

FAIRFIELD CITY MUSEUM & GALLERY

FCMG What's On



JULY – DECEMBER 2021

WELCOME

Schleiermacher, an early 19th century German theologian and philosopher wrote, "Everyone carries a tiny bit of everyone else within himself."

Indeed, our emotional connections and encounters with other people and places form our self-identity and our view of the world. FCMG's new program focuses on this relationship between shared experience, memory and imagination, as well as our relationship with objects and collections. The power of the object is amazing; it can reimagine itself in any context whether it existed centuries ago or today. This is possible because as artists, curators, collectors or viewers (choose which applies to you) our experiences and interpretations bring it to life.

This is what creativity is about. No more illustrated through the newly commissioned art works in our current exhibitions, *In the Fibre of Her Being*, *Extra/Ordinary* and *Fairiety Show*. The textile works in *In The Fibre of Her Being* are all interconnected, stringing together the artists' lived experiences and stories of womanhood and community. The exceptional works inspired by FCMG's eclectic collection by artists and collectives in *Extra/Ordinary* reimagine and bring new life, stories and interpretations to objects that seemed forever lost without their original owner. Artist in resident, Niramsin Yakou's *Fairiety Show* attempts to capture a common history and shared experiences in the communities that make up Fairfield City. The exhibitions all speak to the need to connect to others through imagination and memory. I thank all involved for their invaluable contribution to the work we do here.

In addition to all this, I encourage you to attend the talks, events and creative experiences to participate in, enjoy, and be part of our community.

Carmel Aiello
Coordinator

Niramsin Yakou, *Fairiety Show*. Image courtesy of the artist.



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Fairfield City Heritage Collection

Online

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

View the collection

Magnifax Enlarger, Fairfield City Heritage Collection. Image by Silversalt Photography.

Register and login online to contribute to the Fairfield City Heritage Collection

Vintage Village + Tours

Explore the nostalgic Vintage Village and exhibition spaces at your own pace using one of our self-guided tours. Pick up a brochure from the reception area, download the free audio tour or take your children on an adventure using the interactive booklet for ages 12 and up.

Contact us to book in group visits, guided tours and morning tea.

Caversham Cottage, Vintage Village.



Extra/Ordinary

Until 22 January 2022

Exhibition Launch
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Extra/Ordinary is the start of a conversation, asking questions rather than providing answers. Through art installations and prose, the exhibition presents a creative response to Fairfield's museum collection. Artists and writers reflect on the stories told and left untold by our objects, photographs and records.

Artists Liam Benson, Make or Break, Dacchi Dang, Jennifer Leahy, Re-Right Collective

Writers Finishing School Collective + Friends

Dacchi Dang, *Me & My Shadow*, 2021.
Image courtesy of the artist.



