



# ARTSPACE MACKAY EXHIBITIONS ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

*July to December 2021*

## Acknowledgement of Country

Mackay Regional Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters that make up the Mackay region, the Yuwi People. We extend this acknowledgement to all Aboriginal members of the Birri Gubba Nation and pay respects to Elders past, present as well as young emerging leaders. We acknowledge the important protocols of the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander communities across the Mackay region.



TENSION(S) 2020  
*Tamworth Textile Triennial*

FIELD Engineers Gallery until 18 July

DONNA MAREE ROBINSON  
& DAVID PYKE

*Continuum*

Foundation Gallery until 25 July

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*Leigh Schoenheimer*

Foyer Gallery until 25 July

# VISIT ARTSPACE Mackay's Regional Art Gallery



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

I was fortunate enough to visit the newly opened HOTA (Home of the Arts) Gallery on the Gold Coast recently. This incredible, brand new \$60.5 million gallery opened on 8 May to much acclaim. It is now the largest public gallery outside a capital city in Australia. Whilst their main gallery space is designed specifically to take touring exhibitions of an international size and scale, it is an exhibition featuring contemporary artworks by visual artists with strong ties to the Gold Coast that currently greets first-time visitors to the gallery.

This is a reminder that the beating heart of every gallery is the artists they support; through new artwork commissions, collection acquisitions, and developing and presenting new, thought-provoking exhibitions. Artspace Mackay supports and showcases an incredibly diverse range of artists through our programming in the latter half of 2021.

We're excited to present two major contemporary touring exhibitions – *Void* and *Lindy Lee: Moon in a Dew Drop*. Both exhibitions invite deep contemplation on connections between humanity and nature. Other in-house curated exhibitions feature new works by local and visiting artists Tracey Robb, Jenna Lee and Jonathan McBurnie.

Contemporary Australian South Sea Islander artist Jasmine Togo-Brisby will call Mackay home for two weeks in July whilst she participates in a residency with us. During this visit Jasmine will work with community to develop new artworks for her much-anticipated 2022 Artspace Mackay solo exhibition, *Hom Swit Hom*.

And we see a return of our dearly loved *Rock, Paper, Scissors Art & Design Market* in spring. This is a wonderful opportunity to support home-grown artists, designers and makers so be sure to save your pennies and get ready to shop at this beautiful afternoon out in our Civic Precinct.

Tracey Heathwood  
Director, Artspace Mackay

COVER IMAGE: **Jonathan McBurnie** *A SEARCH FOR TRUTH* (detail) 2020, ink and watercolour on paper, 29.7 x 42 cm. Courtesy the artist.

OPPOSITE: **Donna Maree ROBINSON** and **David PYKE** (composer) *Continuum* 2021, two-channel video with sound and colour, sand, mirror and Mylar. Installation view: Jim Cullen Photographer.



# VOID

## Main Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Bringing together rich and diverse artworks from many of this country's most exciting Indigenous artists, *Void* articulates the unknown as space, time and landscape.

*"The void is a complex space of exclusion and inclusion, definition and deliberate ambiguity. But as these artists demonstrate, the void is always lived upon, navigated and known even as it remains unseen, unknown and undefined"*  
– curator Emily McDaniel



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The exhibition was developed by UTS Gallery and Bathurst Regional Art Gallery and presented nationally by Museums & Galleries of NSW, and assisted by the Australian Government's Visions of Australia program.

IMAGE: **James TYLOR** (*Deleted Scenes*) From an *Untouched Landscape* #7 *Knocklofty Reserve, West Hobart, Palawa Land* 2013, inkjet print on Hahnemühle paper with hole removed to a black velvet void, 63 x 63 cm framed. Courtesy the artist and UTS Art Collection.

24 JUL  
to 17 OCT

Opening 6pm Friday 30 July



IMAGE: **Fiona OMEENYO** *Dancing at full moon*  
(detail) 2002, screenprint on paper, 38 x 28 cm.  
Mackay Regional Council Art Collection, gift of  
Geoff and Fran Barker through the Cultural Gifts  
Program 2006.

