



Artspace Mackay  
**EXHIBITIONS**  
**ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

July to December 2023



David Allen is one of Queensland's most successful contemporary painters, with a career spanning four decades. Her work is direct and honest, fuelled by an unapologetic persistence to explore her lived experience. Allen's signature highly natural oil paintings are associated with anything and everything—from palette knives, large brushes and fingers, to sticks and other found objects. Themes of domestic life, particularly motherhood, sexuality and beloved landscapes form the recurring visual narratives featured throughout her oeuvre.

'Colourful Expressions' brings together work from northern Queensland regional gallery collections and the artist's archive to celebrate Allen's impact as one of the state's most revered painters. Taking a period of almost thirty years, the works highlight Allen's ongoing affiliation with central Queensland and career-long refinement of an abstracted and colourful, expressive painting style.

Allen's emotive, gestural work reimagines light, mood and place, often contemplating the balance between her creative and domestic selves. This abstract style has seen her placed within the global scene of neo-expressionism, a movement from the 1970s that saw a revival of painterly freedom on expression of feeling through figurative work. For over forty years, Allen has joined the international dialogue adding a unique, suburban Queensland voice.

Alongside the desire to capture fast, fleeting moments, Allen has also continuously engaged with portraiture. She received one of Australia's best-known accolades in 1988 when she won the Archibald Prize. In this show some of Allen's most intimate portraits are displayed including Josephine, the artist's daughter.

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional owners of the land upon which Artspace Mackay stands, the Yuwi people. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and to the young emerging leaders.

# VISIT ARTSPACE Mackay's Regional Art Gallery



Throughout history, feminist artists have fearlessly tackled a wide range of themes, from body politics and reproductive rights to identity, sexuality, race, and social justice. Their works are not only visually captivating but also thought-provoking, inviting viewers to engage in conversations about equality, agency, and the complexities of the human experience.

'These Stories Will be Different' brings together a fascinating series of works that reimagine a medieval feminist utopia, probe the unsolved murder of a high-profile anti-gentrification campaigner and explore the connections between love, loss, and language in migrant communities in Australia. The videos tell stories, but they also challenge the conventions of storytelling. Zanny Begg's work invites you to see the world differently by drawing on ancient literary traditions, non-linear timeframes, and computer-generated randomisation.

Mackay-raised artist Kara Day works across textile, sculpture, and watercolour. In her first solo exhibition 'Ladylike', Day has created bold, confronting portraits, which question our pre-conceived notions of femininity.

Local artist Stephen Homewood plays with another stereotype—that of the bronzed, idealised Aussie surf lifesaver. The juxtaposition of surf lifesavers and sharks in Homewood's frenetic, experimental paintings hints at the delicate, precarious equilibrium we strive to maintain between human activity and the natural world.

Artspace Mackay is proud to present another suite of exhibitions that encourage viewers to contemplate the world around them and provide a platform to artists to communicate their ideas and perspectives.

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## FREE ENTRY

10am-5pm Tuesday-Friday  
10am-3pm Saturday & Sunday  
(Closed Mondays)

COVER IMAGE: **Zanny BEGG** *The City of Ladies*  
(still) 2017. Co-directed with Elise McLeod.  
Image courtesy of the artist

OPPOSITE: Installation view, Davida Allen:  
Colourful Expressions, Main Gallery, Artspace  
Mackay, 2023. Photo: Jim Cullen Photographer.



# FIRE AND ASH

## Woodfire pottery of Arthur and Carol Rosser

**Main Gallery, Artspace Mackay**

For over forty years Arthur and Carol Rosser created work from their secluded rainforest pottery in the Mackay hinterland near Eungella. Bringing together a comprehensive body of wood fired pottery, 'Fire and Ash' celebrates the artists' expansive mastery of the medium.

\* Exhibition catalogue available in print at The Gallery Shop 4961 9722.

\* Scan the QR code for a 3D virtual tour of exhibition.

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IMAGE: **Arthur ROSSER** *Lidded cylindrical vessel* c. 2010, wheel-thrown, natural ash and applied Shino glaze, wood fired, 20 x 12 x 12 cm; **Carol ROSSER** *Lidded cylindrical vessel* c. 2010, wheel-thrown, applied blue ash glaze, wood fired in Anagama kiln, 21.5 x 11 x 11 cm. Mackay Regional Council Art Collection, purchased 2023. Photo: Jim Cullen Photographer.

## In Bloom



# IN BLOOM

'In Bloom' showcases twenty years of growth of Artspace Mackay, focusing on Australian visual culture via botanical imagery. Through a lens of investigation, the way floral imagery is used by artists to convey, and at times interrogate, a range of issues – from the imagined utopia of life in the tropics to First Nations connection to country and culture is considered. Work from the Mackay Regional Council Art Collection and associated programs, including major birthday commission, 'Spring + Sprout II' by Cairns-based artist Brian Robinson is featured in this celebratory exhibition.

