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Coffee cup and saucer, n.d. Artist Unknown (Rumanian folk art).
Earthenware. Mildura Arts Centre Collection.
Rooster jug with cups, n.d. Artist Unknown (Rumanian folk art).
Blue tinted clear glass earthenware. Mildura Arts Centre Collection.

SPECTRAL ECOLOGIES
Sam Nightingale and Polly Stanton
Curated by Bridget Crone
EXHIBITION:
Until Sunday 18 June
Image: Screen Memories (Spectral Ecologies), 2016.
Sam Nightingale.

ELEMENTAL
Jennifer Matthews, Lynette McDonald & Valarie Robinson
EXHIBITION OPENING:
6pm, Thursday 22 June
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Thursday 22 June – Sunday 6 August
This exhibition explores marks made on the environment by earth, wind, water and fire.

The works show diversity of style and medium including glass, acrylic and encaustic painting, mixed media textiles, and works on paper.

Each artist passionately interprets elements of landscape in an individual way, expressing abstract images that draw the viewer into notions of the environment provoking an emotional response.

WOMEN OF THE RIVER COUNTRY
Mannum Dock Museum

EXHIBITION OPENING:
11am, Saturday 24 June

EXHIBITION:
Saturday 24 June – Sunday 13 August

Follow the journey of these remarkable women from across the Murray–Darling Basin and discover how they have shaped history along our mighty rivers.

Eliza Arbuckle
Ivy Carr
Ella Chaffey
Margaret Court
Hilda Creager
Jessie Dunstone
Mary Ann Edwards
Ruby Hunter
Pauline Milich
Elyne Mitchell OAM
Essie Nisbet
Elizabeth ‘Bessie’ Randell
Mary Ann Randell
Hattie Schell & Hattie Sexton Schell
Helen Sutherland
Jessie Wakefield
Pearl Wallace
Elizabeth Williams

LIGHT MOVES:
CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN VIDEO ART
NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA

EXHIBITION OPENING:
6pm, Thursday 29 June

EXHIBITION:
Thursday 29 June – Sunday 27 August

Light moves: Contemporary Australian Video Art is a major travelling exhibition of new media work by some of Australia’s leading artists.

Light moves presents seven major works by contemporary Australian artists which explore the possibilities of the body in video. Each work is an example of great contemporary storytelling, made by the leading proponents of the video form in Australia.

Drawing on work acquired over the last three years for the National Collection, Light moves provides a neat and highly accessible survey of contemporary video practice in this country. As well as being deeply engaging, the experience of this work is also contemplative.

Light moves includes projected and screen-based works which show the body performing in a range of real and imagined spaces.


The National Gallery of Australia is an Australian Government Agency.
BADGER BATES: PAAKA AND RINTU
Mildura Arts Centre Collection

EXHIBITION OPENING:
6pm, Thursday 31 August

EXHIBITION:
Thursday 31 August – Sunday 22 October

William Brian ‘Badger’ Bates was born on the Darling River at Wilcannia in 1947. His grandmother, Granny Moysey, a revered Paakantji woman who spoke several Aboriginal languages, raised him, teaching him stories and traditional songs. This was the beginning of Badger’s journey into a complex and sophisticated knowledge system.

Badger was employed by New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife as an Aboriginal Sites Liaison Officer for more than twenty years and is now a full-time artist and cultural consultant. His work is in major public collections and he is renowned for various public art commissions he has completed, including Memories, 2015 at the Mildura Riverfront.


2 BROTHERS: VISION FROM THE BUSH
Brian Harris and Eddy Harris

EXHIBITION OPENING:
6pm, Thursday 31 August

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Two brothers working together and exploring their family and cultural tradition of creating art. Sharing their knowledge of the bush and their culture as passed on by their elders. As an inspiration and teaching opportunity for young Indigenous persons to explore and ignite an interest in continuing with some traditions. To build bridges with non-Indigenous persons through art.

Right image: Camp Fire Gathering, 2015. Eddy Harris, acrylic on canvas.
Mildura Arts Centre presents a touring exhibition by Arts Centre Melbourne

**KYLIE ON STAGE**

Mildura Arts Centre will host an international first in August as the first regional location in Australia to feature the *Kylie on Stage* exhibition.

The major exhibition celebrates pivotal moments from Kylie Minogue’s highly successful concert tours and has so far only been shown at Arts Centre Melbourne, attracting almost 200,000 people.

The free exhibition is based on Kylie’s spectacular stage wardrobe held at Arts Centre Melbourne’s Performing Arts Collection and includes costumes from tours including *Disco in Dreams* (1989) right through to more recent performances, such as last year’s *Kiss Me Once*.


