



**EXHIBITION PROGRAM**  
FEBRUARY – JUNE 2021

**ARTS** | Arts  
in Greater  
Dandenong

# WELCOME

We are thrilled to share this exciting exhibition program with you.

This diverse range of exhibitions explores themes including displacement and conflict, the importance of flora, and identity; themes that are particularly relevant in the coming months as we rediscover our surrounds and ourselves.

As always, we look forward to welcoming you and meeting with you at the gallery, in our public spaces and at our events.

Please visit the website for more information about upcoming exhibitions and public programs.

*The City of Greater Dandenong respectfully acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land. We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, culture and Country.*

Front cover image: Ali Choudhry, *Waiting* series, 2020.

## EXHIBITIONS AT WALKER STREET GALLERY AND ARTS CENTRE

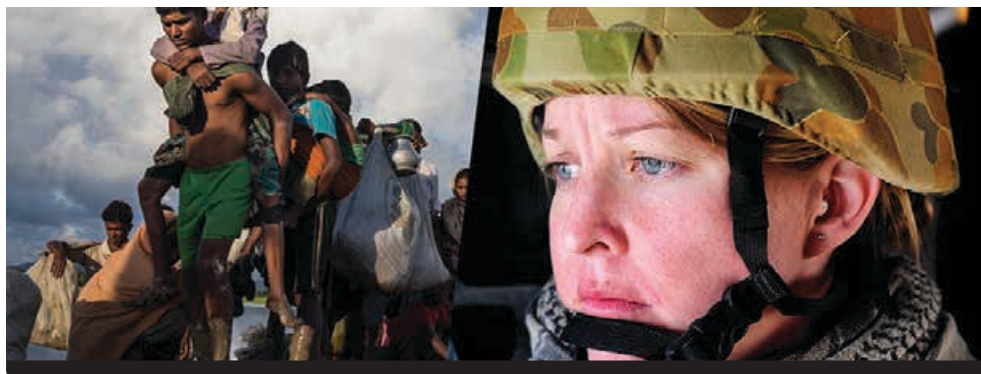


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### **Changed Forever: Legacies of Conflict**

Thursday 4 February – Friday 12 March

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A touring exhibition from the Shrine of Remembrance, *Changed Forever: Legacies of Conflict* interweaves stories of migrants from war-torn countries and recent veterans of overseas service, exploring the impacts of global and civil conflict in changing lives and shaping contemporary Australia.

The stories are enhanced with art, objects, photographs, audio-visuals and interactives.



Georgia Szmerling, *National Park Wildflower Manitoba Canada Bay Coast*, 2017, acrylic on paper, 50 x 70 cm, GS17-0006, represented by Arts Project Australia, Melbourne



Arrangement by Connie Harris on display in Garnar Lane, Dandenong.

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## Flora

Thursday 25 March – Saturday 1 May

Location: Various venues across the City of Greater Dandenong

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*Flora* is a series of exhibitions, programs and events across the City of Greater Dandenong, offering new perspectives and renewing our wonder for the plant world.

We invite you to immerse yourself in this program and explore the importance, beauty and fragility of nature.

Flora will include exhibitions and programs across the City of Greater Dandenong including at Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre, Heritage Hill Museum and Historic Gardens, Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve, Connection Art Space and the Garnar Lane Display Boxes.

Find out more at [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/exhibitions/flora](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/exhibitions/flora)



Correne Iudica, *The Wedding Song*, 2019, video still.



Rose by Patrick Rose

## GALLERY ONE

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### **Fantastic, Yes**

Exhibition by the Get Out! studio artists  
Supported by Arts Access Victoria.  
Thursday 6 May – Friday 28 May 2021

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18 artists from the Get Out! studio exhibit their chosen highlights from the past 2 years of studio practice. Experience exciting offerings from a broad range of art forms, including sculpture, painting, performance, sound, and, of course, a little Elvis Presley.

## GALLERY TWO

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### **Jîyan bé te nina**

Leila Lois and Patrick Rose  
Thursday 6 May – Friday 28 May 2021

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*Jîyan bê te nina* is an interdisciplinary and immersive installation expressed through poetry, movement, sound and image. The exhibition invites audiences to fill in gaps of the stories with their own experience.

This multi-sensory exhibition brings attention to current global crises such as war trauma, environmental violence and disconnection to nature. Experience the story, music, dance and lore which remind us of our true origins and callings.



Zakiria Tahirian, *Untitled*, ink on paper

## GALLERY ONE

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### **Invisibility**

Zakiria Tahirian

Thursday 3 June – Friday 26 June 2021

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Every community has invisible problems. This series of work is about refugees who have left everything behind and come to Australia, seeking a safe and peaceful place.

All they want is safety, but there are many hidden feelings that aren't being shared more widely with society. Many are struggling with memories and finding the right place to share their stories.

This exhibition will use both coloured and invisible ink to uncover the feelings that many refugees grapple with, but are unable to find a place to express.



Callum Jackson, *Untitled (Journal Entry)*, Watercolour Paint and Biro on Paper 2020

## GALLERY TWO

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### **Gone to Carolina in my mind**

Callum Jackson

Thursday 3 June – Friday 26 June 2021

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Callum Jackson's exhibition, *Gone to Carolina in my mind*, is a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This exhibition conveys optimism and hope during such an uncertain time through printmaking, drawing, painting and photography. The exhibition focuses on an individual's productive and constructive use of time, even when faced with a pandemic.



