE: Opening celebrations of Batik of Java exhibition in the McAleese Gallery at Artspace Mackay 2011.

BACK COVER IMAGE: Fiona FOLEY *Sugar cubes* (detail) 2009. Box-formed sheet stainless steel with acid-etched lettering. Bluwater Quay, Mackay, Queensland. Photograph by Alicia Stevenson.



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Free entry: 10am-5pm Tuesday-Saturday

