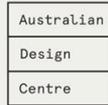


ADC Announcement



The Australian Design Centre Board has resolved to cease operations by 30 June 2026 unless alternative funding is found before that time.

With the Federal Government (through Creative Australia) and the State Government (through Create NSW) discontinuing adequate core operational funding from 2025/6, the ADC Board determined it would not be viable financially for the organisation to continue to trade/operate beyond 30 June 2026.

Create NSW has recently awarded ADC \$150,000 per year for the next two years; this is \$350,000 short of the minimum \$500,000 amount that ADC needs to continue operating.

This means that from 2026 ADC will no longer have the minimum \$500,000 in base level funding needed to support annual operations.

This decision means:

- ADC opportunities created for close to 1000 artists annually will no longer be available.
- Up to 350,000 people who visit an ADC exhibition annually will no longer have this opportunity to engage with craft and design practice.
- Exhibition programming at ADC in Sydney will cease at the end of February 2026.
- Object Shop will cease trading at the end of March 2026.
- ADC On Tour exhibitions will continue as scheduled with any future changes announced before June

2026.

- The future of the Sydney Craft Week Festival in 2026 will be determined before applications are due to open in April 2026.

"The Australian Design Centre's committed volunteer Board has considered all other options and is deeply saddened to have been forced to make this decision.

Australian Design Centre has supported the work of thousands of artists over its 61 year history as an independent not for profit organisation.

The reality is that, without core operational support to pay staff and cover administrative costs, we have no other choice but to cease operations by 30 June.

This means that NSW will be the only state or territory in Australia without an organisation dedicated to craft and design practice." said **Elizabeth Espinosa, Chair ADC Board**

The ADC Board is made up of volunteers covering various professional backgrounds and includes the CEO as Executive Director.

Any questions about this decision or the timeline should be directed to the ADC Executive Director (CEO and Artistic Director) Lisa Cahill on (02) 93614555 or lisa@australiandesigncentre.com.

Save ADC

A minimum of \$350,000 per annum for the next two years is needed from government, corporate or private sources for ADC to continue operating in 2026 and 2027.

If you, or anyone you know, can help please contact Lisa Cahill on (02) 93614555 or lisa@australiandesigncentre.com.

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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 a cultural organisation with national connections, we also pay our respects to all First Peoples across the country.

About Australian Design Centre

Established in 1964, Australian Design Centre is an independent impact organisation based in Darlinghurst, Sydney. We support and promote Australia's innovative designer makers, established and emerging, and encourage people to engage with design, craft and creativity through dynamic and high-quality national touring exhibitions, publishing, digital and educational activities.

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 NSW Government through Create NSW, and the City of Sydney.

ADC is a member of Australian Craft and Design Centres network, Australian Museum and Galleries Association, Arts Law, NAVA, Regional and Public Galleries NSW and the Sydney Culture Network.

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