# ROSELLA NAMOK & FIONA OMEENYO

## *Sandbeach People*

Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Rosella Namok and Fiona Omeenyo are leading figures in Cape York Peninsula's Lockhart River, the site of one of Queensland's most important contemporary art movements. The term 'sandbeach people' groups together five language and kinship groups of the region who came together in the 1990s to collaborate in their expressions of Country through art. For two decades, Namok and Omeenyo have sustained traditional cultural knowledge through bold and innovative visual languages.

30 JUL  
to 17 OCT

Opening 6pm Friday 30 July



# FOCUS on the COLLECTION

## *Collaged*

Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay

The early twentieth century saw the artform of collage gain momentum as artists incorporated paper, material and found ephemera in distinct new visual imagery. Today, collage is realised in many forms; from the hand-cut to digital montage. Drawing from the Mackay Regional Council Art Collection, *Collaged* explores works across this medium from the pop art printed collages of Eduardo Paolozzi to recent acquisition *Flourish 9...* by Mackay-raised artist Gemima Wyman who has used photomontage to capture protest movements of her time.

30 JUL to  
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IMAGE: **Gemima WYMAN** *Flourish 9...* (detail) 2020, hand-cut photos on paper, 132 x 101.5 cm. Mackay Regional Council Art Collection, purchased 2020. Image courtesy the artist and Sullivan+Strumpf, Sydney.



# TRACEY ROBB

## *The Lichen Garden*

Foundation Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Using custom tools and jigs, Mackay-based artist Tracey Robb's crochet practice centres on the fauna and flora of tropical Queensland. For this exhibition, Robb has applied her skills and experimentation in free-form crochet to the world of lichen. With scientific accuracy and a playful heart, the artist has created a large-scale, immersive display celebrating ecological diversity.



The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Mackay Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

IMAGE: Tracey ROBB *Hypogymnia Lugubris* (detail) 2020, waxed polyester fabric, metallic polyester and cotton yarns, and wire, 40 x 55 x 10 cm. Courtesy the artist. Photo: Jim Cullen Photography.

30 JUL  
to 31 OCT

Opening 6pm Friday 30 July



# LINDY LEE

## *Moon in a Dew Drop*

Main Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Using light, shadow and scale, the work of influential Australian-Chinese artist Lindy Lee will mesmerise you. Slow down and absorb Lee's reflective, meditative works and her spectacular array of processes. In this major survey exhibition of the artist's work, see how Lee melts bronze, pours ink, and burns paper and steel to examine ideas around art history, cultural authenticity, identity and our relationship to the cosmos. Curated by MCA Director Elizabeth



Ann Macgregor OBE and supported by Associate Curator Megan Robson this exhibition will introduce audiences to key works from across the artist's extensive career, from early photocopy artworks to recent installations and sculptures.

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Organised and toured by the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia. This project has been assisted by the Australian Government's Visions of Australia program.

Image: **Lindy LEE** *Love (An Unbounded Heart)* 2017, from *The Immeasurables*, mirror polished stainless steel, LED, image courtesy the artist and Sullivan+Strumpf, Sydney and Singapore, © the artist

**05 NOV  
to 16 JAN**

Opening 6pm Friday 5 November



# JENNA LEE

## *Cont.ained*

Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay

Jenna Lee is an artist of Indigenous (Larrakia, Wardaman, and Karrajari), Asian (Japanese, Chinese, and Filipino) and Anglo-Australian ancestry who manipulates paper to explore her many overlapping identities. Her research into ancestral cultural objects and archival practices inform an artist's book-making practice that often imitates the display of specimens or artefacts. According to the artist, museums often present objects in which "*meaning is severely cont.(ained), instead of allowing for a cont.(inued) function.*"

IMAGE: Jenna LEE *Story carrier* (detail) 2020, pages of 'Aboriginal Words and Place Names,' bookbinding thread, and varnish. Courtesy the artist. Photo: Lean Timms.

22OCT  
to 09JAN

Opening 6pm Friday 5 November



# JONATHAN McBURNIE

## *Birdland*

Foundation Gallery, Artspace Mackay

North Queensland artist Jonathan McBurnie draws upon the aesthetics of professional wrestling, a performative genre he describes as a fascinating paradox: *“on one level it’s a fiction with planned storylines and predetermined victories and losses; and on another level it’s all too real with a high physical toll, frequent injuries and subsequent self-medication.”*

The exhibition of new drawings on a large, immersive scale are inspired by parallels between professional wrestling and McBurnie’s personal experience of continuing his creative practice amid illness and the impact of an ongoing recovery.

