

FREE ART

January 2025

Free Art January is back with a bang in 2025!
Book one of our artist workshops or artful experiences,
or just drop in for one of our many fun activities.
We're open every day of the week to help you make
the most of this summer!

Visiting the Gallery is free. All materials are provided.

EXHIBITIONS

Enjoy six free exhibitions:

Pregnant woman | Ron Mueck

Tjukurpa Handle It | Robert Fielding

tjintu kutju, kilili tjuta, one sun, many stars | Group exhibition

Twitchee | Group exhibition

Body Work | From the MRAG Collection

The Foundations are Shifting Beneath Me | Anna Horne

MAITLAND REGIONAL ART GALLERY

School Holiday Program

Extended hours during January

Monday - Sunday 9am - 4pm

S raphine Caf  open

Monday - Sunday 8am - 2pm

Closed public holidays 1 & 27 January



Art Gallery & Store

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SELF-DIRECTED ART ACTIVITIES

Self-directed | Daily | All ages

There is always something fun to do at the Gallery!

- *Twitcher* activity sheet Spots, Line and Colours
- Become a *Twitcher* and find the birds in our new Eye Spy
- Fancy cracking a code? Try one of the much-loved Codebreakers
- Just for summer we are getting out the pun-tastic Tinky art trail and codebreaker.



DROP-IN WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

6 - 24 January, Monday to Friday, 10am - 1pm
FREE | Drop in

Fly right in and join one of our two drop-in workshops 6 - 24 January, Monday to Friday 10am - 1pm with our friendly Artist Educators.

- Tweet Tweet *Twitcher* bird craft activity.
- Free Art Sunday fans will be excited to know we will feature a weekly "Best of Art Sunday Activity" as our second drop-in activity.

Subject to availability.
Children must be supervised by an adult.

FREE ART SUNDAY

Every Sunday in January 10:00am - 12:00pm
FREE | Drop in

Free Art Sunday activities are designed for kids of all ages, and as a family you can all join in and get creative.

AFTER HOURS EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

OPEN LATE ART EXPERIENCE
WITH BRIDIE WATT

Friday 17 January, 5.00 pm - 7.30pm
FREE | Bookings open January 1

Join bird artist extraordinaire Bridie Watt for an exclusive after-hours art experience, complete with live music in our *Twitcher* exhibition. Relax with a glass of wine from Boydell's and enjoy a late night at the art gallery!

BEAK OUT WITH AVIAN IMPROV

Friday 24 January, 5.30pm - 7:30pm
FREE | Bookings open January 1

Join local theatre companies Upstage Youth Theatre and Tantrum Youth Arts for a night of improvisational fun for all ages. This event celebrates our bird art in the *Twitcher* exhibition while inviting everyone to get silly and squawky, flappy and flighty! Dress in your finest feathers and be prepared to wing it!

CHASING BIRDS TWITCH-A-THON SCREENING WITH MICK RODERICK

Friday 31 January, 5.30pm - 7.30pm
FREE | Bookings open January 1
Rated M Coarse language

Part comedy, part natural history and part road movie, *Chasing Birds* is a documentary that takes us into the heart of obsession. Every year a statewide event takes place that brings twitchers together to take part in a highly competitive race, the Twitch-a-thon. The aim is to spot as many species as possible in 24 hours. The film features local birder Mick Roderick who will have a chat with the audience after the show.

TALKS

AUSLAN INTERPRETED GALLERY TOUR

Saturday 18 January, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
FREE | Bookings open January 1

Explore our exhibitions with our Gallery Guide and Auslan interpreter Karen Lantry, where you will learn more about the Gallery's exhibitions and events along with fascinating stories about the artworks on display. Bring a friend or two for a relaxed social afternoon.

REGENT HONEYEATER TALK

Tuesday 28 January, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
FREE | Bookings open January 1

Join us from 2-3pm for an interactive talk with bird expert Mick Roderick and Tara Dever, CEO of the Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council. The two will discuss their collaborative conservation work with the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater bird and the importance of native mistletoe for woodland birds.

FOR THE BIG KIDS

DRAWING CLUB

Saturday 25 January, 1pm - 3pm
16 years +
FREE | Bookings open January 1

Come along and join the Drawing Club with a skilled artist educator for a casual drawing session where you can practice your drawing skills in the gallery with professional guidance.



