



Artspace Mackay

# EXHIBITIONS ACTIVITIES&EVENTS

July to December 2015







# WELCOME TO ARTSPACE MACKAY

It will be difficult to top the first half of the year, which saw Artspace filled with crowds who came to see *Have You Seen the Old Mackay, Remain in Light* from the Museum of Contemporary Art and *Bodywork* featuring contemporary Australian jewellery from the National Gallery of Australia. But the team at Artspace have worked extraordinarily hard to bring you a continuing program of excellence and inspiration at the gallery.

A major event for us is set to be *Rock Paper Scissors: Art & Design Market*, on Sunday 12 July from 1 – 5pm. Set in the stunning ‘village green’ landscape between Artspace and the MECC, this official Festival of Arts event is a curated market designed to showcase to the community the best artists, designers and craftspeople our region has to offer. Last year took us by surprise, with over 5,000 people attending. I believe that this shows there is a creative heart beating in Mackay, and that people are hungry for high quality, handmade items that are not ‘run of the mill’ and mass produced.

To me, art is creating something from nothing, or taking something/ anything and creating something new and exciting. Skill and good technique are required, but it is the creativity involved in the alchemical process of making something new from the ordinary and everyday that continues to astound and inspire me. It is the creative spark at work, and it is wonderful to see and experience.

Here at Artspace Mackay, we encourage people to make a leap of ‘creativity’ when they walk through our doors. The setting is important – a beautiful and serene space is conducive to viewing artwork. There are no ‘tricks’ to looking at artwork. Simply slow down, breathe, and let the art wash over you. Soon, you will find you are looking at things with different eyes, or a different mindset. Some of our exhibitions are designed to make you think. Some are designed to provide an insight into other worlds, or other perspectives. And some are designed purely to provide some fun!

I hope this season of exhibitions, events and programs inspires you, and allows your inner creative spark to burn just a little bit brighter!

Anna Thurgood,  
Artspace Mackay Director.

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IMAGE: **Rew HANKS** *Banks, which one is mine?* 2 0 1 3. Linoprint, Edition 30.  
103 x 75 cm. Image courtesy Andrew  
Baker Art Dealer.

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 eNewsletters to be the first to find out about art workshops, & of course, follow us on Facebook.

# NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT PRIZE 2015

McAleese Gallery

The National Photographic Portrait Prize exhibition is selected from a national field of entries that reflect the distinctive vision of Australia's aspiring and professional portrait photographers and the unique nature of their subjects. Artspace Mackay is the very first gallery after The National Portrait Gallery in Canberra to host the exhibition of 44 finalist and prize winning works. The winner for 2015 is *Portrait of Ali* by Hoda Afshar.



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## JAN WARD: INTO THE HILLS

Foyer Gallery

Award winning local artist, Jan Ward, looks to the hills in her latest exhibition. After moving to Mackay in recent years, she has found an affinity for the landscape and in particular, the hills: their geological formation, and the animal, plant and human life they can reveal. *Into the hills* explores these seemingly protective and steadfast land formations as well as their changing dynamics, visibly affected by the forces of nature which transform them from season to season.



**Opening event:** A special CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH celebration, 11am Saturday 11 July

**Floor talk:** JAN WARD, 11am Saturday 25 July

11JULYto  
30AUGUST

IMAGE: Peoples Choice Winner, **Natalie GRONO**  
*Feather and the Goddess Pool*. 2015. Digital  
print. 102.0 x 138.5 cm.



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IMAGE: **Arthur BOYD** (1920–1999) *Woman in a jinker*. 1976. Oil on canvas. 182.7 x 175.3 cm. Rockhampton Art Gallery Collection, Art Acquisition Fund, purchased with the assistance of the Visual Arts Board of the Australia Council 1976. © Reproduced with permission of Bundanon Trust.

