

News and events

December 2021

Australian

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Centre



What a year it has been! We're delighted to be ending a challenging 2021 with not one but four exhibitions; a fully stocked [Object Shop](#) brimming with 'happy objects' perfect for the giving season; [ADC On Tour](#) exhibitions open from Cairns to the Barossa; and a host of excellent things to be revealed later this month in our 2022 program launch.

If you're looking for the perfect gift we have two amazing experiences on offer: tickets to [Window, Cricket Bat](#) by Hilary Bell to be performed in the Centre in January; or a season ticket to the [repeat series](#) of six design history lectures [Design 101](#). This was a sell out this year and we know it will be again in 2022.

And it's grant result season! We have been awarded a \$60,000 project grant from Create NSW that will help us to produce a new project focussed on art, design, architecture and the climate emergency. Creative Partnerships Australia have awarded us \$50,000 in matched funding where every dollar we raise next year

in our fundraising campaign is matched! A great start to the year ahead.

Thank you to everyone who has listened and loved our new podcast Object: stories in design and craft. It's been a major highlight for me to interview some of Australia's most eminent craftspeople in the first series. We're hoping to bring you a second series in 2022.

Over the past couple of weeks I've had the honour of judging the inaugural Northern Beaches Environmental Art and Design Prize. Don't miss it as it is a wonderful and extensive exhibition.

I hope you enjoy the start to holiday festivities this month and that we see you in the Centre soon.

Lisa Cahill
CEO and Artistic Director

Exhibitions and Events



Tickets available now!

Window, Cricket Bat **Performance - World Premiere**

Produced in a unique collaboration with Griffin Theatre Company, to accompany the exhibition *Happy objects*, *Window, Cricket Bat* is a delightful journey back to London in the 1980s. Penned with fond humour by playwright Hilary Bell, *Window, Cricket Bat* is directed by Jennifer Rani with Lucia Mastrantone.

Performance dates: 12 - 21 January 2022

Book now!



Happy objects.

The exhibition *Happy objects* explores the value of objects. 21 people from diverse backgrounds were invited to share with us a 'happy object' and tell us their object story. Find out about the meaningful objects owned by William Yang, Kate Gaul, Rex Greeno and many others.

Tell us the story of a happy object in your life

Post on Instagram an image of your happy object and a few words about why this object is important to you with the hashtag #MyHappyObject. Find out more [here](#).

Exhibition dates: Until 25 January 2022

Find out more



Object Space

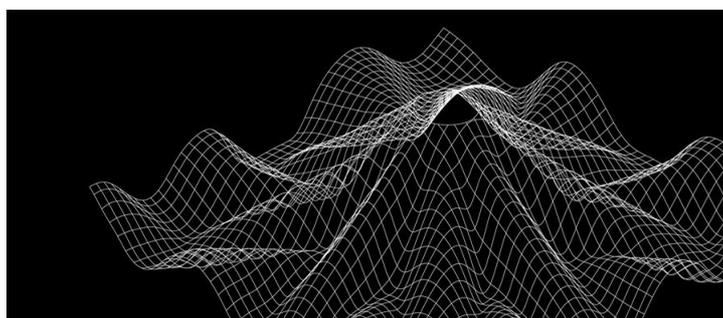
Apothecary Now! by Sassy Park

Sassy Park's pots are inspired by Renaissance apothecary jars (or albarellos) and use similar maiolica glaze techniques and motifs, linking the current Covid-19 pandemic to history. The handpainted pots reflect the recent preoccupation with newly developed pharmaceutical vaccines, controversial cures and pandemic messaging.

When: Until 25 January 2022

Where: Object Space window gallery, William Street
Darlinghurst.

[Find out more](#)



Revisiting Shohei Yoh

Presented by Australian Design Centre, ***Revisiting Shoji Yoh*** is an exhibition by the University of New South Wales and Kyushu University that draws from the archive of Japanese architect and late 20th century pioneer of digital design, Shoji Yoh.