**\* Scan the QR code for a 3D virtual tour of exhibition.**

IMAGE: Installation view, **Brian ROBINSON** *Spring + sprout II* 2023, vinyl-cut print mounted to board, palight plastic, timber, enamel and acrylic spray paint, found objects, edition 1/10 (unique state), Mackay Regional Council Art Collection, commissioned 2022. Photo: Jim Cullen Photographer.

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**6AUG**



IMAGE: Installation view, **Dylan MOONEY**  
*Oceans are rising so must we* 2023, acrylic.  
Photo: Jim Cullen Photographer.

# DYLAN MOONEY

## Oceans are rising so must we

**Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay**

Artist-in-residence Dylan Mooney's large-scale mural is an extension of his recent advocacy work for climate action with the 'Torres Strait 8' and their 'Our Islands Our Home campaign'. This ephemeral mural has been created as part of the gallery's 'The Wall' program which invites artists create new artwork in the Artspace foyer.



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IMAGE: **Donna Maree ROBINSON** *Time of our Lives* (detail) 2023, digital video, 4 minutes.  
Created in collaboration with Crossroad Arts.  
Collaged botanical artwork by Kate BRUNNER.

# TIME OF OUR LIVES

**Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay**

Artspace Mackay partnered with Crossroads Arts—leading advocate for disability communities—to deliver a new digital animation artwork in celebration of the gallery's twentieth birthday. Twenty workshop participants created digital stop-motion animations. Local new media artist Donna Maree Robinson was lead artist behind the culminating digital animation, on display in the Artspace foyer gallery.



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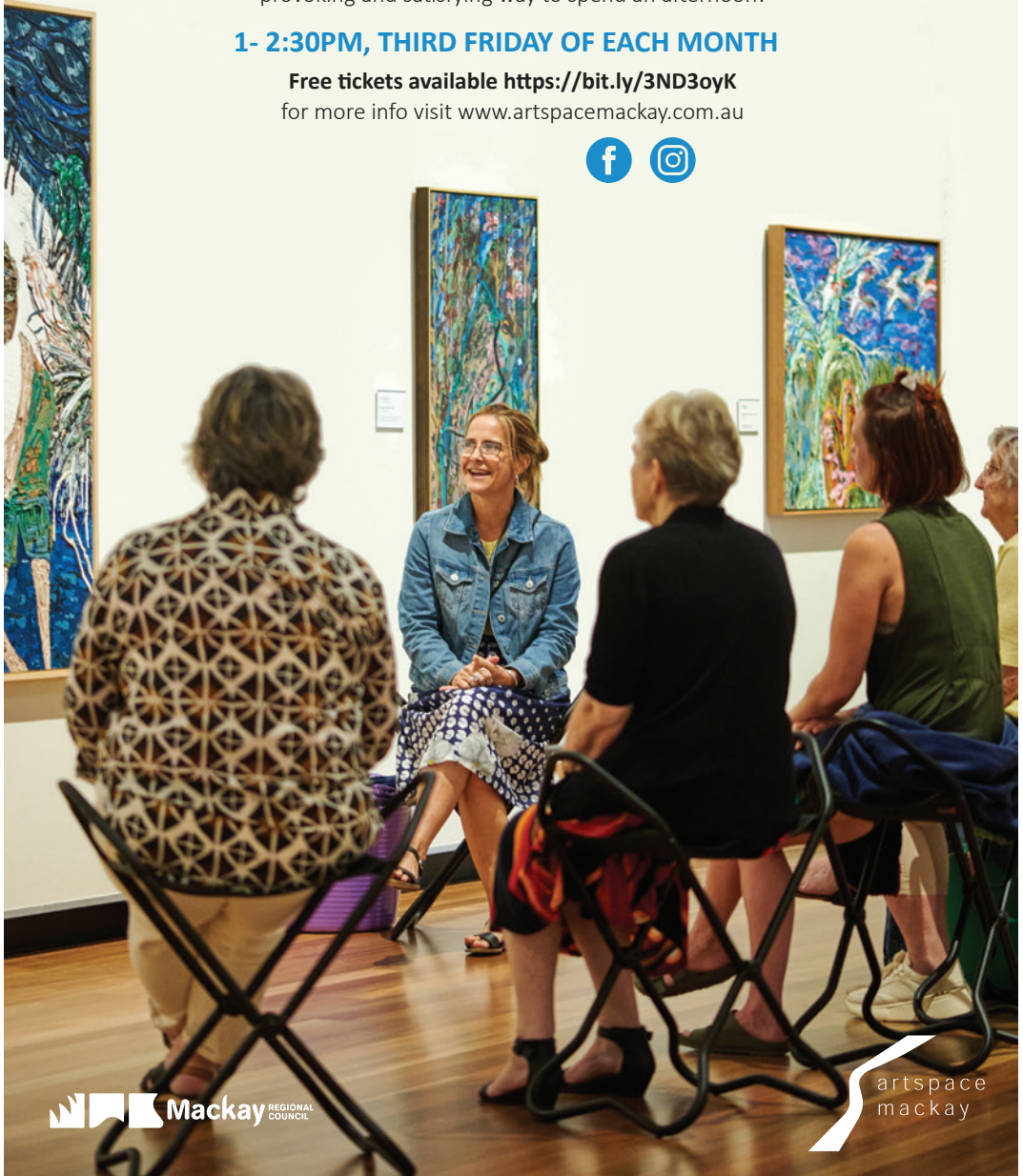
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# Conversations with Art

