

# SOCIAL SCRIPT

## A trip to Maitland Regional Art Gallery

An introduction for first-time visitors







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I can read this now to get ready for our trip to Maitland Regional Art Gallery. It is also called MRAG for short.

Now I can find out about the gallery, things to do and the people I can meet who can help me with my visit.



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The Gallery is a very large building with sculptures outside and more art inside.

All the artworks are made with different materials.

I can look and listen in the Gallery but I can't touch the art.

This keeps the artworks clean and safe for everyone to enjoy.





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To go into the Gallery I can use the front door





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Or the back door







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When I go into the Gallery I will be in the welcome area.  
There is a large front desk.



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I can see a Gallery staff person at the desk.

They are friendly and here for me if I have any questions or need help.

This part of the Gallery can be a bit noisy.

If I don't like this area we can move to the next space. That is okay.



There are many spaces in the Gallery with artworks from all around the world. These Gallery spaces change every few months so I will see different artworks each time I visit.

The first space has high walls and I may see some people walking near the balconies above me.





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I can walk around the hallway; sometimes it has art on the walls...





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I can walk through the doorway in the hall and find another large Gallery space.







There is another doorway to explore. Through it I can find the front window Project Space which looks out onto the main street.





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Now I can go up to the first floor.

I can go up the marble staircase and enjoy the view as I go.







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Or I can use the lift. It is safer to go with someone else. The lift makes a small bang when I reach the first floor. This is a normal sound and I am safe.





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Now I am upstairs and there are more spaces with art to explore.

I can enjoy the view from the first-floor balcony.

It's a long way down but the railing will keep me safe.







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Upstairs there is a hallway of artwork and an extra-large Gallery space which is sometimes divided up. I can slowly make my way between each room.





I can make my way over the bridge and through the archway to enjoy another Gallery space.





