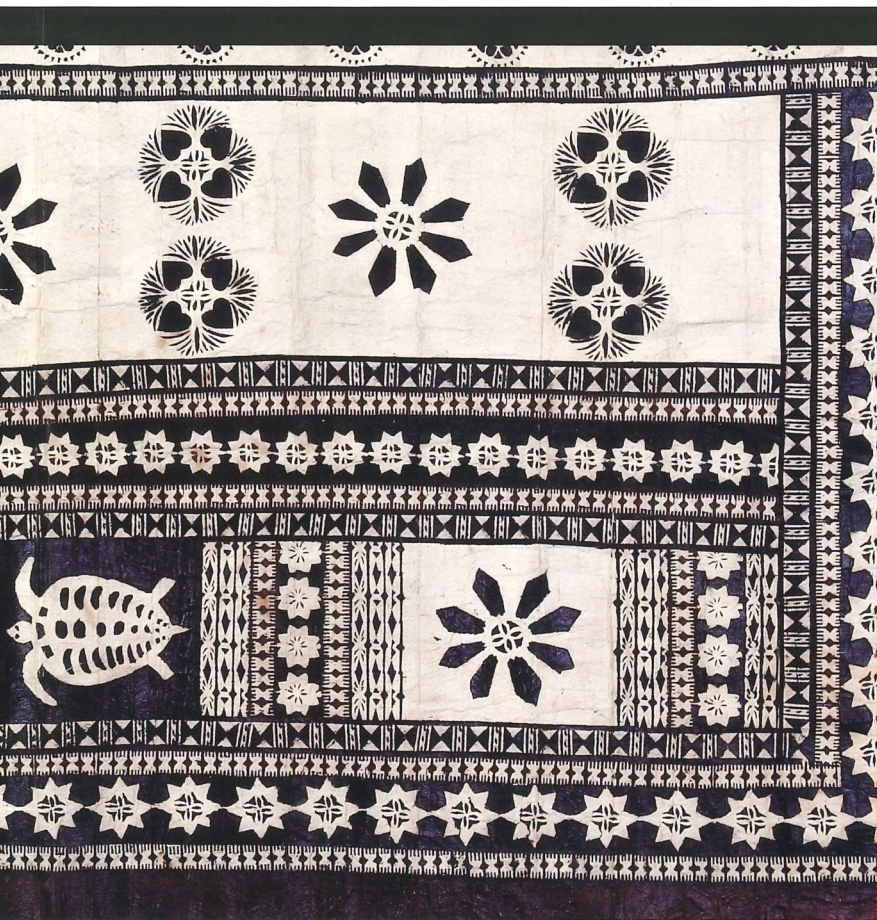




Exhibitions Activities & Events



Turtle design solofua (detail), paper mulberry bast, candlenut soot. 388 x 87cm (rolled to 160 x 87cm). Collection of University of Queensland Anthropology Museum.

EXHIBITION PROGRAM



Suluni Vakamau, *Traditional female wedding attire/set*. Three-piece set made by Nainasa Kacimawai Nayau village, Lau Province, at the Melanesian Arts & Culture Festival, Fiji, 2006. Collection Dr Susan Cochrane.

TALKING TAPA: PASIFIKA BARK CLOTH IN QUEENSLAND McAleese Gallery, 27 March – 10 May 2009

A national touring exhibition showcasing the diversity of Islander cultural practices through tapa bark cloths. Tapa is synonymous with the Pacific Islands. It is made from the inner bark or bast of, most commonly, the paper mulberry tree. Its physical qualities & uses vary throughout the Pacific. Tapa designs include clan patterning, plant, bird, animal & fish motifs, geometric & personal designs, & contemporary & historical events.

Floor talk: Saturday 28 March from 11am



Donna MARCUS, *Sculpture for Lanai (detail)* 2009. Aluminium.