The exhibition will also feature designs, photographs and footage that explore the creative processes behind Kylie’s ground-breaking performances.

It will also showcase the works of some of the world’s finest and most recognised designers including Dolce and Gabbana, John Galliano, Julien Macdonald, Karl Lagerfeld, Jean Paul Gaultier and Australian designers Peter Morrissey and Mark Burnett.

This is an exciting opportunity to partner with Arts Centre Melbourne to present this touring exhibition with Mildura Arts Centre the first of three regional locations to host *Kylie on Stage* as it will also be shown at Ararat and Geelong.

*Kylie on Stage* exhibition will open mid August to October 2017.

Visit our website to find out more!

Costume designed by John Galliano
*Showgirl: The Homecoming Tour*, 2006.
Gift of Kylie Minogue, 2008
Reproduced courtesy of Darenote Ltd.

Photographed by Ken McKay. Reproduced courtesy of Darenote Ltd.
CAKE DECORATING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS
5.30pm – 7pm, Friday 16 June

Mildura Arts Centre is hosting a cake decorating workshop for kids aged 5–12 to compliment the food theme in the Bon Appétit exhibition. Kids can have fun decorating cupcakes, playing games and colouring whilst the adults get to mingle, have a wine and enjoy a complimentary cheese platter.

Cake decorating materials supplied. Kids can take their deliciously decorated cupcakes home with them.

ENTRY FREE
Bookings essential.

KINETIC KREATIONS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
10.30am – 12pm, Wednesday 12 July

Children will experience art through movement during this fun filled workshop.

The workshop includes a gallery tour, and children will get creative with hands-on activities focused on movement.


ENTRY FREE
Bookings essential.
IN CONVERSATION...
WITH ELEANOR FREEMAN
6.30pm, Friday 14 July

Internationally renowned dancer Eleanor Freeman will be joining us on the couch in July for the latest in our In Conversation series.

Eleanor was born in Melbourne, and moved to Mildura where she received her early ballet training at the Mildura Ballet & Dance Guild.

Eleanor returned to Melbourne at the age of 16 to continue her studies full-time at the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School. Upon graduation she received the Anne Woolliams Award for the top senior dance student.

Eleanor was then accepted into the Queensland Ballet Professional Year program where she received the George Hartnett Award and was awarded her Solo Seal by the Royal Academy of Dance.

Eleanor joined Queensland Ballet Company as a Trainee Dancer in January 2011 and was promoted to Company Dancer in 2012.

In August of 2016, Eleanor joined the Ballett der Staatsoper Hannover in Germany as a Soloist Dancer.

**DURATION** 60 minutes

**ENTRY FREE**

Image: Eleanor Freeman. Photo by Lilit Hakobyan.

GALLERY GUIDED TOUR
1.30pm – 2pm, Saturday 15 July

Discover more about the artists and artworks on display in a free guided tour.

**ENTRY FREE**

Photo by Robert Klarich.

A SOCIAL DRAWING AFTERNOON
2pm – 4pm, Saturday 16 June, 15 July and 26 August

Looking for ways to be creative and connect with others? A Social Drawing Afternoon is a must for people who love to draw.

**ENTRY FREE**
Mildura Arts Centre presents
MUSEUM VICTORIA OUTREACH PROGRAM
11am, 1pm and 2pm (daily),
Monday 14 – Friday 18 August

Museum Victoria’s Outreach Program is a state-wide mobile service that provides access to Museum Victoria’s collections for early education groups who may find it difficult to visit one of their venues.

BACKYARD BUGS
Learn about the fascinating world of bugs and the extraordinary things bugs can do. Live bugs such as goliath stick insects will come along with us for the journey.

The Backyard Bugs program will encourage children to learn about the many fascinating creatures to be found in gardens, parks and backyards. With the use of stories, song, activity and bug resources from the Museum Victoria collection, children will learn about the incredible things bugs can do, how they benefit the environment around them, and how to identify different kinds of bugs.

DINOSAURS AND FOSSILS
With the aid of fossils, dinosaur bones, replicas and photographs, we go back in time to reflect on the existence of these ancient animals. Dinosaurs have long been the subject of fascination for children. Through stories and activities, this program will introduce to children the ways in which humans have come to understand dinosaurs through finding and studying fossils. Children will be able to talk about and touch real dinosaur fossils from the Museum Victoria collection, learn about ancient time periods, see life-size replicas of dinosaur skulls, feet and legs, and talk to presenters about their favourite prehistoric creatures, including Stegosaurus, Triceratops, and Tyrannosaurus rex.

The presentations are free, and open to kindergarten groups only.

