Councillor Peter Blackmore, Mayor of the City of Maitland, the Councillors of Maitland City Council together with Brigette Uren, Cultural Director of Maitland Regional Art Gallery warmly invite you to an

AUTUMN ART AFFAIR

to celebrate the opening of 7 new exhibitions & 70 + complementary events & workshops.

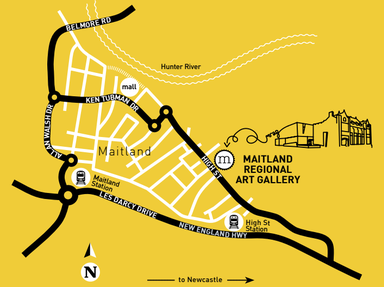
SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2017
3.00PM - 8.00PM

Meet a plethora of artists as they share their ideas, how they work & their inspirations. Great food & Tyrrell's Wines included!

ENTRY IS FREE! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

OPENING PROGRAM

3.00pm	Light refreshments on arrival
3.30pm	Director's welcome
3.45pm	On the Collection with Cheryl Farrell
4.00pm	Ian English on the Maitland International Salon of Photography
4.15pm	Vanessa Turton in conversation
4.30pm	Susan O'Doherty in conversation
4.45pm	Wendy Stokes & Catherine Rogers in conversation
5.00pm	David Capra in conversation
5.30pm to 8.00 pm	**Street Eats** live music and food vans in the Gallery Grounds



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EXHIBITION PARTNERS

Museum of Contemporary Art Australia

David Capra, *Teena's Bathtime*, 2015, MCA Jackson Bella Room Commission. Organised and toured by the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia

Cover & 6: David Capra and his sausage dog Teena in the 2015 Bella Room Commission: David Capra, *Teena's Bathtime*, 2015, commissioned by the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia for the Jackson Bella Room, 2015, image courtesy and © the artist, photograph: Anna Kucera. 1. Xu Bei Hong (apocryphal), *Everything as one wishes* (detail) 1950, ink and colour on paper with silk edging, 157.3 x 59cm, Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program, 2012. 2. Dianne Osborne ,*The Ballerina Tree*, 2015 - PSA Gold 2015, digital print. 3. Peter O'Doherty, *Caringbah Red Brick* (detail) 2013, acrylic on canvas, 122 x 122cm. 4. Catherine Rogers, *Mona Lisa and lamp* 1998, Carbon Piezo digital print on cotton rag paper, 60 x 46 cm. 5. Wendy Stokes, *Notation 4* (detail) 2016, acrylic and oilstick on canvas, 204 x 650cm. 7. Vanessa Turton, *Welcome to Woof Woof* (detail), photograph: Clare Hodgins.

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EXHIBITIONS

THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER: CHINESE SCROLLS

from the MRAG Collection

A room of Chinese painting, poetry and calligraphy on beautiful scrolls from the MRAG Asian Collection.

11 February - 2 April 2017

MAITLAND INTERNATIONAL SALON OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Various Artists

An exhibition featuring photographs from across the globe as highlights from the historic display at the Maitland Show.

25 February – 2 April 2017

DAVID CAPRA, TEENA'S BATHTIME, 2015

MCA Jackson Bella Room Commission

Teena's Bathtime is a playful artwork that invites audiences to assist in giving Teena the sausage dog a bath. Drawing on animal assisted therapies, the interactive installation encourages physical participation and exploration using multiple senses.

4 February – 28 May 2017

Organised and toured by the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia

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MOVING HOUSE

Susan & Peter O'Doherty

This exhibition reflects the respective childhoods of artistic couple Susan O'Doherty & Peter O'Doherty, living in families that were perpetually on the move; Susan's father an officer in the Australian Army and Peter's a carpenter/builder.

4 February – 2 April 2017

4.

WELCOME TO WOOF WOOF

Vanessa Turton

Welcome to Woof Woof is the colourful imagining of a town called Woof Woof, a magical wonderland populated entirely by dogs, where bones grow on trees, rainbows shine every day and tummy rubs are essential.

4 February – 28 May 2017

5.

WALKING THROUGH THE SPACE OF LANDSCAPE

Wendy Stokes

The paintings in this exhibition purposefully float between landscape and abstraction. Come navigate the space between this immersive encounter into landscapes which universally bind us.

11 February - 30 April 2017

PICTURES FOR WAITING ROOMS

Catherine Rogers

Have you ever sat in a waiting room pondering the pictures on the wall? This photographic installation invites you to puzzle over images as though sitting in a waiting room with your life on hold.

11 February – 30 April 2017

THE BELLA PROGRAM* AT MRAG

Each year the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) commissions an interactive artwork for the Jackson Bella Room that engages people with disability or access requirements. For the first time ever, the MCA has partnered with MRAG to extend this initiative to regional NSW. We are delighted to welcome Teena's Bathtime, 2015, by David Capra, to the Art Factory, including drop-in and tailored workshops (below).

7.

BELLA PLUS CONNECT

Wednesdays 22 February, 29 March, 26 April, 24 May
11am - 12.30pm
Bookings essential.

A free monthly community drop-in program for adults with disability or access requirements. Create, explore and build your social and professional networks. You are welcome to attend by yourself, in a group, with your support provider or with members of your family.

Meet and connect with Art Tutors and other participants in the Art Factory for this flexible and accessible program. Choose from a variety of art-making and professional development activities, join a gallery exploration or simply visit the exhibition David Capra's *Teena's Bathtime*, 2015, MCA Jackson Bella Room Commission.

6.

BELLA & BELLA PLUS GROUPS

A free tailored experience for individual groups, 60-90mins at a time convenient to you.

Look, listen, touch and create! A creative learning experience for children and young people or adults with disability or access requirements.

Engage with contemporary art through an interactive and multi-sensory gallery exploration and experimental art-making workshop as a school, social, respite or community group. Each program is tailored and responsive to the interests and access requirements of the children and young people or adults participating.

Nominate your preferred date and time when making your booking, by contacting MRAG on tel. 4934 9859

*The MCA Bella Program was established in 1993 through the generosity of MCA patrons, Dr Edward Jackson AM and Mrs Cynthia Jackson AM, and the Jackson family in memory of their late daughter and sister Belinda.

DOGGIES DAY OUT IN THE GALLERY GARDEN

Sunday 30 April
11.00am – 2.00pm | Free

Parade, prizes and doggy activities available for everyone and their doggy friends! (dogs on leashes please)