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## CREAM: FOUR DECADES OF AUSTRALIAN ART

McAleese Gallery

A showcase of significant artworks by Australian artists which have rarely been seen outside Rockhampton, this exhibition chronicles the development of modernism in Australia from 1940 to 1980, and includes paintings, drawings and prints by artists such as John Perceval, Arthur Boyd, Charles Blackman, Sidney Nolan, Russell Drysdale, John Brack, Clifton Pugh, Sam Fulbrook, Margaret Olley, and Fred Williams. *Cream: Four Decades of Australian Art* is a Rockhampton Art Gallery touring exhibition.



## CREATIVE GENERATION

Foyer Gallery

This exhibition celebrates the work of senior arts students from high schools across the region. The pieces on display have been hand selected by a panel of teachers for demonstrating sophisticated concepts, technical skill and innovative aesthetic choices. Come and enjoy the collective visions of the region's brightest young artists in this expansive and engaging exhibition!



**Opening event: 6pm Friday 4 September**

**Exhibition Floor Talk: 11am Saturday 5 September**

**4SEPTEMBERto  
18OCTOBER**



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## BIMBLEBOX: ART – SCIENCE – NATURE

McAleese Gallery

*Bimblebox: Art – Science – Nature* is a touring exhibition about the Bimblebox Nature Refuge, its environmental, social and scientific significance and an artist group's creative response to their experience of this unique and threatened environment. The exhibition is rich, dynamic and diverse, including artworks in installation, works on paper, painting, artists books, photography, digital media and sound. Curated by Beth Jackson from a project initiated by artist Jill Sampson, the exhibition also incorporates aspects of scientific and environmental research and social history of the site, together with catalogue and education kit in digital and print media.



## OFFSHOOTS I - V

Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Lagoons Gallery, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens

The result of a fascinating collaboration between Tank Arts Centre and Cairns Botanic Gardens, *Offshoots I-V* is a selection of botanical illustrations, etchings, paintings and mixed media artworks by Cairns artist Julie McEnerny. The works are a fine representation of the diversity of contemporary and traditional botanic illustration techniques and give special focus to plants of ecological or cultural significance. This exhibition will be appearing over two venues- Artspace Mackay and Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.

Opening event: 6pm Friday 23 October

Exhibition floor talk: 11am Saturday 24 October

ABOVE: **Julie McENERNY** *Amorphophallus titanum I*. Watercolour pencil on paper Paper size: 76 x 56 Framed: 102 x 78 (outside).

OPPOSITE: **Fiona MacDONALD** *Alpha 1*. 2012. Inkjet print on paper from digital image. Photo courtesy of the artist.

23OCTOBER to  
6DECEMBER



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# THE PHANTOM SHOW

McAleese Gallery

Nostalgic, surprising and fun! *The Phantom Show* curated by Peter Kingston and Dietmar Lederwasch, celebrates the evolution of this unique heroic character over the past 80 years. More than 30 artists contributed their various interpretations of the Ghost Who Walks through a variety of media and styles. Some of the participating artists include Gary Shead, Reg Mombassa, Euan Macleod, Dick Frizzel, Elisabeth Cummings, Kerrie Lester, Kevin Connor, Jan Allen, Michael Bell, Frank Gohier, Richard Goodwin and even Austen Tayshus.

This exhibition proves that those childhood obsessions with *The Phantom* can be hard to shake!



IMAGE: **Peter KINGSTON** *Original work for The Phantom Show invitation* 2014. Gouache and pencil on paper. 25 x 18 cm. Image courtesy of the artist and Australian Galleries, Sydney & Melbourne.

## REW HANKS: NOT ALWAYS BLACK AND WHITE

Foyer Gallery

Rew Hanks is an established printmaker known for his brilliant linocuts. With a strong sense of the absurd, Hanks provides a much-needed critique of issues surrounding colonisation and its environmental legacies. Hanks technical prowess is immediately apparent when viewing his prints. His incredibly detailed linocuts are made on a large scale, with minute empirical accuracy to his subjects.