# PUBLIC ART IN THE CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG



*The Home of Earthly Delights* by David Lee Pereira and Goodie

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## ***The Home of Earthly Delights* by David Lee Pereira and Goodie**

The rear of Walker Street Gallery has been transformed with a mural celebrating queer arts and culture in Greater Dandenong. Artists David Lee Pereira and Goodie have combined their individual interests in interior spaces and invasive species to create a visual dialogue on being queer in suburban Australia. The work is accompanied by a short documentary aimed at promoting queer voices in the arts.



*Wominjeka* by Ian Harrison

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## ***Wominjeka* by Ian Harrison**

Wurundjeri artist Ian Harrison was commissioned to create a symbolic artwork reflecting local custodianship of the land. Harrison's original painting has been scaled to fit the two-storey high windows facing Harmony Square. It is titled *Wominjeka*, meaning 'welcome' in the Woi-wurrung language and it sits proudly welcoming visitors to the area.

# ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

Arts in Greater Dandenong offer a range of opportunities for artists working across a variety of mediums, and at varying stages of their practice.

From running programs to being a part of an exhibition, there are many ways for artists, art lovers, and community arts organisations to get involved.

Find out more about arts opportunities at [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/arts](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/arts)

## ART SERIES



If you want to go deeper with these exhibitions, join us at the free Art Series workshops. These monthly workshops complement the exhibitions and offer a unique opportunity to explore art and learn new skills. Held at Dandenong Library and Springvale Library, you can explore art making in a relaxed environment with like-minded people.

## STAY IN TOUCH



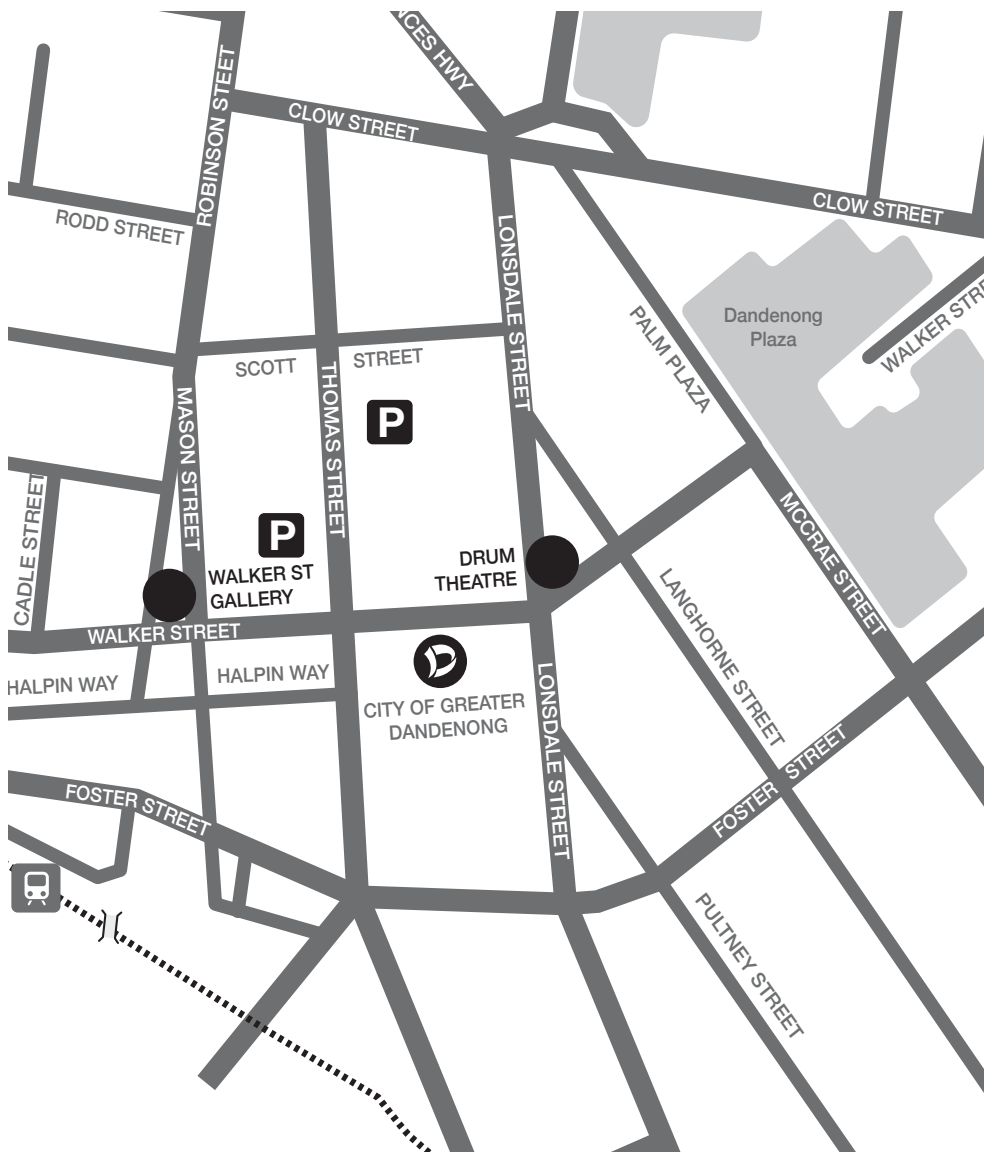
Make sure you don't miss out on any of the inspiring arts and cultural activities and opportunities taking place in the City of Greater Dandenong. Stay in touch with us via website, social media, email or simply a phone call.

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**Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre**

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### Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

Corner Walker and Robinson streets, Dandenong