

FAIRFIELD CITY MUSEUM & GALLERY

What's On @ FCMG



JULY – DECEMBER 2020



WELCOME

Cultural identity is a theme that runs through this season's exhibition program. Whether it is of an individual or that of a group, identity is closely aligned with social, ethnic and language structures within society. This program embraces individual and collective identities reflected in art, language, music and storytelling. Their importance is that they create meaning to our existence, their power to unite people and communities that share the same collective identity.

This year FCMG engages with artists, musicians, and communities who explore the power of language in all its forms to express personal and cultural identity. Shireen Taweel's **Switching Codes** negotiates the artist's complex heritage and identity through language,

form and space. Complementing Shireen's exhibition is **Miras: Celebrating Uyghur Culture**, a project that I am personally proud of. It has been over a year of working in partnership with the community to present through art, music, dance, and language, a representation of the culture of Uyghur people living in South West Sydney. The exhibition will give voice to local Uyghur people who share their personal stories. Thirdly, our new social history exhibition **Travelling Sounds**, exposes the synergy between music and migration that has developed as a result of Fairfield City's unique migrant settler history.

Carmel Aiello
Coordinator

Image courtesy of Amber Jamal

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EXHIBITIONS

SOLASTALGIA: Mawa Ngurra

**14 March – 24 October 2020
(extended)**

SOLASTALGIA: Mawa Ngurra is a response by Aboriginal artists to the reality of climate change and its impact on the Australian landscape, community and our connection to country. Artists Blak Douglas, Gordon Hookey, Leanne Tobin, Victoria Woods, Jason Douglas, Trevor Eastwood, Leanne Watson and Rhiannon Wright present new work exploring their cultural and personal perspective on this globally relevant issue.

Virtual Tour

Image by On Jackson Street Photography



Fairfield's Finest Drop – A history of vineyards and winemakers

**29 February – 7 November 2020
(extended)**

Fairfield's Finest Drop explores a unique period in Fairfield's past when European migrants established vineyards in the area, producing some of Sydney's first and finest wines. From the large, commercial vineyards of the late 19th century to families pressing grapes in their backyards today, this exhibition celebrates local winemakers past and present.

Virtual Tour

Image by Silversalt
Photography

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exhibitions
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Miras – Celebrating Uyghur Culture

17 October 2020 –
27 February 2021

Through art, music, dance, food, design and language, this community engagement project celebrates the culture of Uyghur people living in South West Sydney. The exhibition will give voice to the local Uyghur people, sharing their personal stories of displacement, loss, activism and hope.

Image courtesy of Amber Jamal



Travelling Sounds

21 November 2020 – 15 May 2021

Travelling Sounds is a social history exhibition exploring the connections between music and migration in western Sydney. From legendary rock band The Easybeats, formed at Villawood Migrant Hostel in the early 1960s, through to contemporary artist A.Girl who sings about growing up in '2142', Fairfield is a place where cultures meet and sounds travel.

Image by Silversalt Photography

Shireen Taweel: Switching Codes

7 November 2020 – 13 February 2021

Through a new body of work, Sydney-based artist Shireen Taweel questions the evolution of code-switching in a multilingual society. Taweel's solo exhibition, *Switching Codes*, focuses on language, unpacking the ongoing Arab, French and English cultural practices in Lebanon and its effects on the shared Lebanese cultural identity in Australia and Lebanon.

Image by Document Photography





Fairfield City Heritage Collection

Online now

Take a stroll through Fairfield City's past with the new online Heritage Collection. Designed for local history enthusiasts and professional researchers alike, this new website allows you to browse objects from FCMG's collection, historical photographs, oral history recordings and local history resources such as Council Minutes, maps and publications.

Visitors are also able to contribute by sharing information, images or suggestions, simply register to login and add to Fairfield's City's Heritage Collection.

View the collection

Got something to share? Register and login online to contribute

MORE INFO

Volunteering

Our dedicated volunteers are very important to us. They enrich our organisation and support our programs by assisting in a variety of roles; including the delivery of Living the Past, a primary school-aged immersive education program.

Contact us if you would like to know more about joining our wonderful team of volunteers.

Thanks to our volunteers

Michael Brock, Peter Curry, Estevan Oliveira, Lionel Fraser, Rougina Haifa, Debra Hudson, Jessica Lay, Michelle Lo, Stephen Martin, Van Phuoc Nguyen, Lan Nguyen, Jackie Powrie, Greg Rogojkin and Bob Ward.

Site Hire

Fairfield City Museum & Gallery is the perfect setting for weddings, bridal photographs or corporate functions. Contact us for fees and conditions of hire.

TOURS

Self-Guided Tour

Tour FCMG with a **free brochure guide** from our reception area or download the free **izi.TRAVEL** app to your smart device for an in depth look at the site.

You can explore at your own pace whilst discovering the highlights and hidden gems of our unique property. To download the app, go to: <https://izi.travel/en/app>

Vintage Adventurers

The **Vintage Adventurers** booklet, takes our youngest visitors through the Museum, Gallery and Vintage Village on a search for stories and objects from our past. Roam around the unique historic buildings and marvel at exhibitions of inspiring artworks.

This is a **free interactive tour** for children aged up to 12 and is available from our reception area located in the Stein Gallery.



Our location

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Opening hours

10.00am – 4.00pm Tuesday to Saturday
Closed Sunday, Monday & Public Holidays

FREE ADMISSION

Disabled access

 Wheelchair access to most buildings
and accessible parking available

Public transport

Buses 812, 813 and 814 from Fairfield
Railway Station

Fairfield City Museum & Gallery acknowledges and pays respect to the Cabrogal of the Darug Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which FCMG is built and operates. We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Fairfield City Museum and Gallery is known for its strong commitment to community engagement and is the largest exhibition space in Fairfield City. We are one of the City's greatest resources, at the forefront of creating and presenting events and exhibitions about our past, heritage, visual arts and of our culturally diverse communities.

Fairfield City Museum & Gallery is an initiative of Fairfield City Council.

Program is correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change.

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