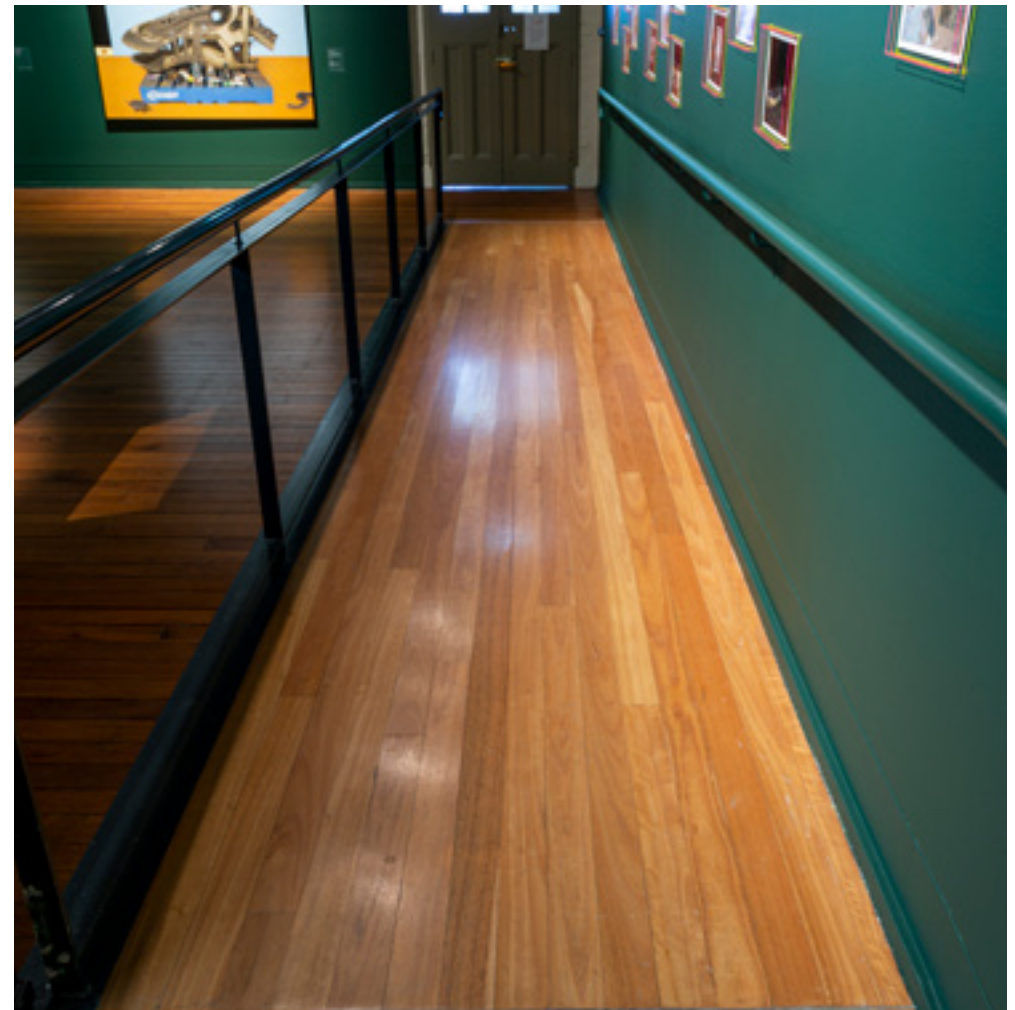


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I can walk down the ramp to explore.

When I have finished exploring I can go back to the marble staircase.