BOOKINGS: Maximum of 30 participants per session.
For all bookings, call (03) 5018 8330 or email arts_centre@mildura.vic.gov.au

ARTS BAR
8pm, Thursday
22 June and 20 July

Arts of the Underground is where creativity, culture and people collide.

Each event is different, with an array of art forms including projections, lighting, sounds, music, dance, exhibitions, performance arts and more.

Explore the arts scene, catch up with friends and experience Arts of the Underground.
Mildura Arts Centre and Melbourne International Comedy Festival present

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW

8pm, Saturday 1 July

Buckle up Australia!
The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow is back on the bus, hitting the road to home deliver the freshest and funniest from Australia’s largest comedy festival!

Featuring an all-killer, no-filler cast of Australian stars, talented newcomers and international performers, we’ve got all your comedy bases covered. Get on board, grab your mates and get giggling as the ultimate comedy road trip rolls into town!

Age 15+

DURATION 145 minutes (interval)
TICKETS Full Price $42
Concession $38
Group 8+ $36pp

WINTER THEATRE

Mildura Arts Centre presents

EMILY LOVES TO BOUNCE
By Patch Theatre Company

10am and 1pm,
Tuesday 27 June

Inspired by three of the most loved books of Stephen Michael King, Emily Loves to Bounce creates a whimsical world full of balls and boxes where amazing ideas are expressed in extraordinary ways.

Follow carefree Henry and practical Amy as they turn the world upside down and right way round, and learn that working together in spite of their differences brings out the best in everyone. Emily Loves to Bounce weaves together the stories of Henry and Amy, Emily Loves to Bounce and Patricia, adapted from the books by Stephen Michael King.

DURATION 50 minutes (no interval)
TICKETS Full Price $20
Concession $18 | Child 1–16 $10
Group 4+ $12.50pp

For school bookings, contact the Box Office.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.
THE COODABEEEN CHAMPIONS LIVE!
2017 Concert Tour
7.30pm, Saturday 8 July
Come and see The Coodabeen Champions Live at Mildura Arts Centre.

Following their successful 35th Anniversary tour of 2015, The Coodabeens are going on the road and bringing their laughs, banter, audience interaction and sing-alongs.

And they’re sure to leave you with the same big smiles on your faces that they’ve provided since they started on radio back in 1981.

TICKETS Full Price $42 I Concession $38

Mildura Arts Centre and La Boite Theatre Company present
THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS
By Kenneth Grahame, in a new version by Maxine Mellor.

10.30am and 1pm, Wednesday 19 July

This is a charming, classic tale of adventure and discovery, in a brand-new one-man adaptation starring Shaka Cook (Jasper Jones). Kenneth Grahame’s rollicking tale of four woodland creatures is one of the true enduring classics of children’s literature and writer/director team Maxine Mellor and Kat Henry have given it a fresh coat of paint.

For children aged 4–12 and anyone who enjoys messing about in boats.

DURATION 60 minutes (no interval)
TICKETS Full Price $20 I Concession $18
Child 1–16 $10 I Group 4+ $12.50pp

Image: Shaka Cook (Jasper Jones). Photo by Dylan Evans.
Mildura Arts Centre presents
Phunktional's
A TOUCH OF GRACE: SHADOW WARRIOR
Women Only Show and Women’s Forum
7.30pm, Friday 21 July
Community Performance
7.30pm, Saturday 22 July
A Touch of Grace: Shadow Warrior is a one-woman show that combines hip-hop elements with personal storytelling. The artist is dancer Demi Sorono, Australia’s best female breakdancer. The story draws from Demi’s experiences as a child in the Philippines and her moment of insta-celebrity as a contestant on a reality television show. It showcases Demi’s high level dance skills and spoken word poetry. It is a high quality production, warm, engaging, and very accessible.

Phunktional Arts is a Melbourne non-profit company with a focus on connecting communities through creative arts practices and creating professional performances to tour nationally and internationally. They are passionate about creating art for positive social change. Most of their work is dance-based physical theatre.

Demi Sorono
Performer, Co-creator
Nationally recognised as Australia’s most famous B-Girl, Demi was discovered on television’s So You Think You Can Dance? Since then she has performed in Blaze, an international hip-hop show that toured Australia, while continuing to perform in dance workshops and Community Cultural Development projects around the country.

DURATION 85 minutes (no interval)

Mildura Arts Centre, Tasmanian Theatre Company and Straightjacket Productions in association with The Karralyka Centre present
BAKERSFIELD MIST
by Stephen Sachs
7.30pm, Saturday 29 July
Is the true value of art in the eyes of the beholder? Maude (Julie Nihill), an unemployed bartender, has bought a painting for a few bucks from an op shop. Despite almost trashing it, she now thinks it’s a Jackson Pollock worth millions. In fact she’s certain it is. But when world-class art expert, Lionel Percy (John Wood), flies over from New York and arrives at her trailer park home in Bakersfield to authenticate the painting, he really has no idea what he’s about to discover. Based on a true story, Bakersfield Mist is a comedy set in the present day.

