



artspace mackay

EXHIBITIONS

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

JAN - JUN 2014



WELCOME to Artspace Mackay

They say the past informs our future, and if this is true, Artspace Mackay certainly has much to look forward to in 2014. Last year was an enormous year for the gallery, with so many wonderful exhibitions and programs on offer.

2013 was Artspace Mackay's 10th birthday, and this milestone was celebrated with a 'bang' at the Arty Party for kids and families in February, complete with giant birthday cake. 2013 was also the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of South Sea Islanders in Australia, brought here to build the cotton and sugar industries in Queensland. We commemorated this landmark occasion with a very moving exhibition telling the stories of our Australian South Sea Islander communities here in Mackay. It was also the year that saw the gallery re-opened on Sundays with the development of exciting new programs such as the popular Sunday Cinema and Rock Paper Scissors Art & Design Market.

Looking ahead, Artspace Mackay will host its very first *Art of Conversation* event, live in the McAleese gallery in January. Held in conjunction with ABC Tropical North, journalist Kim Kleidon will interview photo-journalists Angela Blakely and David Lloyd about their incredible careers and fascinating lives. This in-depth interview will be broadcast on ABC Local Radio, and we hope it will be the first in a series of conversations with artists from all over Australia.

In 2014, our exhibitions program for the first half of the year will feature displays from some of Australia's most well-known printmakers, including ex-local Glen Skien who is moving from strength to strength in his career, demonstrating Artspace Mackay's continuing commitment to this art form. I am also very excited about the Jam Factory's design exhibition, coming to Mackay from Adelaide. It is the first time Artspace Mackay has hosted an exhibition of the finest ceramicists, jewellers, glass artists, furniture and textile designers working in modern Australia.

There is so much to see and do at Artspace Mackay. Be inspired by contemporary exhibitions, take part in activities, indulge in artisan retail therapy & combine your visit with a fabulous brunch in Foodspace.

Anna Thurgood,
Artspace Mackay Director.

COVER IMAGE: **Robin BEST**
The Arcana Bowl. Eggshell porcelain bowl.
30cms x 50cm.

OPPOSITE: *Insight: Hermannsburg Potters Collection of the Moreton Bay Regional Council*, on show in the McAleese Gallery, Artspace Mackay, 2013.

Use this brochure in conjunction with the Artspace Mackay website 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 eNewsletters to be the first to find out about art workshops.

ARTSPACE MACKAY GALLERIES AND SPACES



THREE EXHIBITION GALLERIES

Artspace Mackay encompasses three impressive exhibition spaces: McAleese Gallery; the Orientation Gallery & Foyer Gallery. 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.

SUNDAYS AT ARTSPACE



ROCK PAPER SCISSORS: ART & DESIGN MARKET

Civic Centre Precinct, Gordon Street

Rock Paper Scissors is a curated artists market featuring stallholders who have been invited to take part in the event due to the quality of their work and expertise in the arts. The afternoon features indie design, art and craft stalls and live acoustic music. There is something for everyone, from craft items to affordable artisan jewellery and fine art prints. Entry is free. Join Artspace's eNewsletter by visiting www.artspacemackay.com.au to be notified when the date of the market is set for 2014.

SUNDAY CINEMA

Orientation Gallery,
Artspace Mackay

Artspace Mackay continues its popular, free Sunday film program for visitors to enjoy.

Mark the last Sunday of the month in your calendars for an enjoyable film experience, with a range of films from the National Film and Sound Archive. Please visit our website for our full film program. Bookings are essential for each film, phone 4961 9722.

If you're an artist, designer or craftsperson who is interested in applying for a market stall at Rock Paper Scissors, Mackay's most creative market, contact Artspace staff today 4961 9722 or email artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au

IMAGE ABOVE: Rock Paper Scissors Art & Design Market, held in the green space of the Civic Precinct behind Artspace, 2013.

OPPOSITE: Insight, an exhibition of Hermannsburg pots on show in the McAleese Gallery in 2013.



MYTHO-POETIC: PRINT & ASSEMBLAGE WORKS BY GLEN SKIEN

McAleese Gallery

This exhibition will interrogate the human condition with 35 artist books, assemblages, collages and installations that will bring to life social histories and vexing questions of Australian identity, place and myth. Skien's etching practice is the platform for his work in other media, while underlying narratives are presented through the use of symbolic imagery such as maps, letters, books and ephemera. The exhibition offers viewers an immersive experience rich in imagery that navigates residues of the past and creates new propositions for identity and historical awareness.