05 NOV  
to 16 JAN

IMAGE: Jonathan McBurnie *A SEARCH FOR TRUTH* (detail) 2020, ink and watercolour on paper, 29.7 x 42 cm. Courtesy the artist.

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# BMA KIDSPACE

10am - 2pm one Tuesday each month, Artspace Workshop Room and Foyer Gallery  
22 Jun / 20 Jul / 17 Aug / 14 Sep / 19 Oct / 16 Nov / 7 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. Covid 19 social distancing rules apply, seats will be limited. Proudly supported by BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance.

# KIDS ART CLUB

8-12 years > 10am - 12pm

TERM 3: 31 July to 4 September | TERM 4: 9 October to 13 November

BOOK & PAYMENT ONLINE ONLY: [www.artspacemackay.eventbrite.com](http://www.artspacemackay.eventbrite.com)

*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. \$160 per child, Covid 19 social distancing rules apply.



## 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. 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, or download an application form at [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au)**

## COMMUNITY EXHIBITIONS PROGRAM

Council's Community Exhibition Programs provide local artists with opportunities to exhibit their work. For community exhibition spaces managed by Mackay Regional Council, including the Jubilee Community Centre, visit [www.mackay.qld.gov.au](http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au)



# ART+FOOD= FOODSPACE

Simple, seasonal and fresh are the themes of Foodspace's delicious menu at Artspace Mackay. The creative gallery café specialises in affordable, creative food from delicious breakfast options to quick snacks, great coffee and gourmet lunch options. 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 lunches and delicious gourmet deli options, eat in or takeaway.



Large text and Braille menus available for patrons with vision impairments.

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

## 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. We require a week's notice for self-guided groups and two weeks for staff guided sessions.

School tours, both independent and staff-guided, are free. The gallery is available for school visits from 10am- 3pm Tuesday to Friday. All groups must book in advance, email [artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au)

## SCHOOL OUTREACH

Artspace-to-go, the gallery's outreach program is available to schools throughout the Mackay region. Liaise with Artspace staff to schedule a classroom visit which may include practical art making, 'Looking at Art' activities, and gallery or career information sessions. For more information, email [artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au)

## 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 participants insight into the work on show.

## GALLERY TOURS

Free gallery tours are available upon request for each exhibition at Artspace Mackay. Viewings of selections from the artists' book collection can also be arranged. Tours aim to include content that will meet your group's needs. Gallery tours are available 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, so plan ahead for your visit. To book a gallery tour and/or viewing of the artists' book collection, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

## 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.

## TATE ADAMS READING POD

The Tate Adams Reading Pod (TARP) is designed for gallery visitors to better access its comprehensive collection of artists' books. The collection was enriched by benefactor Tate Adams who donated the *Lyre Bird Press Archive*, and has now grown to be one of the biggest holdings of artists' books outside of the capitals. To arrange an artists' books experience, email [artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au)



# 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 AND CRAFTSPEOPLE 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.

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## GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

Artspace Mackay seeks support through donations, individual and corporate partnerships, grants and bequests with a view to raise funds for investment into the Mackay community. This valuable support funds ongoing educational community art programs, workshops, exhibitions and cultural events, as well as the acquisition of artworks for the Mackay Regional Council Art Collection, which is stored and cared for at Artspace Mackay. **Artspace Mackay would like to recognise the valuable contribution made by our current corporate partners and thank them for their ongoing support:**

IMAGE: Mackay Regional Council Mayor Greg Williamson acknowledging major event sponsors *Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal* at the official opening of the 2020 Libris Awards.



# ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS ART & DESIGN MARKET

1-4PM SUNDAY  
19 SEPTEMBER

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Artspace Mackay's ever-popular Art & Design Market returns in 2021 in the beautiful outdoor space of the Civic Precinct. Join us for a curated market featuring a different selection of stalls each year, highlighting the talented artists, makers, musicians and foodies of our region!

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