A free and enjoyable discussion led by Artspace staff as we look at works on show and images from gallery and museum collections. Whether you're an artist, an art and language lover, beginner, or expert, we'd love you to join us. It's an inclusive, thought provoking and satisfying way to spend an afternoon!

**1- 2:30PM, THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**Free tickets available <https://bit.ly/3ND3oyK>**  
for more info visit [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au)





# ZANNY BEGG

## These Stories will be Different

### Main Gallery, Artspace Mackay

'These Stories Will be Different' brings together three of NSW-based artist Zanny Begg's most significant video installations that explore contested histories, including *'The City of Ladies'* (with Elise McLeod), *'The Beehive'*, and *'Stories of Kannagi'*. The videos tell stories, but they also challenge the politics of storytelling itself and invite you to see the world differently.



This is a UNSW Galleries and Museums & Galleries of NSW touring exhibition. This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.



**Museums  
& Galleries  
of NSW**



Australia  
Council  
for the Arts

Image: **Zanny BEGG** *Stories of Kannagi* (still) 2019.  
Image courtesy of the artist.

Exhibition opens 6pm Friday 18 August, tickets  
available <https://bit.ly/3ND3oyK> for more info  
visit [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au)



**18AUG**  
to **12NOV**

IMAGE: **Stephen HOMEWOOD** *Rose, Jack and Bruce* (detail) 2020, acrylic paint, ink, relief print, oil crayon, paint stick and charcoal on Hahnemühle paper, 107 x 78cm. Photo: Jim Cullen Photographer.

# STEPHEN HOMEWOOD



## Turbulence

### Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Mackay artist Stephen Homewood works in an experimental gestural style, creating artwork that draws upon the subconscious fascinations of his mind. Homewood's recent works on paper showcase drawing, painting and printmaking techniques, presenting turbulent waterscapes that intertwine two signature coastal Australia icons: the shark and the surf lifesaver.

**Exhibition opens 6pm Friday 18 August, tickets**

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# KARA DAY

## Ladylike

Foundation Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Mackay raised artist Kara Day interrogates feminine stereotypes in her first major body of work to be presented in the Artspace Mackay Foundation Gallery. Working across textile, sculpture and watercolour, Day creates bold portraits that confront the viewer, prompting consideration of societal typecasts of womanhood and femininity.

**Exhibition opens 6pm Friday 18 August, tickets available <https://bit.ly/3ND3oyK> for more info visit [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au)**



IMAGE: **Kara DAY** *Glorious* 2022, plaster, mirror, pins and gold leaf, 22 x 17 x 7cm. Photo: Jim Cullen Photographer.

**12AUG  
to5NOV**



# BMA KIDSPACE

10am -2pm one Tuesday each month,  
Artspace Workshop Room and Foyer Gallery  
18 Jul | 22 Aug | 12 Sep | 10 Oct | 7 Nov | 5 Dec

BMA Kidspace, our ever-popular toddlers' program, gives children under five a chance to explore and have fun with art in a climate of co-operative learning.

Proudly supported by BHP Mitsubishi Alliance.

# KIDS ART CLUB

8-12 years > 10am -12pm

TERM 3: Saturday 22 July to 26 August

TERM 4: Saturday 21 October to 25 November

BOOK & PAY ONLINE ONLY: <https://bit.ly/3ND3oyK>

Kids Art Club is Artspace Mackay's ongoing term-based art program for kids aged 8 to 12 years. 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. \$180 per child.

# ART&DESIGN CLUB

13-17 years > 10am -12pm

TERM 3: Saturday 22 July to 26 August

TERM 4: Saturday 21 October to 25 November

BOOK & PAY ONLINE ONLY: <https://bit.ly/3ND3oyK>

If you're a young person who wants to extend your creative skills, **Art&Design Club** is for you. This new term-based art program is delivered each Sunday for six weeks by a practising local artist. It gives people aged 13 to 17 an exciting opportunity to be inspired, explore and respond to Australian contemporary art within the gallery environment. Participants will experiment with art tools and materials, techniques and ideas to make their own art, and perhaps build a portfolio for further study. You don't need to be studying art in school to benefit – you might simply want to have fun and challenge yourself! \$180 per person.