Cast: John Wood, Julie Nihill
Playwright: Steven Sachs
Warning: Strong language

DURATION 120 minutes (interval)
TICKETS Full Price $38 1 Concession $32 Youth 18–25 $25 1 Under 18 $20 Group 5+ $32pp

Photo by Gina Milicia.
THE PICKET SENTINELS
Katy Mutton

EXHIBITION:
Thursday 26 October – Sunday 10 December

Image: Katy Mutton, Marking the map (detail), 2016. Ink and acrylic on kozo paper.

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Mildura Arts Centre presents
2017 NATIONAL RECITAL TOUR – ANDREY GUGNIN

2pm, Saturday 19 August

Andrey Gugnin, First Prize Winner of the 2016 Sydney International Piano Competition will be sure to delight audiences with a program featuring the works of Bach, Shostakovich, Desyatnikov and Stravinsky.

REPERTOIRE
Johann Sebastian Bach: Adagio in G Major BWV 968
Franz Schubert: Piano Sonata No. 17 in D Major D. 850 (40 min)
I. Allegro vivace
II. Con moto
III. Scherzo. Allegro vivace
IV. Rondo. Allegretto moderato

Dmitri Shostakovich: Piano Sonata No. 1 Op. 12

Leonid Desyatnikov: “Reminiscences of the Theatre” (1985)
I. Ouvertüre. Masque
II. Aus Kraschtschejs Leben
III. Vauderville
IV. Jamais... (Elegie)
V. Rondo-Chase
VI. Glockenspiel
VII. Finale. Masque

Michael Kieran Harvey: 48 Fugues for Frank Zappa
No. 6: G-Spot Tornado (2009)

Igor Stravinsky: Trois Mouvements de Pétrouchka
I. Danse Russe
II. Chez Pétrouchka
III. La Semaine grasse

DURATION 65 minutes (no interval)

TICKETS Full price $30
Concession $15
Student $15

Image: Andrey Gugnin. Photo by Daniel Boyd.

BE YOUR SELF (REDUX)
Australian Dance Theatre

7.30pm, Tuesday 12 September

Image: Be Your Self (Redux). Photo by Chris Herzfeld – Camlight Productions.

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**VENUE HIRE**

Mildura Arts Centre is the region’s cultural and creative hub. Owned and operated by Mildura Rural City Council, if you would like to hire the theatre, public foyer, lawns and sculpture park, café or the veranda of Rio Vista Historic House, please contact us.

**MILDURA ARTS CENTRE CAFÉ**

Our seasonal menu embraces local produce and supports local businesses.

Open 10am – 2pm daily, and for all performances and events.

**ABOUT US**

Mildura Arts Centre
199 Cureton Avenue Mildura VIC 3500
Open 10am – 5pm daily

**RIO VISTA HISTORIC HOUSE**

Rio Vista Historic House will be undergoing conservation works during Winter, access to some areas will be restricted.

**BOOK OFFICE AND LICENSED CAFÉ**

Opens 60 minutes prior to performance times.

**BOOKING INFORMATION**

Box Office opens 10am – 5pm daily
Call Customer Service on (03) 5018 8330
Website: milduraartscentre.com.au
Mildura Visitor Information and Booking Centre
Call (03) 5018 8376

**REFUNDS POLICY**

No refunds are possible once a booking is made.

**EXCHANGE POLICY**

Patrons can exchange seats to a performance up until 30 minutes prior to an event, at a cost of $3 per transaction.

**CONCESSIONS**

Mildura Arts Centre may offer concessions to full-time students, pensioners, seniors and healthcare cardholders. Concession cards and ID must be shown when collecting tickets or the full price may be charged.

**GIFT VOUCHERS**

Available to purchase at the Box Office or online.

**ACCESS INFORMATION**

Mildura Arts Centre offers a range of services and facilities to make it more accessible.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE**

The theatre is fitted with a hearing loop which audience members can access direct to their hearing aids or cochlear implants.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESS**

Wheelchair access is available from the street or the car park at the rear of Mildura Arts Centre. Entrance to the theatre auditorium is via main doors 1 or 2.

**AREAS WITHOUT WHEELCHAIR ACCESS**

Theatre auditorium doors 3 and 4
Galleries 3, 4 and 5
Rio Vista Historic House

**ACCESSIBLE SEATING**

Accessible seating is available in the theatre, please call the Box Office for more details.

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