

Invisible Cities is an intuitive exploration through Dandenong's streets and spaces. Discover powerful artworks by 16 refugee, asylum seeker, First Nations and migrant artists, revealing layered stories of home, memory and place.

Use this guide to FIND YOUR WAY HOME.

## Artists of Home 25: Invisible Cities

# Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

#### Rushdi Anwar

A Kurdish-Australian (Thailand-based) artist exploring displacement and political tensions in the West Asian region. Through sculpture, installation, and painting, he evokes empathy and highlights conflict, trauma, and the pursuit of social equity.

Joseph (Yugi) Williams Jungurayi (Tennant Creek Brio) Warumungu artist and cultural leader. His works, including two new commissions, reclaim colonial maps to share ancestral stories. Themes of resistance, renewal, and cultural continuity are central.

Kent Morris (WSG exterior and Harmony Square Screens)
A Barkindji artist living on Yaluk-ut Weelam Country in
Melbourne who reimagines urban spaces through a First
Nations lens, revealing enduring Aboriginal presence,
resilience, and cultural continuity in contemporary Australia.

\* This work also screens hourly in Harmony Square 11-4, then 6-8pm

## Heritage Hill Museum and Historic Gardens

### Ali Dad Afzali

Hazara Afghan painter whose work reflects on the tension between trauma and resilience. His three paintings blend memory, history, and personal transformation across shifting geographies.

## **Emily Jacir**

The practice of Palestinian artist Emily Jacir spans film, sculpture, and installation. Her work foregrounds silenced histories, resistance, and translation across cultural and political boundaries.

#### Vernon Ah Kee

Through text, drawing, video, and photography, Ah Kee critiques colonial narratives and the portrayal of First Nations people—asserting Indigenous Australian presence and sovereignty.

### Hayden Ryan (Powered by Liquid Architecture)

A Yuin First Nations sound artist and scholar exploring Indigenous sonic and spatial practices. His work recentres these forms—disrupted by colonialism—using contemporary sound technologies.

## Drum Theatre Foyer

## Carla Gottgens

Her sculptural practice draws on Dutch heritage and a Queensland upbringing. Themes of belonging, ritual, and cultural tension shape her deeply personal works.

#### Ka Yan So

Naarm-based artist originally from Hong Kong. Her installations and drawings explore identity and migration through materiality, multilingual storytelling, and community collaboration.

## Soyoun Kim

Korean-Australian artist using self-portraiture, humour, and sensory elements. Her new work blends tongue imagery and kimchi scent to explore cultural memory and emotion.

## Public Sites and Installations

Atong Atem (Harmony Square and Walker Street Billboard)
South Sudanese, Naarm based artist known for vivid, self-staged
portraits. Her work draws on African studio traditions to explore
beauty, diaspora, and self-representation.

### Dr Karo Moret-Miranda (Dandenong Library)

Afro-Cuban artist and historian. Her symbolic works explore displacement, gender, and race—illuminating diasporic connections across the Black Atlantic and Pacific worlds.

## Adrian Olguin (Garnar Lane Lightboxes)

Argentinian-Australian artist, Olguin, revisits his experiences as a Enterprise Migrant Hostel resident, through seven lightbox works. His layered images reflect memory, migration, and collective identity.

## Belinda Farinaccia (Harmony Square Windows)

A textile installation artist creating meditative works from plant fibres and light. Her practice evokes nature, and the invisible forces connecting people and place.

#### Maroulla Radisavic (Drum Theatre Facade)

A Cypriot poet influenced by nature and Greek philosophy. Her commissioned poem recalls her childhood home; braiding love, grief, and belonging into a monologue on memory and migration.

#### Barat Ali Batoor (Palm Plaza)

Hazara photojournalist whose award-winning series Hazara Exodus documents forced migration. Through his own story, he captures resilience, fear, and the human cost of displacement.

Write about your experiences.
What did you enjoy? How did it make you feel?

See over for illustrated guide



## Solve the secrets of the Invisible Cities

Walker Street Gallery

X marks the spot! But which one? Seek out the orange and blue cross hidden at the Gallery.

Harmony Square

Wander through the heart of the city... can you find the figure with the fan? Look closely, what colour is their head scarf?

\mu Garnar Lane

Down the lane you go... can you spot the carousel? It's not for riding, but it might just spin your imagination.

Library

Not in a book, and not on a screen... find the painted bird in a window.

Drum Theatre

Shapes shift in the everyday. Hidden in plain sight is the shape of Australia. What direction did you look to see it? Up, down, or all around?

\max Palm Plaza

Beneath the trees, colour blooms. How many artworks nestle in the shade? Count carefully.

Heritage Hill

Stand between the Moreton Bay fig trees, close your eyes and listen.

Your Turn... Back at Walker Street Gallery
Find the mailbox and leave us a note about HOME.
A memory, a drawing, a feeling—what does it mean to you?

## **Public Program**

#### Market Memoirs

Dandenong Market, Saturdays, 28 June to 20 September, 10am to 2pm

#### Acoustic Afternoons

Drum Theatre Foyer, Saturdays 28 June and 12 July, 11.30am to 1.30pm Dandenong Library, Saturdays 19 and 26 July, 11.30am to 1.30pm

Libraries at Dusk: Palimpsests with Natasha Narin Dandenong Library, Thursday 3 Jul, 6.30pm to 8pm Springvale Library, Thursday 10 July, 6.30pm to 8pm

Hakaya of Home Drum Theatre, Saturday 5 July, all day event

The Punjabi Hip-Hop Cypher Walker Street Gallery, Saturday 19 July, 6pm to 9pm

Cultural Sketch
The Castle, Thursday 21 August, 6pm to 8pm

Re-worlding with RMIT Play Lab Starts at Walker Street Gallery, Saturdays in August, 10am to 1pm

Question Card Workshop with Ka Yan So Drum Theatre Foyer, Saturday 6 September, 2pm

ART, MEMORY and DESIRE: HOME 25 Forum Walker Street Gallery, Saturday 20 September, 2pm to 5pm

## Our Beat

Walker Street Gallery, Thursday 25 September, 6pm to 9pm

## Discover art worth exploring

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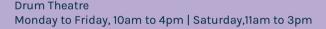
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### Venue Hours

Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre Wednesday to Saturday, 11am to 3pm



Heritage Hill Museum and Historic Garden Wednesday to Thursday, 10am to 2pm Saturday,11am to 3pm

Home 25: Invisible Cities curated by Dr Miriam La Rosa





























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