When: 30 November 2021 - 25 January 2022

Explore the [website](#)

Event

Revisiting Shoji Yoh: Digital Cultural Heritage Symposium

This symposium will explore future directions of digital cultural heritage practices and celebrate the launch of the exhibition and new online Shoji Yoh archive.

When: Thursday 2 December, 4.30 - 7.30pm

Tickets: Free, [book online](#)



Want to learn more about design?

DESIGN101 returns

Book now for a repeat season of the popular series *DESIGN101: Everything you wanted to know about design and more!* In this unique series, produced by ADC in collaboration with ArtsPeople, host Kathryn Hunyor returns to guide you through key moments in design history, along with expert guest lecturers and invited guest designers in six weeks of entertaining lectures.

This is a great Christmas gift idea for your design savvy friends or family.

Numbers are limited so book now to avoid disappointment.

When: Wednesdays 6 April to 25 May 2022 6 - 8pm
(a break is scheduled with no lectures on 20 and 27 April)

Where: Australian Design Centre, 113 -115 William Street, Darlinghurst

Full series ticket: \$300/ \$250 concessions (plus GST + booking fees)

Book now!



Sydney East Art Walk

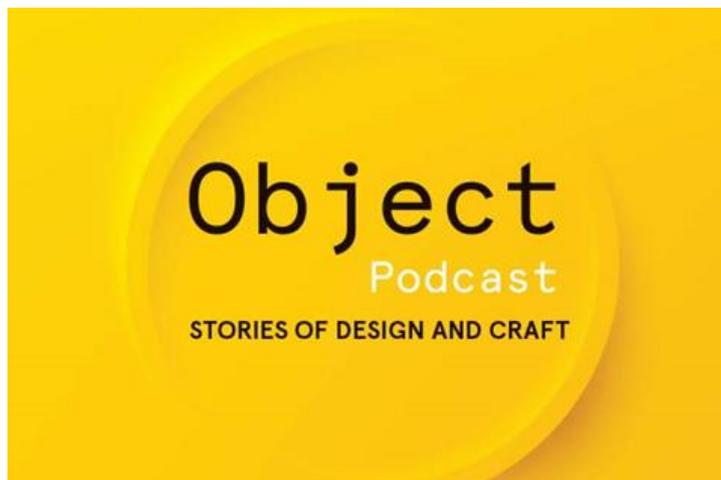
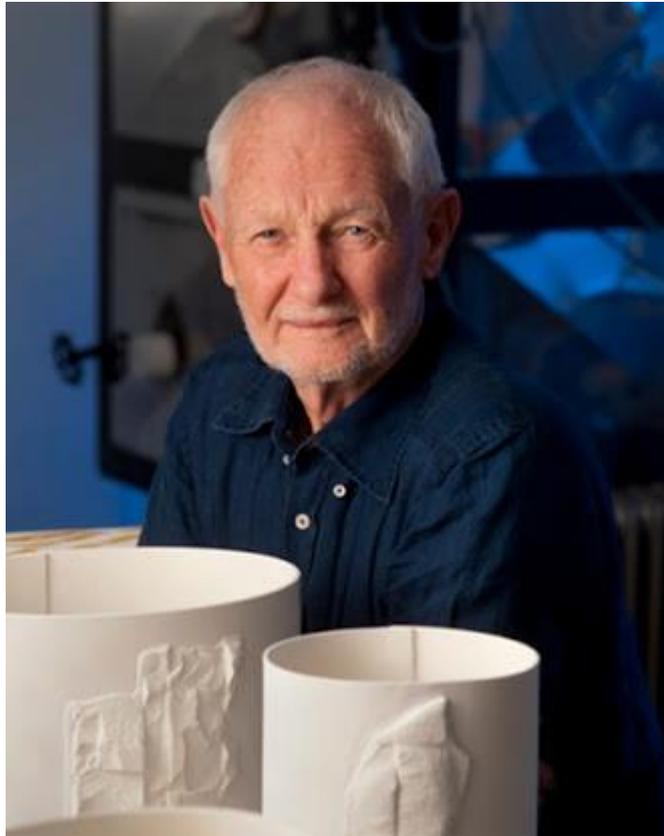
Take the self-guided art walk and explore over 20 of Sydney's leading art galleries and art spaces all located within easy walking distance.