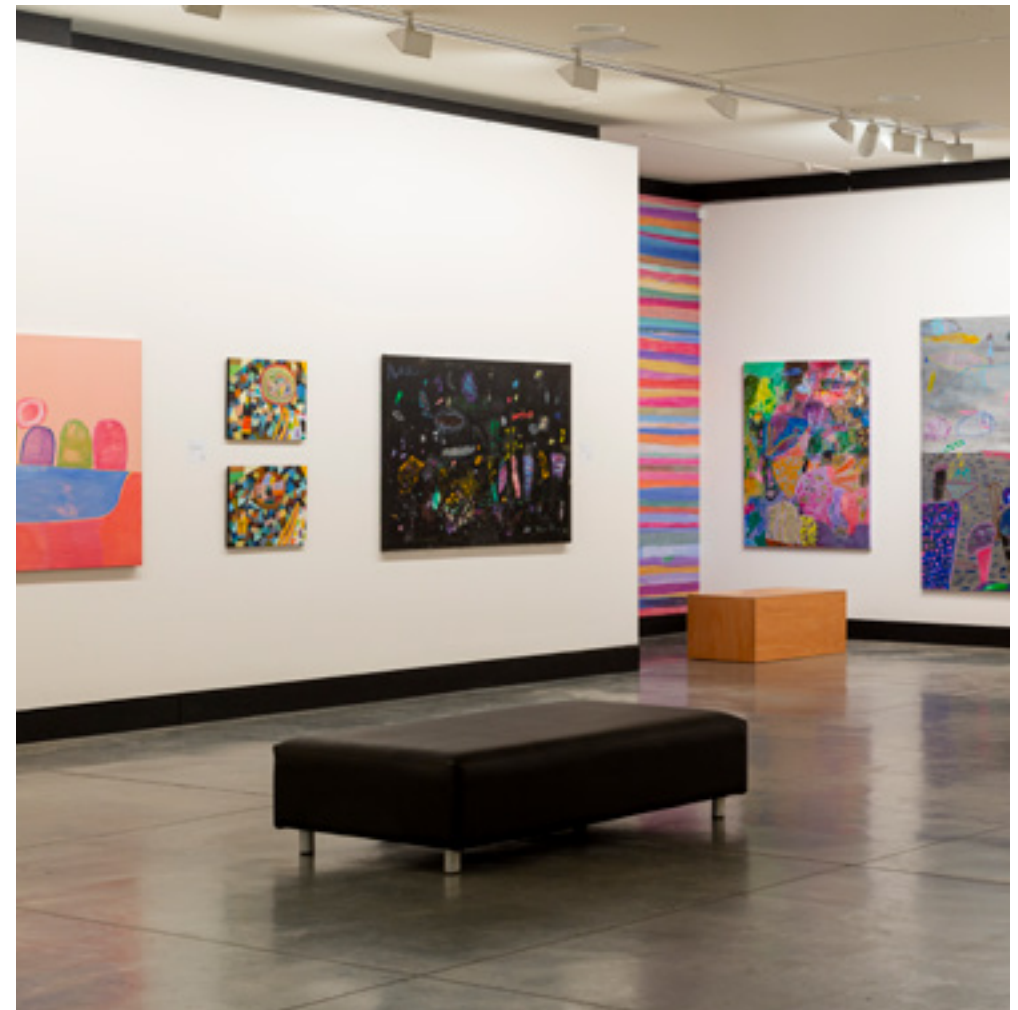
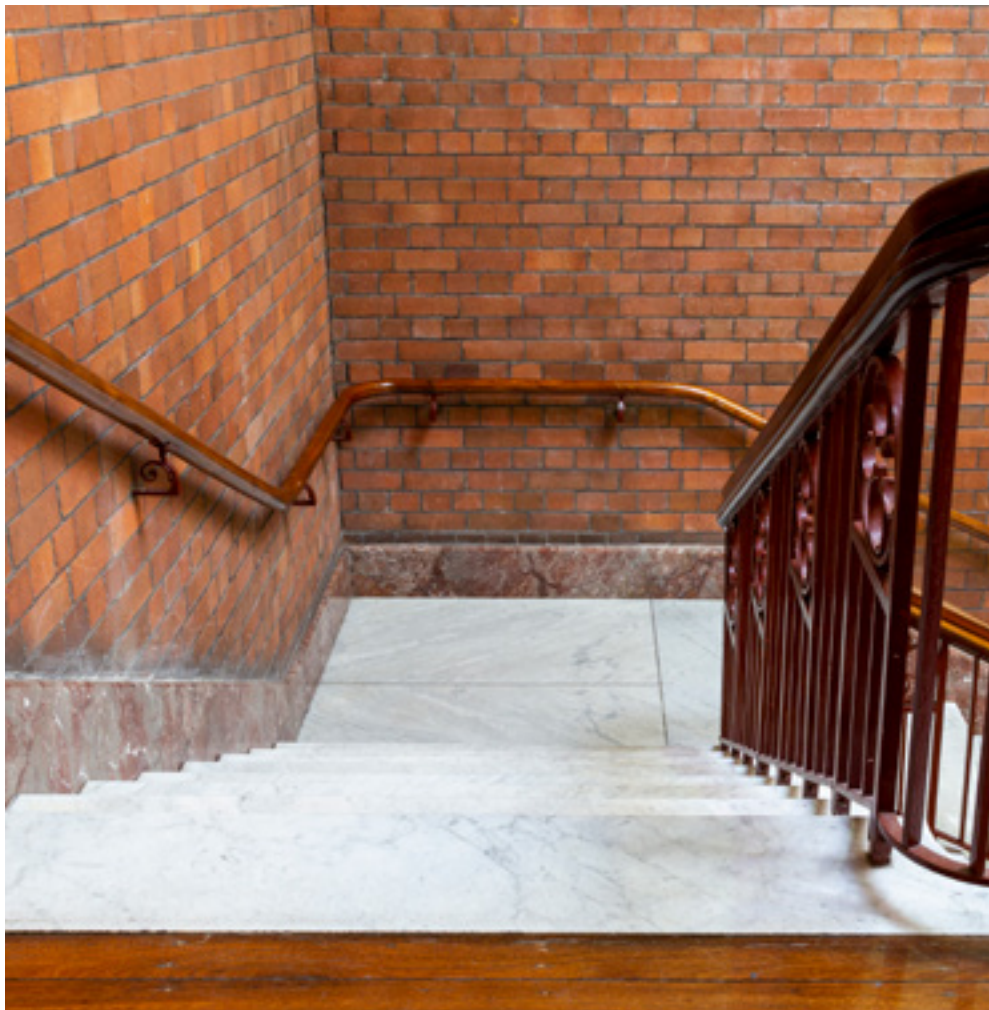




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I can walk back downstairs and wave at the friendly staff on my way to the last exhibition. Then I can go back to the large front desk.





