

MAITLAND REGIONAL ART GALLERY

# FREE ART

## January 2022



## 23 DAYS OF ART ACTIVITIES, 6 EXHIBITIONS + SKYWHALES!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK:  
[MRAG.ORG.AU/WHATS-ON](http://MRAG.ORG.AU/WHATS-ON)

The Gallery is fully accessible. All welcome!

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Have fun! 2. Follow all MRAG Covid-safe procedures whilst in the gallery. 3. Children must be accompanied by parents and/or carers. 4. MRAG reserves the right to alter or cancel any activities where necessary.

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## SKYWHALES: EVERY HEART SINGS | MAITLAND

SATURDAY 15 JANUARY, 4.30AM - 7.00AM

MAITLAND NO 1 SPORTSGROUND, JAMES STREET, MAITLAND

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*Skywhales: Every heart sings* is a National Gallery Touring Event, supported by Principal Partner The Naomi Milgrom Foundation and Visions of Australia. *Skywhales: Every heart sings* is the third installment of The Balnaves Contemporary Series and is a Know My Name project. Image: Patricia Piccinini, *Skywhalepapa* and *Skywhale*, 2020, National Gallery of Australia, Kamberri/Canberra, commissioned with the assistance of The Balnaves Foundation 2019, purchased 2020 © Patricia Piccinini

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# FREE ART January 2022

Free Art January 2022 is full of creative experiences for all ages at Maitland Regional Art Gallery and you are invited to join in the fun!

Visiting the Gallery is free, just register on arrival and follow our Covid-safe procedures while enjoying workshops, self-directed activities and exhibitions.



## SELF-DIRECTED ART ACTIVITIES

Tuesday – Friday, 10am – 1pm

Pop into the Gallery any weekday to encounter our Art Tutors and be inspired by our self-directed Art Activities.

Create your own imaginary machine and eye-spy in *Lost Property Office*, colour interactive artworks on display in *Storylines*, follow Family Art Trails in *A Conspicuous Object - The Maitland Hospital* and the 2021 Archibald Prize and get to know the Gallery Collection with our Codebreakers!

## WORKSHOPS

Workshops are free and include materials. All welcome, bookings essential. For more information and to book: [mrag.org.au/whats-on](http://mrag.org.au/whats-on)

## KIDS & FAMILIES WORKSHOPS

### CLAY FACES

11, 18 & 25 January  
10.30am – 12.00pm

Be inspired by the weird and wonderful ways artists portray people in the current exhibitions as you create your own clay face.

### CONSTRUCT YOUR OWN MACHINE

13 January, 10.30am – 12.00 noon

Use simple materials to construct your own machine inspired by the meticulous cardboard creations in Daniel Agdag's exhibition *Lost Property Office*.

### FREE ART SUNDAY

9, 16, 23 & 30 January  
Sessions at 10.30am & 11.45am

Join our weekly hands-on art making workshop for young creatives and their families.

## ART FROM HOME

Have fun making, thinking and talking about art, from home! Watch art making videos to create your own works of art inspired by exhibitions *A Conspicuous Object*, *Lost Property Office*, *National Art (part one)* and the 2021 Archibald Prize.

Visit: [mrag.org.au/art-from-home/](http://mrag.org.au/art-from-home/)

## KIDS WORKSHOPS (AGES 8-12)

### ANIMATION: HOW-TO!

12 & 19 January  
10.30am – 12.30pm

Explore the stop-motion madness of Daniel Agdag's *Lost Property Office* then learn the basics of how to create your own moving-image animation.

### PAINTING CLAP STICKS WITH LESLEY SALEM

14 January, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Learn about Aboriginal history and symbolism while painting clap sticks with Wonnarua artist Lesley Salem, as featured in *A Conspicuous Object - The Maitland Hospital*.

### CREATE A CHIMERA WITH PATRICIA PICCININI (AGES 10-14)

14 January, 1.30 – 3.00pm

Join artist Patricia Piccinini and our Art Tutors to Create a Chimera, a mythological hybrid of three or more animals, inspired by the *Skywhale* and using collage techniques.

## TEEN WORKSHOPS

### DRAWN TO MOVE: ANIMATION MADE EASY (AGES 14-18)

13 January, 1.00 – 3.00pm

Take a wander through *Storylines* with exhibition curator and artist Todd Fuller and see how artists use drawing, then experiment with technique to create your own animated illustration.

### ART AND SOLE WITH BLAK DOUGLAS (AGES 13-18)

20 January, 11.00am – 1.30pm

Artist Blak Douglas will demonstrate techniques used in his mural *Sands and Stones May Break My Bones* at the Gallery as well as show you how to design a sole with a customised insignia.

## TALKS

### CURATOR TALK: A CONSPICUOUS OBJECT

12 January, 11.00am  
19 January, 1.30pm

Join Collection Curator Cheryl Farrell as she discusses community participation and how history and heritage has informed the commissioned works on display in *A Conspicuous Object - The Maitland Hospital*.

### ARTISTS' TALK: PETER & SUSAN O'DOHERTY

14 January, 6.00 – 7.00pm

Join artists Peter & Susan O'Doherty as they talk about their practice, the process of creating in response to community stories, and their commissioned works as featured in exhibition *A Conspicuous Object - The Maitland Hospital*.

Enjoy a complimentary drink on arrival, generously supported by Tyrell's Wines and The Pourhouse.

### ARTIST TALK: PATRICIA PICCININI

15 January, 2.00 – 3.00pm

After *Skywhales: Every heart sings*, head to the Gallery and join Patricia Piccinini in an exclusive floor talk and hear about how she uses her creative practice to interrogate the complex relationship between our natural and artificial worlds.

## ADULT WORKSHOPS

### PROP MAKING WITH ARTIST DANIEL AGDAG (AGES 16+)

21 January, 1.00 – 4.00pm

Discover the techniques used by artist Daniel Agdag to create the detailed props and set pieces in exhibition *Lost Property Office*, then experiment to create personalised props.

### FELTING WITH ANITA JOHNSON (AGES 16+)

29 January, 10.00am – 2.00pm

Find out about the creative potential of felt with artist Anita Johnson from *A Conspicuous Object - The Maitland Hospital* exhibition and create your own felted work of art.

## SPECIAL EVENT

### SKYWHALES: EVERY HEART SINGS | MAITLAND

15 January, 4.30am - 7.00am  
Maitland No 1 Sportsground,  
James Street, Maitland

Join a once in a lifetime community event and experience the magic of Patricia Piccinini's *Skywhale* and *Skywhalepapa*, two hot air balloon sculptures towering at 7 storeys, as the pair slowly rise from the ground and, if weather permits, take off across the skies of Maitland.

## ART AFTER HOURS

28 January, open late until 8.00pm

Enjoy art after hours at the Gallery and see the most loved portraiture prize *The 2021 Archibald Prize*, along with five other exhibitions and self-directed art activities for families.