Niramsin Yakou: Fairiety Show

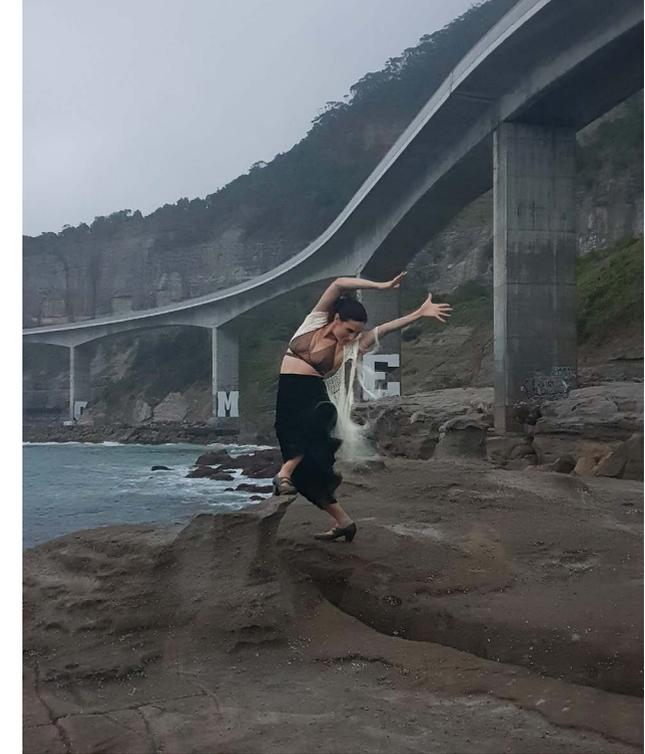
From 4 December 2021

Exhibition Launch
4 December

FCMG's artist in residence, Niramsin Yakou, welcomes you into his world of music and dance. *Fairiety Show* brings together his work as a performer, choreographer and community worker, capturing the true spirit of Fairfield.

Expect a multisensory experience for all ages from this talented and engaging local artist.

Image courtesy of the artist.



In The Fibre of Her Being

Until 20 November 2021

Exhibition Launch
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In the fibre of her being contemplates the role of women as anonymous carriers and preservers of heritage. With fibre as their artform, these artists speak to their personal and collective histories, exploring legacies of womanhood, female subjectivity, diaspora, resilience and community.

Artists Atong Atem, Crossing Threads, Monika Cvitanovic Zaper, Paula do Prado, Julia Gutman, Nadia Hernández, Kate Just, Linda Sok, and the Tjanpi Desert Weavers

Paula do Prado, detail, *Habla con la luna/Talks with the moon*, 2021. Image by Document Photography.



Vintage Village Ghost Hunt

30 July 2021

With a long history of misery and tragedy, the Vintage Village is incredibly active after dark. APPI Ghost Hunts & Tours will lead you through the old houses and businesses and fill you in on the local myths and legends.

This 1.5 hour event will give you a taste of a paranormal investigation, using scientific equipment and your own psychic intuition.

Image by Michelle Chanique.

108 Acts of Care (for Manju)

4, 14, 18 & 28 August 2021

108 Acts of Care (for Manju) is a participatory artwork facilitated by artist Leah Smith. Responding to the current moment, the artwork invites audiences to visualise an act of care they have enacted during COVID-19 through the creation of a small commemorative flag.

Image by Saurav Khurana.

Workshops
happening at FCMG
and other locations
in Fairfield



Spinoff: A safe space for dangerous ideas

5 November 2021

As part of the *Extra/Ordinary* program, *Spinoff: A safe space for dangerous ideas* invites young people from Fairfield and western Sydney for a pop up art event at FCMG. The night will feature artist talks with exhibiting artists, drop in workshops, and art, music and drama performances from emerging local talent.

All ages welcome, high school students and young adults encouraged.

Image by Joanna Gallo.



History Week – From the Ground Up

6 September 2021

Join FCMG for a Vintage Village Open Day during History Week. We will focus on the important role food has played in connecting to our past and present.

Expect culinary delights, talks and walks.

Image by Maylei Hunt.



In search of a western Sydney sound

19 November 2021

Cultural Arts Collective presents their documentary *In search of a western Sydney sound* – capturing 10 years of original cross-cultural music projects. This event invites audiences to move their bodies and open their minds to the new sounds of western Sydney.

Worlds Collide. Image by Stephen Mifsud.

Featuring a live
performance of
Worlds Collide

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.

Our location

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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 & Gallery is known for its strong commitment to community engagement and is the largest exhibition space in Fairfield City.

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.

Cover image: Atong Atem, *Adut*, 2015. Image courtesy of the artist and MARS Gallery.

All bookings through Eventbrite at [FCMG.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



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FairfieldCity
Celebrating diversity

Thanks to our volunteers

Michael Brock, Lionel Fraser, Rougina Haifa, Jessica Lay, Stephen Martin, Van Phuoc Nguyen, Lan Nguyen, Jackie Powrie, Greg Rogojkin and Estevan Oliveri

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.

Opening hours

Tue – Fri 10am – 4pm, Sat 10am – 2pm
FREE ADMISSION

Accessibility

 Wheelchair access to most buildings and accessible parking available

Public transport

Buses 812, 813 and 814 from Fairfield Railway Station

Our program partners