IMAGE: **Rew HANKS** *Banks, which one is mine?* (detail) 2013. Linoprint. 103 x 75 cm. Edition 30. Image courtesy Andrew Baker Art Dealer.

OPPOSITE: **Euan MACLEOD** *Father of the Phantom*. 2000-14. Oil on canvas. 180.0 x 137.0 cm. Image courtesy of the artist and Watters Gallery, Sydney.

Opening event: 6pm Friday 11 December

Exhibition floor talk: 11am Saturday 12 December

**11 DECEMBER** to  
**24 JANUARY**



## 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](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au)

## 2016 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.

## 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.

ABOVE: Artspace Mackay volunteers, Elena Korotkaia and Rita Jewell attending a volunteer's social function at the Botanic Gardens in 2015.



# rock paper scissors

artspace mackay's annual  
art & design market

Featuring indie design, art & craft stalls, live music, food stalls and Foodspace cafe. On the lawns behind Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, Civic Centre Precinct, Mackay. For more info visit [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au) Rock, Paper, Scissors is part of Mackay's annual Festival of Arts!







## ART+FOOD= FOODSPACE

Simple, seasonal and fresh are the themes of Foodspace's delicious new menu at Artspace Mackay. Open from Tuesday to Sunday and specialising in gourmet seasonal food, 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, eat in or takeaway.

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

ABOVE: Choose from Foodspace's delicious everchanging menu- created from local, organic, fresh and seasonal produce.

## FUNCTIONS@ 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.

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





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## ARTSPACE MACKAY GIFT SHOP

Artspace Mackay 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.

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.

## LOCAL ARTISTS & CRAFTS PEOPLE 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.

IMAGE: Artspace Mackay gift shop stocks an amazing range of cards, jewellery, homewares and other artisan products. It's a great spot to find an individual and creative gift.

**"Call Artspace  
staff to arrange  
school & community  
group tours of the  
exhibitions!"**





## 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 SEMINAR ROOM

The Seminar Room is Artspace Mackay's 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 & community members may search for titles through the MRC Library online catalogue.

## 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 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 Foyer Gallery. Your participation in the floor talk and discussion afterward 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, 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's 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 with the Public Programs Officer at Artspace Mackay. Please contact Billie-Jo Obst 4961 9737 or [billie-jo.obst@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:billie-jo.obst@mackay.qld.gov.au)

# SAVE the DATES 2015

## Kids Art Club 2015

Term 3: 1 August > 5 September

Term 4: 17 October > 21 November

## BMA Kidspace

Tuesdays

21 July

18 August

15 September

13 October

10 November

## KIDS ART CLUB

Artspace Mackay Seminar Room

6- 8 years > 10am- 12pm

9-12 years > 1- 3pm

Kids Art Club is Artspace Mackay's ongoing term-based art program for kids. 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. \$150 per child, includes materials. Bookings essential, and seats are limited so contact Artspace Mackay, 4961 9722.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

During school holiday periods, Artspace Mackay offers drop-in activities for families in conjunction with a creative program of workshops designed especially for kids aged 8- 12yrs. The drop-in activities require parental supervision at all times and are free to attend. The workshop sessions vary in price and run for 2 hours. There are always plenty of sessions to choose from. These workshops are delivered by an experienced art tutor. While parents are encouraged to 'drop & go' so the children can learn great new art techniques independently building confidence and creative freedom.

## 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.



Join our eNewsletter for regular updates by visiting [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au) and follow the links!





## 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 only \$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, as well as acquiring artworks for Mackay Regional Council's art collection which is stored and cared for at Artspace Mackay. 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.



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IMAGE: Artspace staff Eufemia Carbone (left) and Anna Thurgood proudly present fundraiser Kylie Parnicott with a \$200 cheque. Funds were raised by the gallery in 2015 to go towards Breast Cancer Research.





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