

Australian
Design
Centre

Craft + Design News

December 2023



Tonight we launch our final exhibition program for 2023. Love you to join us, if you are in Sydney, from 6pm when we will also be joined by Dr Kevin Murray to launch the new issue of *Garland*.

We've had a big year at the Centre starting with a special exhibition and events for Sydney WorldPride; working with exhibition collaborators Tjanpi Desert Weavers and JamFactory; taking a dedicated look at how artists, designers and architects are creating good natured outcomes for the environment and how we can follow suit in the work we do; launching the richest prize for craft and design in Australia, the MAKE Award; producing a bumper Sydney Craft Week Festival alongside the biggest market dedicated to ceramics in the universe (certainly felt like it!) with our collaborators Sydney Ceramics Market and Carriageworks; and working with hundreds of creative practitioners across our platforms.

You might wonder how a small team of 7.2 people can do all that, well in truth no matter how talented we are or how hard we work we can't do it alone. It's all made possible by the generosity of our collaborators, funding partners, donors and supporters and the many people who stop by to see an exhibition or

attend an event, shop in our shop, click on our website, follow us on social media, listen to our podcast or give us feedback about their experience. Thanks to all for a great year and especially to the ADC team and volunteer Board of Directors.

This week we also launched episode two of Series 3 of our award nominated podcast. I'm so proud of this digital platform we have created and thank all the creatives who have taken time away from their work to chat with me.

Around the country you can see an ADC On Tour exhibition in Port Macquarie, Adelaide and Ararat. Many thanks to all our touring venue partners across Australia for their ongoing support for craft and design practice.

If you are looking for gifts this month please consider Object Shop as every purchase supports Australian designer/makers and is a unique, collectible, handmade treasure to cherish or you may like to make a [donation](#) on their behalf to a small organisation with big impact.

Thanks for reading!

Lisa Cahill
CEO and Artistic Director

Exhibitions & Events



EXHIBITION

Ceramic Stories [digital connections]

Australian Design Centre presents a unique exhibition experience showcasing ceramics through a variety of sculptural forms, objects, installations and digital interventions, guest curated by Elaine Kim with the ADC Team and supported by the City of Sydney.

Artists featured are Casey Chen, Sebastian Conti, Sarah Eddowes and Midori Goto.

Digital interactions developed by June Kim with assistance from Jess Montecinos and Fiona Jung.

VISIT

30 November 2023—25 January 2024

Australian Design Centre

101–115 William Street, Darlinghurst

Gadigal Land

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EVENT

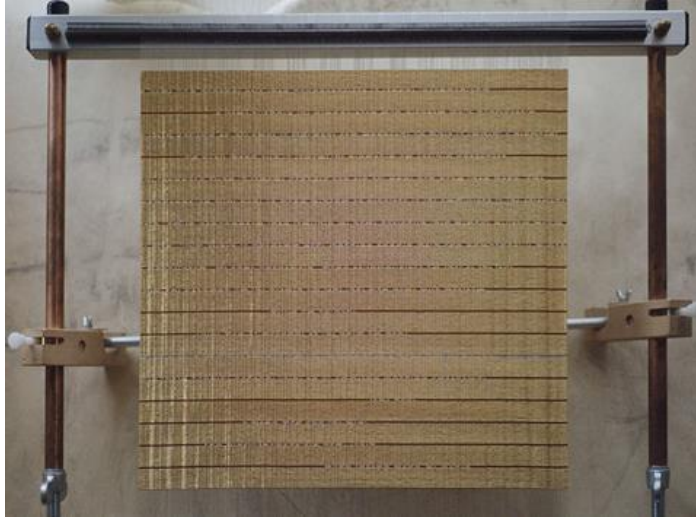
Floor Talk with guest curator Elaine Kim

Join us for a gallery floor talk with guest curator of [*Ceramics Stories \[digital connections\]*](#) Elaine Kim, as we tour this new exhibition and share insights into the artists' work and creative practices with a focus on the interactive, digital activations.

ATTEND

Saturday 2 December, 2–3pm
Australian Design Centre
113–115 William St, Darlinghurst
Gadigal Land
Free event, Bookings essential

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EXHIBITION

They farmed tapioca, oranges and rice: *Camille Laddawan*

Through a series of beaded works, this exhibition poetically examines the multiple cultural and biological lineages that artist Camille Laddawan and her partner Roslyn Orlando will share with their child.

