

## Sydney Craft Week 2023

### Festival Program is live!

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We are is excited to announce the launch  
of our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Sydney Craft Week  
Festival program

This year's Sydney Craft Week Festival program includes **320+** participating artists, as well as **57** participating groups, across **37** suburbs of Sydney, presented across **152** events, exhibitions, workshops, markets, open studios and more.

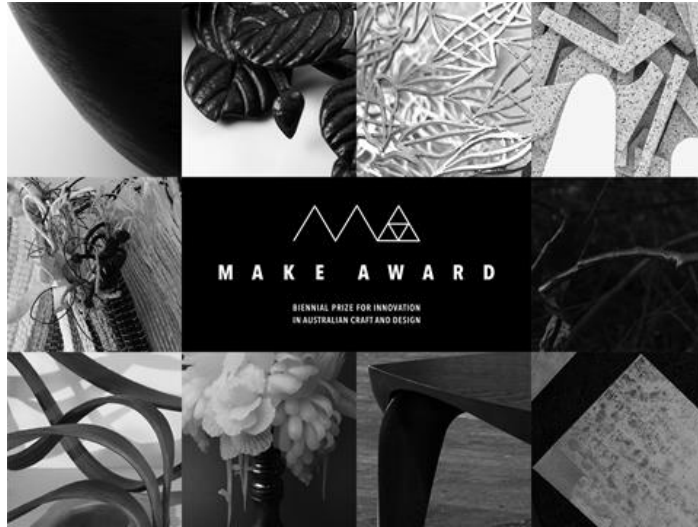
Sydney Craft Week is a city-wide Festival dedicated to presenting the latest in contemporary craft — encouraging the appreciation of making by hand, to learn new skills in workshops and support Sydney's community of artists and makers.

This year's **Festival theme is 'Time'**, with participants reflecting on their work in terms of focus and/or materiality; the time it takes makers to make, to learn a skill, to understand materials and to build a practice, as well as the timeless quality of handmade work.

**EXPLORE THE PROGRAM**

An initiative of Australian Design Centre, Sydney Craft Week is supported by Government Partners Create NSW and The City of Sydney with a festivals and events sponsorship grant.

## Festival Highlights



### MAKE Award

Kicking off Sydney Craft Week is [\*MAKE Award: Biennial Prize for Innovation in Australian Craft and Design\*](#), a new national award for Australian designer makers with a cash prize of \$45,000. Australian Design Centre is exhibiting the work of 30 finalists, acknowledging the richness and diversity of creative talent in craft and design practice in Australia.

28 September – 22 November  
Australian Design Centre  
101–115 William Street, Darlinghurst NSW, Gadigal  
Land  
Free Entry

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## Sydney Ceramics Market 2023

Australian Design Centre and Sydney Craft Week are proud to be sponsoring this year's [\*Sydney Ceramics Market 2023\*](#) as a major event in the Festival program.

Discover and shop handmade ceramics from more than 90 local artists & makers — featuring unique tableware to dynamic sculptural works, wheel-throwing demonstrations and talks, this major annual event is one for all the ceramic lovers!

Saturday 7 October, 10am–5pm

Carriageworks, Bay 25

245 Wilson St Eveleigh NSW

Gadigal Land

\$5 entry, tickets on the door

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## Craft Up Late

Australian Design Centre is opening Sydney Craft Week with four new exhibitions on Thursday 5 October 6–8pm, followed by a range of events:

[MAKE Award](#)

[Remade-Reloved](#)

[Deep Material Energy II](#)

[Studio 63 with Ebony Russell and Alexandra Standen](#)

Visit exhibition [Renee So: Provenance](#) at UNSW Galleries on Tuesday 10 October 5–8pm to view over a decade of the artist's works in ceramics and textiles; attend [Transform: shirts reimagined](#) to see how a group of artists have repurposed, transformed & recreated an average shirt; and head to the open studio of artist and weaver [Liz Williamson](#) for a studio sale on Thursday 12 October 5–8pm.

### CRAFT UP LATE



## Exhibitions

This year's program features more than **35 exhibitions** and installations.