DONNA MARCUS

Also showing in the Mackay Mazda Foyer

Donna Marcus is a Queensland-based artist who is best known for her use of everyday domestic objects, particularly aluminium kitchen-ware that she incorporates into her sculptural work. This exhibition coincides with the launch of the sculpture by Donna Marcus commissioned for the new Lanai Luxury Apartments in Mackay, who are sponsoring the exhibition.

Floor talk: Saturday 28 March from 11.30am

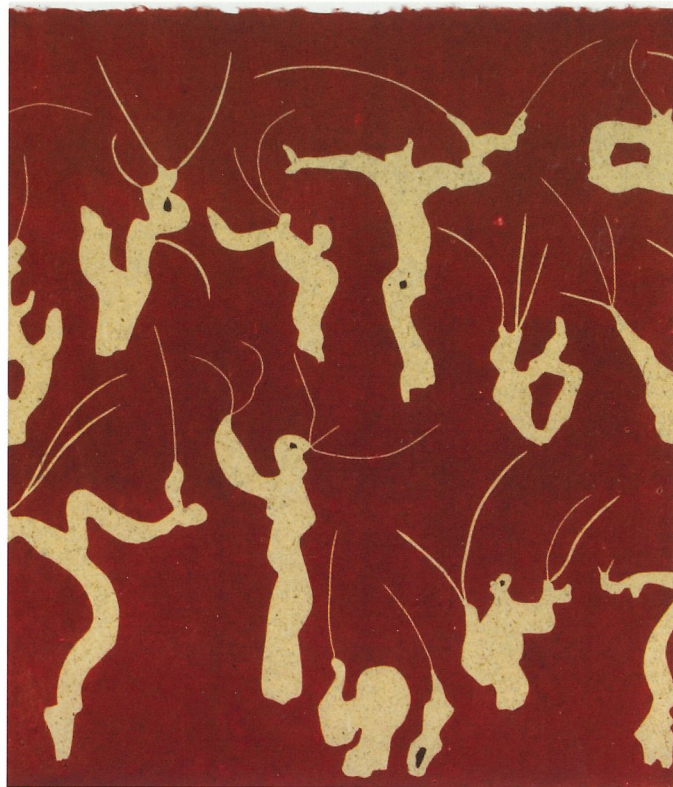


Joey LAIFOO, *Solar Thonar (turtie mating season)* (detail) 2007. Hand-coloured linocut. 405 x 610 mm.

ON THE EDGE: VISIONS OF A TROPICAL COASTLINE

McAleese Gallery, 15 May – 28 June 2009

An intimate connection to the lush & culturally diverse coastal edge of far North Queensland inspired twelve established artists to produce an exhibition exploring their commonality. *On the edge* features artists who live along the coast, from Cairns to the Torres Strait Islands, & explores their shared affinity for this unique tropical region.



GW Bot, *All Hallows glyphs* (detail) 2009. Lino cut on Korean hanji paper, 62 x 94cm. Edition 25.

FIRE GLYPHS AND SPIRITS: G.W. BOT

Also showing in the Mackay Mazda Foyer

Much admired Australian artist, G.W. Bot has described her latest body of work as a "dialogue between silences & spaces & the landscape of glyphs". Like a sequence of visual poems, the series of work maps a spiritual terrain as much as a physical landscape. Gestural marks & rhythmic notations are threaded sparsely through the prints, reminiscent of ancient pictographs or hieroglyphics, & describe a winding trail from the known landscape toward a psychological hinterland that lies somewhere between the sensorial & the visual, the abstract & the real.

Launch & floor talk: Wednesday 20 May, from 6pm



Various Artists. *SMS Portfolios* (Nos. 1-6): A collection of 73 original multiples. Published in 1968 by Letter Edged in Black Press. Edition of 2000. Mackay Regional Council Collection. Purchased 2008 by the Artspace Mackay Foundation.