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## SCHOOL TOURS

Take advantage of our staff's in-depth knowledge of each exhibition and their experience in designing/delivering tours aimed at any age level. All self-guided and Artspace staff led tours must book two weeks in advance to ensure availability. All School tours are free. Contact [artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au) to confirm your tour.

## FLOOR TALKS

Artspace Mackay floor talks are often held at the beginning of each exhibition season, and are free for anyone to attend. Usually delivered by artists or exhibition curators, they offer insight into the works on show.

## GALLERY TOURS

Free gallery tours are available upon request and viewings of selections from the artists' book collection can also be arranged. A minimum of 15 days' notice is required to secure a guide's services for tours, so plan ahead for your visit. To book a gallery tour and/or viewing of the artists' book collection, email [artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au).

## ARTSPACE VOLUNTEERS

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. To enquire about becoming a volunteer, email [artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au).

## FOODSPACE

The gallery café specialises in affordable, creative food with delicious breakfasts, quick snacks, good coffee and easy lunch options. Large text and Braille menus available for patrons with vision impairments. For Foodspace bookings and enquiries, call 4961 9719.

## THREE EXHIBITION GALLERIES

Artspace Mackay encompasses three impressive exhibition spaces. 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.



# THE GALLERY SHOP

Artspace Mackay's 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 Gallery Shop** also stocks art magazines, exhibition catalogues and publications as well as various art books and books by local authors.

## LOCAL ARTISTS wanted

If you're a maker in the Mackay region, and you've designed a creative, handmade product range that would be suitable for selling in **The Gallery Shop**, please contact Artspace Mackay for information on how to apply, 4961 9722.



IMAGE: Marsha Mooney and Dylan Mooney at the official opening of Dylan's exhibition, *The Wall*, a site-specific mural titled *Oceans are rising so must we*, Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay, 2023.

# GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

While Mackay Regional Council covers the day-to-day operational costs of the gallery, Artspace Mackay relies on gifts, donations and partnerships to grow and develop the Mackay Regional Art Collection. By expanding our capacity to purchase new artworks, we enhance a valuable community asset that tells the story of our region. **To find out how you can support the gallery and the work we do, please scan the QR code or go to [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au)**

Artspace Mackay recognises the valuable contribution made by our current corporate partners and thanks them for their ongoing support:

BHP Mitsubishi Alliance & Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Pty Ltd.



# Are you an ARTIST or CURATOR

with an innovative exhibition idea?

In September 2023, Artspace Mackay will invite artists, collectives and curators to submit proposals for exhibitions in the Foundation Gallery from 2027 onward. The Foundation Gallery is one of three contemporary gallery spaces at Artspace, Mackay's Regional Art Gallery. Selected proposals receive a \$3,000 exhibition fee and professional support from gallery staff.

## Priority is given to proposals that:

- > Promote innovation, diversity & quality in visual arts practice
- > Include new/previously unseen work, of relevance to the region
- > Demonstrate a high level of conceptual awareness
- > Present a coherent body of work
- > Are presented in a professional manner and exhibit a high level of competency
- > Include images of artworks of a high standard

## 2023 key dates:

**Application round opens:** 4 September

**Application round closes:** 27 October

**Round assessment:** November

**Outcomes announced:** 27 November

Download the Exhibition Proposal Form online at [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au). For enquiries contact [artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au).

\*Note, no application will be accepted outside of the above round dates.



IMAGE: Installation view, 'Niloufar Lovegrove: Too Little, Too Much'  
Foundation Gallery, Artspace Mackay, 2022. Photo: Jim Cullen Photographer.

# You can view the Art Collection online.

Housed at Artspace Mackay, the Mackay Regional Council Art Collection includes over 1200 works of art, with one of the biggest holdings of artists' books outside of the capitals. At present, over 800 works can be viewed through the ever-expanding online collection database.

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



**David RAY** *Survival* 2020, earthenware, decals, enamel, and gold, 27 x 19 cm (2 vases); 38 x 34 cm (tureen). Mackay Regional Council Art Collection, purchased 2020. Image courtesy the artist.

Artspace Mackay's ever-popular Art  
& Design Market returns Sunday  
3 September 2023 in the beautiful  
outdoor space of the Civic Precinct.

It's a curated market featuring a different  
selection of stalls each year, highlighting  
the talented artists, makers and foodies  
of our region... be there or be square!



**Rock  
paper  
scissors**  
1-4PM  
SUNDAY  
3 SEPT

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