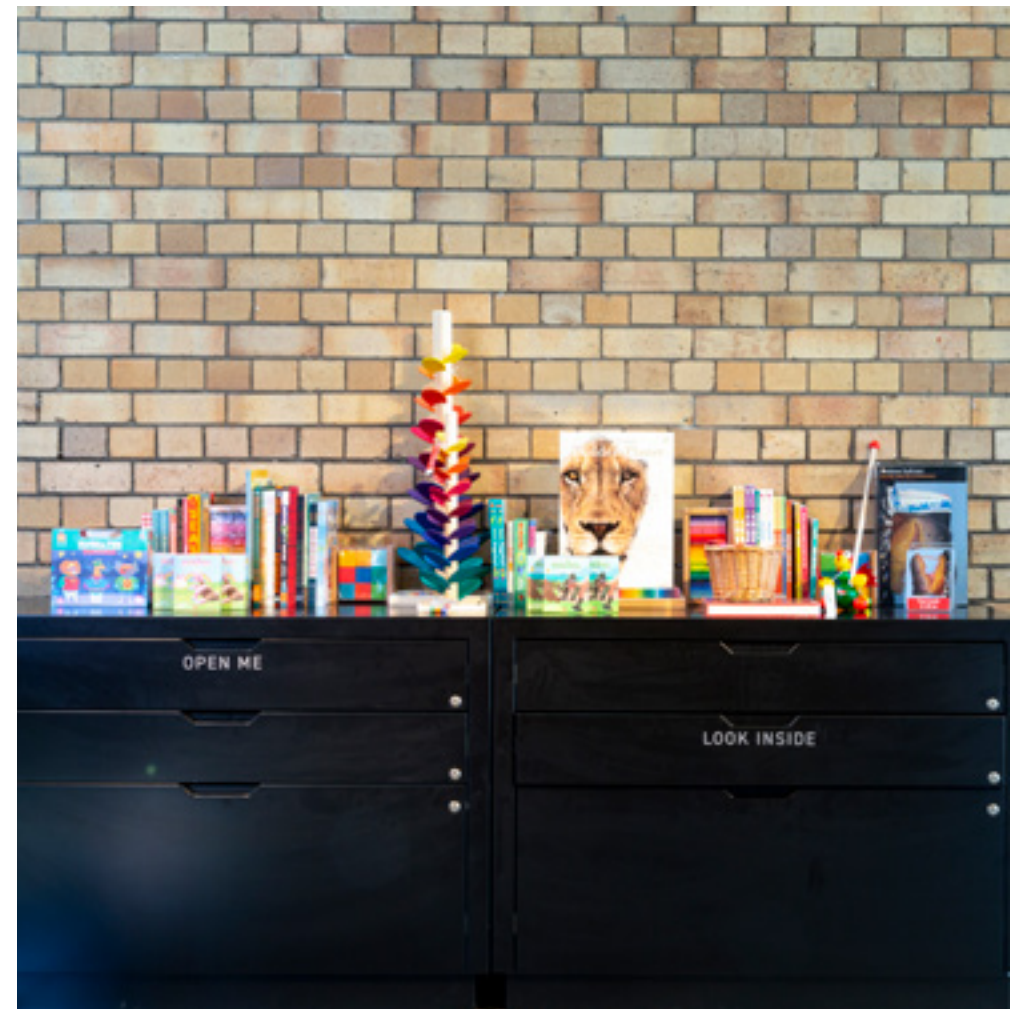


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From here I can see the café and the Gallery shop.