SELFHOOD: DEBORAH WILLIAMS

Foyer Gallery

Deborah Williams is a keen observer of dogs. Her works consider our human relationship with the canine realm, capturing moments which emphasize the animal's spirit, character and form. *Sellhood* is an exhibition of etchings, engravings and roulette intaglio prints.



Opening event: 6pm Friday 31 January 2014
Exhibition Floor Talk: 11am Saturday 1 February 2014

ABOVE: **Glen SKIEN** *Archive of Country* (detail) 2013. Iron and paper envelopes, ink and photocopy transfer. 162 x 72 cm. Image courtesy of the artist.

OPPOSITE: **Deborah WILLIAMS** *Looking in from the outside* (detail) 2012. Etching, engraving and roulette intaglio. Edition 20. 57.5 x 77 cm. Image courtesy of the artist.

**31 JAN -
30 MAR**





DESIGNING CRAFT/CRAFTING DESIGN: 40 YEARS OF JAM FACTORY

McAleese Gallery

In 2013 JamFactory celebrated 40 years of nurturing and promoting contemporary craft and design in Australia. Today, JamFactory remains a unique and iconic South Australian institution.

Curated by Margaret Hancock Davis, Margot Osborne and Brian Parkes, this exhibition presents new work by 40 selected artists, craftspeople and designers who have had a significant involvement with the JamFactory during its 40-year history and who are presently producing work of outstanding quality.

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TRAVERSE: RECENT WORKS BY MELINDA SCHAWEL

Foyer Gallery

This exhibition by Melbourne artist Melinda Schawel, features her latest works on paper and board. Through a process of paper tearing, puncturing & collage, she creates tactile surfaces and abstract compositions that reference the natural world. Schawel was the artist in residence at the Whitsunday Anglican school in 2012.

Opening event: 6pm Friday 4 April
Exhibition floor talk: Saturday 5 April 11am

**04 APR -
18 MAY**

IMAGE: **Vipoo SRIVILASA**

Patience Flower 002 and Patience Flower 001 2012. Hand built and cast porcelain. 240 x 160 x 150mm & 210 x 170 x 130mm.



CREATIVE POWER: THE ART OF GEORGE BALDESSIN

McAleese Gallery

Despite a tragically short life, George Baldessin made a significant impact on printmaking and sculpture in Australia in the 1960s and 70s. *Creative Power* is a retrospective exhibition of works, including prints, drawings and sculpture, selected by the artist's widow, Tess Edwards. Baldessin from the rich legacy he left at the time of his death. Baldessin's artwork reshuffles motifs to make narratives set upon distorted stages or in windowless interiors. A pear becomes a woman. A hat is an emblem. The emblem reconfigures as the same woman. This playfulness extends to his experimental use of materials such as the fibreglass and silver foil which appear in his prints. An edgy feeling for composition amalgamates smoky surfaces and scratchy line-work into darkly memorable images.

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MIRROR MIRROR: RECENT WORKS BY MAY MOSSHAMMER

Foyer Gallery

A traditional folk ballad interweaves this exhibition of recent works by emerging local artist, May Mosshammer. *Mirror mirror* is a series of prints, installations and mixed media works inspired by a visit to Mackay's historical Greenmount Homestead and the artist's discovery of three tiny antique porcelain dolls labelled 'Frozen Charlottes'.

Opening event: 6pm Friday 23 May
Exhibition floor talk: 11am Saturday 24 May

IMAGE: **George BALDESSIN** *Performers with bicycles* (detail) 1964. Etching and aquatint. 17.1 x 24.8 cm. On loan from Australian Galleries.

**23 MAY -
06 JUL**

Orientation Gallery

ARTSPACE MACKAY



MASTERS OF THE MEDIUM

Orientation Gallery

Pioneer Potters was formed in Mackay in 1975 by a small group of potters who aimed to meet and improve the standard of pottery in Mackay. They regularly conducted seminars and workshops by local, national as well as international artists, and held competitions enabling them to acquire a rich and substantial collection of ceramic works. The collection was donated to Artspace Mackay, Mackay Regional Council in 2006. *Masters of the medium* is inspired by this donation and focuses on 13 premier potters who are highly regarded as experts in their field and whose work highlights this very special collection.