It is an exploration in how heritage and ancestry unfold through storytelling to forge a child's identity, amidst broader narratives of tradition, migration, cultural loss and change.

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EXHIBITION

Mini Mind Garden: Minka Gillian

Based on an imaginary internal landscape, Minka Gillian combines manmade materials with organic forms found in both the plant world and our own bodies to showcase biomorphic sculptures.

VISIT

30 November 2023—31 January 2024
Australian Design Centre, Object Space
101–115 William Street, Darlinghurst
Gadigal Land

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EVENT

Workshop: How to Make a Sensorium

How can we enhance our non-visual senses in appreciation of craft and design?

Led by Garland's Dr Kevin Murray this workshop will look at learnings through the ages, rituals that bring all five senses together and construct a Sensorium with existing and yet-to-be-made objects.

ATTEND

Friday 1 December, 2:30–4:30pm

Australian Design Centre

113–115 William St, Darlinghurst

Gadigal Land

Tickets \$25, bookings essential

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Latest News



READ

Design Isolate: The Pandemic Through a Creative Lens

Australian Design Centre is delighted to have launched the book

Design Isolate: The Pandemic Through a Creative Lens. This book celebrates the 2020 project with 60 creative practitioners documenting their time through the pandemic.

GET YOUR COPY NOW



LISTEN

New Series of *Object Podcast* now live

Series 3 is all about Australia's newest and richest award for contemporary craft and design, the [*MAKE Award: Biennial Prize for Innovation in Australian Craft and Design*](#).

Over five episodes, you'll meet Vipoo Srivilasa, the Foong Sisters (High Tea with Mrs Woo), Julie Blyfield, Csilla Csongvay & Matt Blackwood (Csongvay Blackwood), and Johannes Kuhnen.

You'll hear the stories behind their MAKE Award work and the judges' comments, too!

LISTEN NOW

Support and Shop Local



SHOP

Late Night Shopping at Object Shop

Join us for late night shopping on two Thursdays this December to shop and support local handmade objects and gifts. Featuring limited-edition and collectible ceramics, jewellery, homewares, and textiles from over 100 Australian makers and designers.

OPENING HOURS

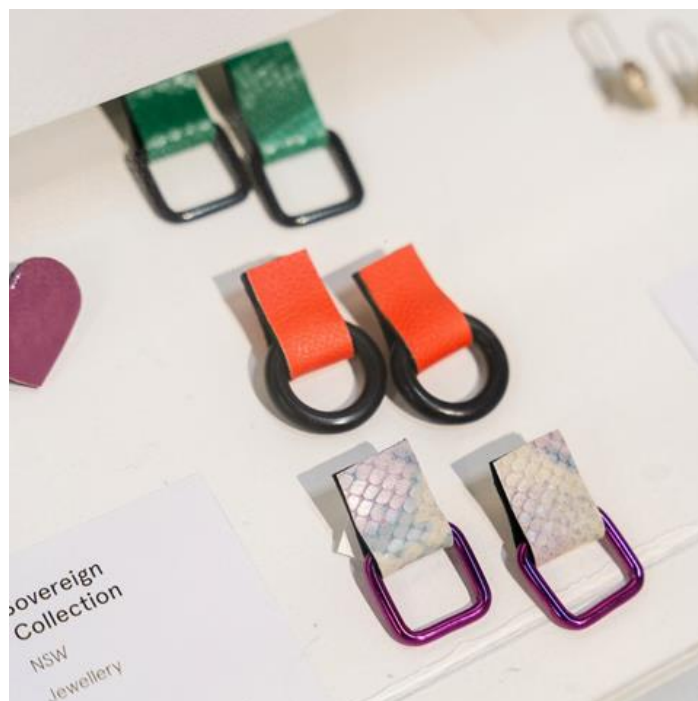
Late nights: til 7pm on Thursday 14 and Thursday 21 December 2023.

Tuesday to Friday, 11am–5pm and Saturday 11am–4pm.

ADDRESS

101–115 William Street, Darlinghurst, NSW
Gadigal Land

SHOP ONLINE



MEET THE MAKER

Sovereign Collective

Under the accessories brand Sovereign Collection, Veronica Eulate designs and hand makes bold & innovative accessories from a range of upcycled materials including leather, vinyl, denim and textiles.

Select pieces are available online, with more in-store at Object Shop.