Visit the newly opened jewellery, fashion and textiles store Studio Melt X High Tea with Mrs Woo for [THE](#)



[LONG AND SHORT OF IT](#) in Paddington; [Kwangho Lee: Cutting Lines](#) (pictured) at Korean Cultural Centre Australia to see Lee's remarkable exploration in 3D printed works.

Major exhibition [NganampaTjukurpa Nganampa Ara: Our Story Our Way](#) at Sabbia Gallery celebrates the 20th anniversary of Pukatja Ceramics at Ernabella in the APY Lands; [Thread Through](#) at Art Bau in Brookvale features the work Maggie Hensel-Brown and dives into the meditative process of needle lace making with live demonstrations.

**EXPLORE EXHIBITIONS**



## Workshops

Choose from over **35 workshops** during Sydney Craft Week covering a range of different disciplines and creative ideas.

[Stitch-TIME](#) at BurraBurd Studio in Rushcutters Bay invites you to take part in a communal Textile Artwork of slow stitching words of gratefulness; join [Maker's Mark](#) at The Bench Jewellery School in Zetland (pictured); [The Art of Leather Workshops with Kattasche](#) at Wade Street Studios in Campsie; and [Three Ring Circus Workshop with STEAMpop](#) to get hands-on creating whimsical paper sculptures in Marrickville.

**ATTEND A WORKSHOP**



## Talks

Hear from designer makers at more than **21 talks** held across the week, including 5 relaxed meetups at [Mona Vale Creative Space](#) to chat about Fibre arts practices; [Taking Time: Creating Crafting Communities and Crafting with Community](#) panel discussion at Ros Crichton Pavillion in North Sydney; and artist talk on the 'Art of Ceramics' as part of [Reshaped](#) at Incinerator Art Space in Willoughby.

**FIND A TALK**



## Markets

Check out one or all of the makers markets on Saturday 7 October: [Sydney Ceramics Market](#) at Carriageworks in Eveleigh (pictured); [Makers Frontyard Trail](#) in various Inner West front yards of Ashfield; [Among the Trees Makers Market](#) in Marrickville; and on Sunday 8 October be sure to visit the [Made by Hand Market](#) at Hazelhurst Arts Centre in Gymea, or head to Lyttleton Crafted for [Find Your Craft - Destash Market and Fair](#) in Lawson, Blue Mountains.

**MAKERS MARKETS**



## Family-friendly

A selection of family friendly events are part of this year's program including [Let's Fly a Kite](#) at Primrose Park Art and Craft Centre in Cremorne; teens & tweens can [Make a Ring in a Day](#) with Melanie Ihnen at Squarepeg Studios in Marrickville; visit Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative in Leichhardt for [Craft Week at Boomalli](#) (pictured) to explore their gallery, studio and shop; and take part in hands-on workshops and immersive experiences celebrating Japan's timeless craftsmanship at [Simply Native Japan](#) in Surry Hills.

**EXPLORE MORE**



## Free Workshops & Events

Located around Brett Whitely Place, North Sydney, is the [Greening Our City](#) yarn-storm installation project by Debra Phillips and the Stanton Library Knitting Group; or head to Primrose Park Art and Craft Centre in Cremorne for [Mindful Making with Textiles Sydney](#) as part of Craft Up Late and Mental Health Month.

**FIND MORE**



## **Beyond Sydney**

Wanting to experience craft week outside Sydney?

Experience [Florescence](#) exhibition (pictured) at Sturt Gallery & Studios in Mittagong and join them for a special ceramic decorating workshop on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 October. Join [Lyttleton Crafted](#) in Lawson, Blue Mountains, for a packed program of events including an exhibition, workshops and skill sharing, and a market and fair. At the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery in Windsor is the exhibition [Liam Benson: Virtue Without Stain](#), with *Bad embroidery workshop* and an in conversation with the artist and curator.

**SEE ALL**

For more information on all events visit the  
Sydney Craft Week website:

**[sydnecraftweek.com](https://sydnecraftweek.com)**

Follow ADC on social media 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.

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