UNTIL
JUNE

IMAGE: **Rick WOOD** *Small lidded bowl*
c2005. 6.5 x 8.0 cm. Porcelain, wheel-
thrown, fish-scale crackle glaze with copper
pink blush to exterior, blue glazed interior.
Private collection, Mackay.



SOCIAL PICS

Orientation Gallery

Artspace Mackay's highlight of 2013 was the exhibition opening celebration for *Two Islands, one home: A Story of belonging*



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 eNewsletter to keep up-to-date with Artspace Mackay exhibitions, workshops & events. www.artspacemackay.com.au

2014 EXHIBITION SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!

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: Artspace Mackay volunteers, Kerrin Phillips and Leigh Johnston assisting with the unpacking of Artspace Mackay's Libris Awards entries in 2013.

ARTSPACE 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 and special events.

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

OPPOSITE: So much fun! Children couldn't get enough of the glow-in-the-dark drawing room at Artspace Mackay's 10th birthday celebrations activity day in 2013.





ART + FOOD = FOODSPACE

Simple, seasonal and fresh are the themes of Foodspace's delicious new menu at Artspace Mackay. Open from Tuesday to Sunday 9am - 3pm and specialising in gourmet seasonal food, the vibrant new Foodspace cafe sources the best local organic fresh produce, highest quality ingredients, Australian seafood and free-range grass fed meats.

And 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 corporate lunchboxes and delicious gourmet deli options, alongside a dynamic new menu - download it now at www.artspacemackay.com.au

FUNCTIONS AT 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.

For reservations, bookings and enquiries regarding Foodspace, please call their friendly staff at 4961 9719.

To book your next community or corporate function at Artspace Mackay, Mackay's most creative venue, contact the Administration Officer today, 4961 9722.



ARTSPACE MACKAY GIFT SHOP

Artspace Mackay gift shop stocks creative giftware handcrafted by local and Australian artists and craftspeople.

Choose from artisan jewellery, 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 & 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.

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.



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 25 March 2014
Tuesday 29 April 2014
Tuesday 27 May 2014
Tuesday 24 June 2014
Tuesday 29 July 2014



IMAGE: Parents look on and assist where needed while their toddlers experiment with art and craft at BMA Kidspace, 2013.



KIDS ART CLUB

Artspace Mackay Seminar Room

Term 1 > Sat 15 February to 22 March

Term 2 > Sat 17 May to 21 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. \$150 per child, includes materials. Bookings essential, and seats are limited so contact Artspace Mackay, 4961 9722.

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

During holiday periods, Artspace Mackay hosts 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.

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 or join our eNewsletter for regular updates.

IMAGE: Some fantastic results! Kids aged 8-12 years enjoyed a holiday cyanotype making workshop at Artspace and at Greenmount Homestead in 2013.



FLOOR TALKS

Artspace Mackay floor talks are often held at the beginning of each exhibition season, and are free for anyone in the region to attend. Floor talks 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 Foyer Gallery. Your participation in the floor talk and discussion 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 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. We are happy to tailor tours to meet your needs. Gallery tours are available on the hour, 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 and viewings of the artists' book collection, so plan ahead for your visit. To book a gallery tour and/or viewing of the artists book collection, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

SCHOOL TOURS

School visits to Artspace Mackay, both independent and staff-guided visits are free. The gallery is available for school visits from 10am - 3pm Tuesday to Friday, except during exhibition changeover periods.

All groups must book in advance, whether visiting independently or taking part in a staff-guided session. Ideally a minimum of one week notice is required for a self-guided group visit. But for a guided tour, please book this with Artspace approximately two weeks prior to your planned visit.

All tours must be confirmed by the Public Programs Officer at Artspace Mackay. Please contact Billie-Jo Obst 4961 9737 or billie-jo.obst@mackay.qld.gov.au



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 \$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 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 programs, workshops, exhibitions and other cultural events. The Foundation seeks to secure donations, individual and corporate partnerships, grants and bequests. For more information regarding the Foundation, please contact Melissa Broadhurst 0400 005 958.



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.



IMAGE: Artspace staff and volunteers meet Hannah Gadsby after her Nakedy Nudes show at Artspace Mackay Foundation's Up Late with Hannah Gadsby fundraising event in the McAleese Gallery, Artspace Mackay.



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