ARTSPACE MACKAY FOUNDATION GIFT: SMS / WILLIAM COPLEY

Cox Rayner Gallery from April 2009

Compiled in 1968 by the American Surrealist artist William Copley (1919 – 1996), the SMS portfolios reflect both the diversity of art & the anti-commercial idealism of the time. Inspired by Marcel Duchamp's *La boîte-en-valise* (the box in a suitcase) 1934 – 41, Copley set out to produce a new form of art journal. He invited a diverse range of artists, writers & musicians to submit a work of art that was reproduced & included, without comment or explanation, in a boxed collection available by mail order subscription, limited to an edition of 2000.

This set of six portfolios is a major addition to the Mackay Regional Council's Artists' Book Collection. It represents the historically important development of 1960s artists' books as a means for artists to make work that can be sold to a wide audience, bypassing the 'elitist' filter of the commercial gallery system. It includes work by many of the pioneers of artists' books such as Dieter Roth, Bruce Nauman, Lawrence Weiner & Dick Higgins, as well as multiples by Marcel Duchamp, Man Ray, Roy Lichtenstein, Christo, Yoko Ono & On Kawara.

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

ADULTS

ARTSPACE MACKAY 2009 ADULT WORKSHOP PROGRAM

All adult workshops will be held at Mackay Town Hall, Sydney Street. Bookings essential.

WOVEN STORY: BASKET WEAVING USING NATURAL MATERIALS WITH WANDA BENNETT
Saturday 7 & Sunday 8
March, 10am – 4pm

Using an assortment of materials – cane, fabric, handmade paper, local grasses etc., participants will use basic weaving skills to produce a small woven article. Through use of colour, texture & text, participants will be encouraged to make their finished article a 'memento' representative of a special time, place or personal story.

Fee: \$110.00 / concession
\$100.00 (inc.GST)

DISCOVER IT, INSPIRE IT: CREATIVE CHARCOAL DRAWING WITH MAGDY SHIHA
Saturday 14 & Sunday 15
March, 10am – 4pm

This course aims to introduce participants to the basics of charcoal drawing techniques whilst investigating the elements of design. Through practical application & a slide show presentation from the tutor, students will be encouraged to develop an individual, creative drawing style, using experimental drawing techniques.

Fee: \$110.00 / concession
\$100.00 (inc.GST)

MAKING YOUR OWN BOOKS WITH IRENE COBURN
Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 April,
10am – 4pm

This workshop is for people who want to create purpose-made books, whether the materials be traditional or unusual. Books can be made from the best quality art paper, from brown wrapping paper or from a combination of any materials you can lay your hands on. The pages can be sewn, folded, stacked; they can have torn edges or be neatly trimmed; have traditional hard covers or none at all, the possibilities are endless!

Fee: \$110.00 / concession
\$100.00 (inc.GST)

LIFE DRAWING WITH LEONIE WOOD
Every Tuesday, Tuesday 21
April – Tuesday 26 May,
6.30pm – 9pm

Life drawing classes are aimed at students with some drawing experience & enable participants to develop their own drawing skills through the study of the human figure. The focus of these classes is achieving both structure & proportion with an emphasis on expression.

Fee: \$154.00 / concession
\$137.50 (inc.GST)

DISCOVER THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WATERCOLOURS WITH ROSEMARY PAYNE
Saturday 9 & Sunday 10
May, 10am – 4pm

This weekend workshop aims to introduce students to basic watercolour techniques. Materials will be explored through practical demonstration & application & specific watercolour techniques will be explained. Participants will become competent in mixing paint & using related materials.

Fee: \$110.00 / concession
\$100.00 (inc.GST)

CHILDREN

BMA KIDSPACE
Tues 10 March, Tues 14 April
& Tues 19 May, 10am - 2pm

A gallery of fun for under-fives, their parents & carers proudly presented by BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance.