EXPLORE

ADC On Tour



ADC ON TOUR: NATIONAL

SIXTY: The Journal of Australian Ceramics 60th Anniversary

Now on at Ararat Gallery TAMA

Featuring 22 ceramic artists, visit this special ADC On Tour exhibition project, presented in partnership with The Australian Ceramics Association, to acknowledge the significant anniversary of The JAC.

VISIT

2 December 2023—11 February 2024

Ararat Gallery TAMA

82 Vincent Street, Ararat VIC 3377

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ADC ON TOUR: NATIONAL

GOOD NATURED: design art architecture

Last chance

See this major exhibition celebrating creative projects by designers, artists and architects working to design a better future, focussed on creating outcomes that are both beautiful *and* good for the planet.

VISIT

Until 3 December 2023

Glasshouse Port Macquarie

30-42 Clarence Street & Hay St,

Port Macquarie NSW 2444

Birpai Land

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ADC ON TOUR: NATIONAL

MAKE Award: Biennial Prize for Innovation in Australian Craft and Design

Opening soon

The *MAKE Award: Biennial Prize for Innovation in Australian Craft and Design* is a major new national craft and design innovation award initiated by Australian Design Centre. See the exhibition of finalists now on tour to Adelaide.

VISIT

From 15 December 2023
JamFactory
19 Morphett Street
Tarntanya / Adelaide, 5000
South Australia
Kurna Country

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From our Friends



Create NSW Survey: Creative Spaces in Sydney

[Create NSW](#) wants to better understand the spatial needs of the arts, cultural and creative industries sectors across the City of Sydney LGA.

If you currently work or have worked in the City of Sydney LGA in the last five years, they want to hear from you!

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

By 3 December



Paper Cuts and Blind Ambitions: An Artist's Insight with Julie Montgarrett

Join contemporary textile artist Dr. Julie Montgarrett for a discussion around her socially-engaged creative

practice; combining fabric, embroidery and community to unpick the historical threads of Australian grand narratives.

2 December 2023, 2–3pm

City of Sydney Creative Studios (CoSCS)

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World Craft Masters

Congratulations to Liz Williamson, Marian Hosking and Prue Venables, who are all previous [*Living Treasures: Masters of Australian Craft*](#), and to all the Australians acknowledged in the recent World Crafts Council Asia Pacific Region Craft Masters Awards 2023, hosted in Dongyang, China.

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Love what we do?

There are many ways that you can help us to support a creative Australia.

- [Donate](#) to make an impact!
- [Buy unique handmade](#)

Follow us on socials for updates:

Acknowledgement of Country

Australian Design Centre is proud to be a creative place located on Gadigal Country.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Owners, the Gadigal People, and to Elders past and present.

As an arts organisation with national connections, we also pay our respects to all First Peoples across the country.

We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture as the oldest continuing culture in the world. We celebrate the diversity of language, culture, custom, ceremony and knowledge (Lore) of First Peoples as Traditional Owners, custodians and communities with an ongoing connection across land, sea and waterways.

We acknowledge that the lands on which we live and work are unceded – always was, always will be, Aboriginal Land.

About Australian Design Centre

Established in 1964, Australian Design Centre is an independent impact organisation based in Sydney. We create opportunities for people to engage with design, craft and creativity through dynamic and high-quality national touring exhibitions, publishing, digital and educational activities.

We ignite creativity and innovative ideas through:

Exhibitions – Showcasing the best making and design by Australian creators.

Touring – Bringing the power of making and design to new audiences across Australia.

Learning – Inspiring Australians to use design to transform their future.

Australian Design Centre is supported by the generosity of our partners and donors, the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy, an initiative of the Australian, State and Territory Governments, the New South Wales Government through Create NSW, the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body, and the City of Sydney.

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GOOD NATURED: design art architecture, exhibition view, Australian Design Centre 2023, photo: Amy Piddington.

MAKE Award: Biennial Prize for Innovation in Australian Craft and Design, exhibition view, Australian Design Centre 2023, photo: Amy Piddington.

Casey Chen, Glitterbomb 2022, photo: Robin Hearfield.

Sebastian Conti, XXIX, photo Matt Harrison.

Camille Laddawan, Fragment One, photo: Camille Laddawan.

Minka Gillian, Mini Mind Garden 2023, Photo: Courtesy of the artist.

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Object Podcast: Stories of design and craft.

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Julie Montgarrett portrait, photo: Christina Mishell, courtesy of Brand X.

Liz Williamson, studio view, Sydney Craft Week, photo: Amy Piddington.

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