I will hear lots of people talking in this space. Sometimes it is loud.





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I may be able to visit the shop. The shop sells books, cards and even cups!

I will be careful while I look around.

If I want to touch something I will ask the gallery staff person.





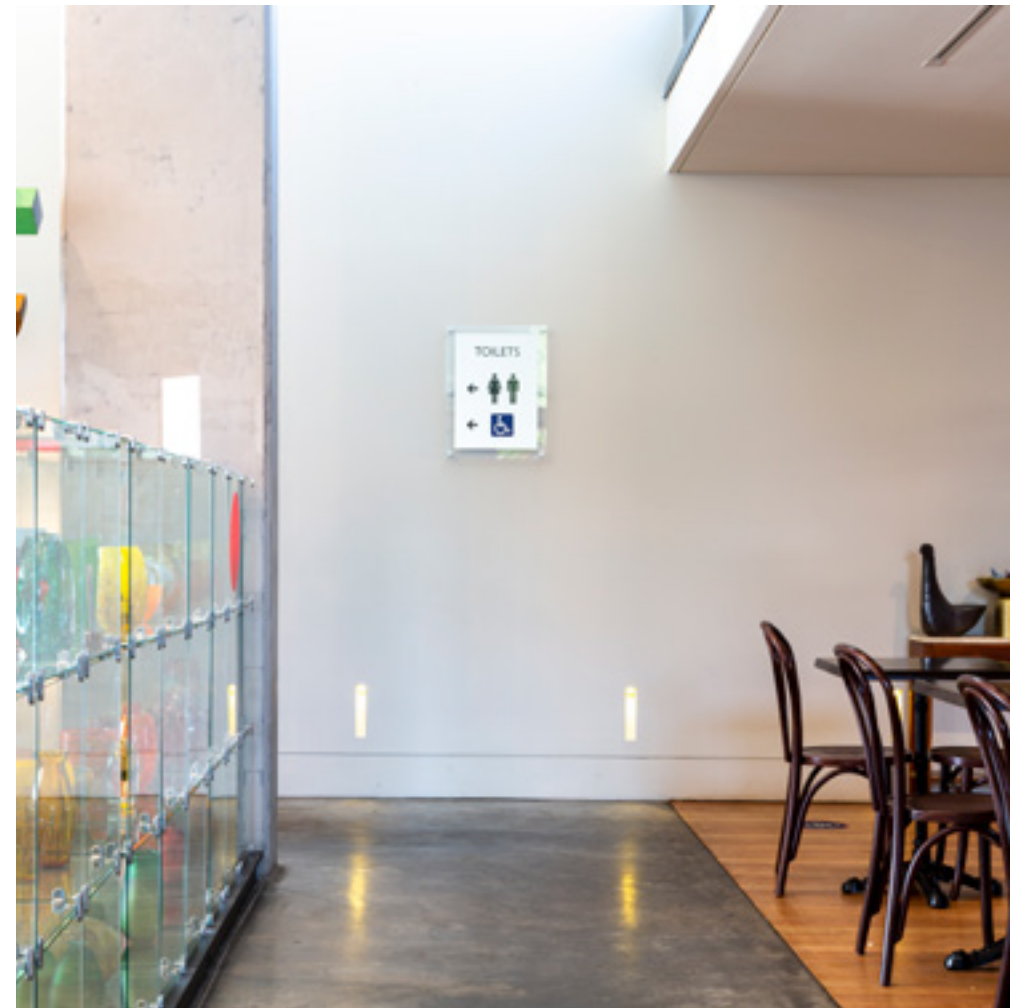


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Behind the shop are the toilets.

If I need help finding them I can ask the Gallery staff at the large front desk for help.





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When I am finished using the toilet I will wash my hands.  
There are hand dryers in the toilet. They can be noisy.

Some people use them after they wash their hands.  
I do not have to use them. I can use paper towel instead.







