

Volunteering at Artspace

Mackay's Regional Art Gallery

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Art Gallery

Gallery Shop

Workshops





Artspace Mackay, Mackay Regional Council

Providing residents and visitors to Mackay with an impressive window to the world of contemporary art, Artspace Mackay is the regional art gallery owned and operated by Mackay Regional Council. The gallery includes four exhibition spaces, a Gallery Shop for creative gifts and souvenirs and holds a significant collection of artists' books – which is the third largest collection of artists' books in Australia.

The award-winning purpose-built gallery, designed by Queensland architects Cox Rayner, is an integral part of Mackay Regional Council's Cultural Precinct. Situated at 61 Gordon Street, the gallery provides residents and visitors to Mackay with the opportunity to see art exhibitions by significant local, national and international artists.

Exhibitions are complemented by innovative educational and community focused activities for all. Public programs include artists' talks, guided public art tours, children's art workshops, school holiday activities, as well as professional development opportunities for local artists, teachers and students. The biennial *Libris Awards: Australian Artists' Book Prize* is the gallery's nationally recognised competition that attracts entries by emerging and established Australian artists who compete in four categories.

Volunteers play a vital role in the running of Artspace Mackay, assisting with front of house duties ensuring every visitor feels welcome, providing information, and processing sales from the Gallery Shop.

Volunteers are not required to be artists or have any background in the arts, however an interest and willingness to learn is essential. There is a formal induction and learning phase conducted by an Artspace staff member to support new volunteers to feel confident and armed with a basic knowledge of Artspace and current exhibitions and programs.

Their passion and love for the arts and creative industries helps to spread the word throughout the community about the wonderful exhibitions, activities and events that Artspace offers month after month.

Our volunteers also provide valuable assistance at special events and workshops in a great variety of ways. We aim to make volunteering at the gallery a fun, positive, and mutually rewarding experience and consider our volunteer's valuable stakeholders in our excellent community facility.

Benefits of being a Volunteer

Volunteering at Artspace Mackay not only helps make a difference in your community, but it also benefits you personally as it offers the chance to:

- Gain experience and learn new skills.
- Help the community engage with art in a fun and encouraging way.
- Enjoy multi-faceted cultural experiences.
- 10% discount at the Gallery Shop
- Act on your passion and interests
- Form new friendships and create professional networks.

VOLUNTEER ROLES AT THE GALLERY

Visitor Services Volunteers

Visitor services volunteers are the face of Artspace Mackay, and the majority of volunteers are placed in this role: greeting visitors, helping with queries, answering phones and providing a general outline of the gallery. Visitor services volunteers also supervise the galleries to ensure artworks are kept safe and the spaces tidy. They assist with running The Gallery Shop: taking sales, visual displays and offering excellent customer service. Visitor services volunteers play an important role in ensuring the success of the gallery and are fully supported by Artspace staff.

All visitor services volunteers are rostered on with a co-volunteer, so they get to meet new people, have a chat and a cuppa! Volunteers can nominate what days they prefer generally on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

Weekday volunteer shifts are 9:45am - 1:30pm and 1:30pm - 5pm and Weekend shifts are 9:45am-12:30pm and 12:30pm –3pm.

Public Program Volunteers

Another specialised area volunteers can become involved in is learning about the Mackay Regional Council Art Collection. Public Program Volunteers are specially trained in handling and presenting artists' books from the Collection so they can deliver to the public our 'Book of The Month' program.

Each month, an artist's book from the Collection is displayed and visitors can request a volunteer to guide them through a viewing. Volunteers who wish to participate are provided with a training session each month to discuss the selected artist's book from the Collection and best practice for handling it.



Special Events Volunteers

Artspace Mackay often holds special events such as exhibition opening nights. At these events, volunteers play a crucial role in making sure the event runs smoothly. Volunteering at a special event involves working bar service, food service and supervising gallery entrances.

Become a volunteer today!

Fill out an application form and hand it in at the front desk or visit our website:
www.artspacemackay.com.au to download an application.

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GALLERY HOURS

10am – 5pm Tuesday to Friday

10am – 3pm Saturday and Sunday

(Closed Mondays)

FREE ENTRY