10am - 2pm > Drop-in free artist run activities & gallery tours
12pm - 1pm > Live music w/ Rubberband

HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP: PRINTMAKING WITH BRIGETTE ZIMMERMAN
Wed 15 April, 10am – 12pm
& 2pm – 4pm

Mackay Town Hall, Sydney Street. Art for children aged 8 – 12 years.

Bookings essential. \$20 per child (\$10 subsequent siblings)

ARTSPACE-TO-GO HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP: PRINTMAKING WITH BRIGETTE ZIMMERMAN
Thurs 16 April, 10am – 12pm

Sarina Art Gallery
Art for children aged 8 – 12 years.

Bookings essential. \$20 per child (\$10 subsequent siblings)

TERM 2, KIDS ART CLUB WITH ROSEMARY PAYNE: 6 – 8 YEARS
Every Sat, Sat 16 May – Sat
20 June 2009, 10am – 12pm

Artspace Mackay Seminar Room

\$110 per child, includes materials & morning tea each week. For children 6 – 8 years

TERM 2, KIDS ART CLUB WITH ROSEMARY PAYNE: 9 - 12 YEARS
Every Sat, Sat 16 May – Sat
20 June 2009, 2pm – 4pm

Artspace Mackay Seminar Room

\$110 per child, includes materials & afternoon tea each week. For children 9 – 12 years.



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ABOUT ARTSPACE MACKAY

Artspace Mackay opened in February 2003. Operated by Mackay Regional Council, Artspace Mackay aims to: "provide the community of Mackay & visitors with access to the highest quality exhibitions & programs and create opportunities for the community to engage with & enjoy artistic & cultural activities." *Artspace Mackay Strategic Plan.*

GALLERY TOURS

Free gallery tours are available upon request for each exhibition at Artspace Mackay. Viewing of selections from the artists' book collection, held in the Tate Adams Reading Room, can also be arranged. Tours aim to include content that will meet your group's needs & to complement teaching & learning programs. We are happy to tailor a tour to meet your needs. 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 Tuesday to Friday between 10 am & 3 pm (Artspace Mackay is closed on Monday.) **A minimum of 15 days notice is required to secure a guide's services for tours & viewing of the artists' book collection, so plan ahead for your visit.**

To book a gallery tour &/or viewing of the artists' book collection, contact the Public Programs Officer on p > 07 4961 9785

FOODSPACE CAFÉ

Indulge your artistic palate with the creations of Sonya Parris & her team at Foodspace. On offer is a range of mouth-watering meals & refreshments including a full breakfast menu, lunches, cakes, Merlo coffee, teas, soft drinks & juices.

Foodspace opening hours:
Open 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Tues – Sun.
Closed Mondays.

**Bookings: p > 07 4961 9719 or
f > 07 4961 9719**

ARTSPACE MACKAY VOLUNTEER FRIENDS

Would you like to further your knowledge in art and join an exciting team? Become an Artspace Mackay Volunteer Friend. Volunteers are vital to the ongoing success of Artspace Mackay.

**To give the gift of your time, contact the
Administration Officer on p > 4961 9775**

FUNCTIONS & BOOKINGS

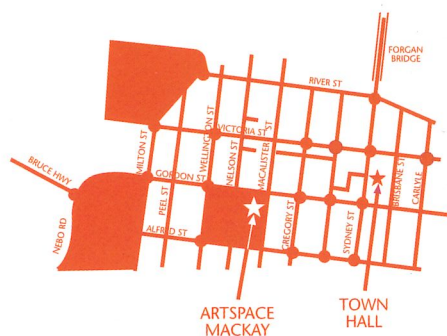
Hold your function at one of the best venues in town, Artspace Mackay. We can host community & corporate functions including meetings, workshops & training seminars as well as gala occasions such as dinners, weddings, cocktail parties & product launches.

**Bookings are essential, contact Artspace
Mackay on p > 07 4961 9722**

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 exclusive invitations to exhibition openings, newsletters, discounts to special art workshops & events.

**To receive a membership form contact
Artspace Mackay on p > 07 4961 9775**



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