If I need to take a break at any time during my visit I can sit down on one of the leaf shaped benches.





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I can also sit outside in the garden for some quiet. I can sit in the sun or in the shade.



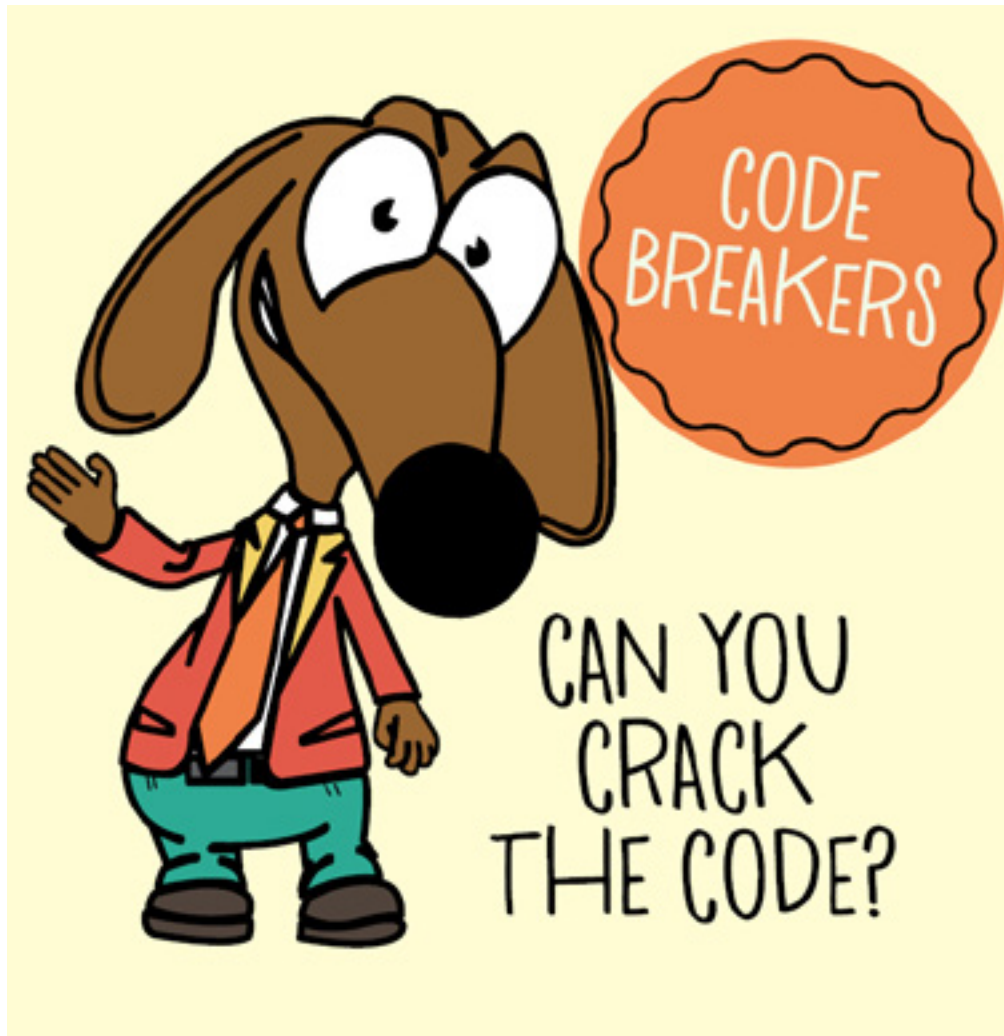




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I might even like to try a Codebreaker activity to explore the Gallery.  
These are lots of fun! I can get one at the large front desk.





When I'm finished having fun I can return my activity supplies back there!







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I can visit the Gallery for a short time or a long time.

The important thing is that I enjoy my visit and have lots of fun!

I can leave the Gallery through the same door that I used to come in.

MRAG looks forward to seeing me again soon.