When: Saturday 4 December, 12 - 4pm.

Where: Australian Design Centre & 19 venues across East Sydney

Tickets: Free event

View the walk on [Google maps](#)



Podcast: New Episode

Listen to a new episode of our podcast *Object: stories of design and craft* featuring master ceramicist Les Blakebrough.

I wanted a clay you could knead. I wanted it to be able to throw well, and not be such a difficult material to handle. And I wanted it very white. I wanted to give it a name that located it in the part of the world where we created it. And so it got to be called Southern Ice. And the damn stuff just took off.

If you love objects, contemporary craft and design, **subscribe to *Object stories of design and craft***. Please share with your podcast listening friends!

Listen to Episode 6: Les Blakebrough



Object Shop

Object Shop supports over 100 leading and emerging Australian makers. Find limited-edition, handmade and collectible jewellery, ceramics, homewares and textiles.

We have restocked the shop ready for all your Christmas giving and look forward to seeing you in store soon or online. Browse through our gift guides to get some gifting inspiration.



Food and cooking gift ideas



Sustainable gift ideas



First Nations Makers gift ideas



ADC On Tour

ADC On Tour exhibitions now on across Australia:

Made/Worn: Australian Contemporary

Jewellery opens at **Jam Factory Seppeltsfield** on 17 December 2021 and is on until 13 February 2022.

Living Treasures: Masters of Australian Craft \ Prue

Venables is on at **Cairns Art Gallery** 3 December until 23 January 2022.

Obsessed: Compelled to make

opens at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre on 5 February 2022.



Object Book Group

We started Object Book Group this year to indulge our love of reading about craft, design, artists and creativity.

Have a [look at the books](#) we've read this year and join us on [Facebook](#) for a new year of reading and chatting about books and all things creative.

Opportunities



ADC + Glasshouse Regional Gallery

[Glasshouse Regional Gallery](#) and Australian Design Centre are offering Port Macquarie makers the opportunity to get their unique, handmade wares in front of a Sydney audience.

Local makers have the opportunity to take part of regional makers stall at ADC boutique outdoor market in Darlinghurst on 5 March. Three places are available also to stock work in ADC's retail space, Object Shop.

Submit your expressions of interest by 21 January.

[Find out more](#)

Love what we do?

Make a donation. Join ADC Friends or our volunteer program.

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

Established in 1964, ADC is a not-for-profit organisation that creates opportunities for people to engage with design, craft and creativity through dynamic and high-quality touring exhibitions, publishing, digital and educational activities.

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About Australian Design Centre

Established in 1964, ADC 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.

ADC's mission is to 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.

ADC 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. Australian Design Centre is a member of Australian Craft and Design Centres network and the Sydney Culture Network.

Australian Design Centre is proud to be a creative place located on Gadigal Land. We acknowledge with respect the traditional owners the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation.

Images: Happy objects with curator Stephan Goddard. Photo: Boaz Nothman. William Yang with his little piece of heaven. Photo: Boaz Nothman. Sassy Park, *Apothecary Now!*, 2021 Photo: Boaz Nothman. Shoei

Yoh, Najju Community Centre 3D parametric model, 2021 Photo: Courtesy of Daniel Yu. Les Blakebrough at the University of Tasmania 2005. Photo: Lynda Warner. Les Blakebrough, *large bowl (From the Forest Floor series)*. Courtesy of National Gallery of Australia. Anna Davern, *Hettie*, 2019. Photo: Rhiannon Hopley. Prue Venables, *Black pedestal bowl*, 2019. Photos: Terence Bogue. Katherine Hattam, *The Beautiful Years*, 2014. Photo: Courtesy Daine Singer Gallery. ADC Makers Markets 2020. Photo: Rhiannon Hopley.

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