WORKSHOPS FOR TEENS

ANIMATION WORKSHOP

Tuesday 14 January, 1:30pm - 3:30pm
12 - 16 years
FREE | Bookings open January 1

Whether you're a budding artist or just curious about animation, you'll find this workshop is the perfect starting point!

WATERCOLOUR AND INK WORKSHOP

Thursday 16 January, 11:00am - 1:00pm
12 - 16 years
FREE | Bookings open January 1

Unleash your creativity in this exciting workshop with artist Bridie Watt, where you'll explore the beauty of birds through the delicate mediums of watercolour and ink, perfect for all skill levels.

SPOKEN BIRD POETRY, CREATIVE WRITING AND POETRY PERFORMANCE

Monday 20 January, 1:30pm - 3:30pm
FREE | Bookings open January 6

Participants will spend the first 90-minutes producing written pieces based on the *Twitcher* exhibition, followed by a 30 minute spoken-bird performance in front of their peers. This workshop explores different forms of poetry and allows students to polish their public speaking and performance skills as well.

PRINTMAKING FOR TEENS

Monday 20 January, 1:00pm to 3:00pm
13 to 18 years
FREE | Bookings open January 6

This workshop with local artist Indeah Clark is an introduction to relief printmaking techniques, honing in on lino printing. Indeah will teach students how to design for a lino, carve and print the blocks.

This workshop takes place at Mindaribba LALC, 1A Chelmsford Drive, Metford.

SCULPTURE WORKSHOP

Tuesday 21 January, 1:30pm - 3:30pm
12 - 16 years
FREE | Bookings open January 6

Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll bring your favourite bird to life through the art of paper and wire sculpture!

DRAW THE REGENT HONEYEATER

Wednesday 22 January, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
12 - 16 years
FREE | Bookings open January 6

Discover the stunning (and critically endangered) Regent Honeyeater through the lens of art in our exclusive drawing workshop!

THE YOUNG ARCHITECTS

Thursday 23 January, 10:00am - 1:00pm
12 - 16 years
FREE | Bookings open January 6

Get ready to unleash your creativity and design skills at these exciting in-person workshops. Join us at the Gallery to learn from industry professionals and fellow young architects. This is a unique hands-on opportunity to explore your passion for architecture and design.

MOBILE PHONE ANIMATION WORKSHOP

Friday 24 January, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
13 years +
FREE | Bookings open January 6

Work with an animation expert from the University of Newcastle to learn fast free animation techniques on your own mobile phone. Bring your own phone and prepare to up your animation game!

WORKSHOPS FOR TWEENS

ANIMATION WORKSHOP

Tuesday 14 January, 10:30am - 12:00pm
8 - 12 years
FREE | Bookings open January 1

Create your own characters and bring them to life. Explore fun techniques like stop-motion, 2D animation, and more!

LEMONS AND ORANGES PRINTMAKING

Monday 20 January, 10:00am to 11:30am
5 to 12 years
FREE | Bookings open January 6

An introduction to printmaking, this workshop gives students an understanding of colour using fruits like lemons and limes. Students will learn creative ways to use natural, alternative materials. They will create stamps from fruit patterns and ink up and print these tasty objects.

This workshop takes place at Mindaribba LALC, 1A Chelmsford Drive, Metford.

SCULPTURE WORKSHOP

Tuesday 21 January, 10:30am - 12pm
8 - 12 years
FREE | Bookings open January 6

Join us for a hands-on workshop inspired by Anna Wili Highfield's *Brolgas*, where you'll bring your favourite bird to life through the art of paper and wire sculpture! Whether it's a graceful crane, a vibrant parrot, or a quirky owl, you'll learn how to craft a stunning bird using simple materials and creative techniques.

DRAWING THE REGENT HONEYEATER

Wednesday 22 January, 10am - 11.30am
8 to 12 years
FREE | Bookings open January 6

Join our Drawing Workshop and capture the beauty of the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater.

TO BOOK



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Have fun!
2. Children under 12 must be supervised in the drop-in workshops and self-directed activities.
3. MRAG reserves the right to alter or cancel any activities where necessary.

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