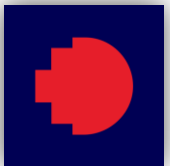


Welcome to your  
School of Art  
Orientation.

To register your  
attendance,  
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enter your  
Student Number.



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# School of Art

Your hosts today are:

- Associate Professor Kristen Sharp, Associate Dean, Art
- Dr Alison Bennett, Associate Dean, Photography

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## Acknowledgement of Country

RMIT University acknowledges the people of the Woi wurrung and Boon wurrung language groups of the eastern Kulin Nation on whose unceded lands we conduct the business of the University.

RMIT University respectfully acknowledges their Ancestors and Elders, past and present.

RMIT also acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Ancestors of the lands and waters across Australia where we conduct our business.



**Welcome from  
Professor Kit Wise, Dean**



# School of Art Technical Services

Sam Mertens, Senior Technical Services Officer

## Digital Technologies:

Gabe Nilsen, Senior Technician

Tim Catlin; Michael Quinlan; Robert Harding; Jessica Curry

## Workshop Technologies:

Print: Rob Dott; Kyoko Imazu

Gold & Silversmithing: Sam Mertens

Ceramics: Ingrid Maklary

Sculpture: Duncan

Freedman

## Studio Technologies:

Andre Liew, Senior Technician

Raphael Buttonsshaw; Dr Ceri Hann

**Canvas Shell:** [School of Art - Technical Services](#)

for student inductions, bookings and loans



Image: Ceramics Kiln Room, 2019





# ACADEMIC SERVICES

Nicole Polentas, Academic Services Officer

**Academic Services Team, School of Art Office**

Diana, Soko, Louise, Nicole and Revecka

**Location:** Building 24, Level 1, Room 3

**Campus Office Hours:**

Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00am - 4:30pm (closed 1:00 - 2:00pm)

**Online Hours:**

Monday – Thursday, 9:00am - 5:00pm & Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Contact Us**

Log an inquiry via the Student Connect Portal <https://www.rmit.edu.au/students/support-services/student-connect>

In Person: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00am - 4:30pm (closed 1:00 - 2:00pm)

**Phone :** +61 3 9925 5000 and select the option to 'Speak to your School' then 'College of Design and Social Context'.

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/about/schools-colleges/art/contact>



# ACADEMIC SERVICES – Useful links for Students

**RMIT Connect for Student Service and Support Portal:** <https://rmit.service-now.com/connect/>

**RMIT Student page:** <https://www.rmit.edu.au/students>

**School of Art Info Site:** <https://sites.rmit.edu.au/schoolofartinfo/>

**School of Art Student Guide:** <https://sites.rmit.edu.au/schoolofartinfo/program-plans/>

**RMIT Important Dates:** <https://www.rmit.edu.au/students/my-course/important-dates/2024/he>







Vivian Qiu, Studio work-in-progress, 2023,  
Photo: Damian Sullivan-Zabyne



Victoria Lynagh, process, 2023



Sam Meekin, 2023



Splice Boys shoot day 18 Aug BTS photo  
by Nguyen Le @nguyen

**What it is like to be a student in the School of Art**

**Acquiring practical and theoretical skills**

**Meeting and collaborating with industry professionals and practitioners**

**Access to equipment, facilities, working spaces and support from Technical Staff**

**The RMIT library is a hidden gem in the city of Melbourne**



# Consider being a SSCC Representative...



collaborate with RMIT staff



actively enhance your academic program



develop leadership, advocacy and conversational skills



problem-solve with peers in a professional environment.



Idgie Kagan, BA Fine Art, Painting



# International Engagement

Microsoft Teams

## SoA Orientation 2024 Sem 1

2024-02-07 05:48 UTC

Recorded by  
Tammy Hulbert

Organized by  
Tammy Hulbert



## Our commitment to Reconciliation

RMIT is committed to redefining its relationship in working with and supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **self-determination**.

The University's goal is to achieve lasting transformation by maturing its values, culture, policy and structures in a way that **embeds reconciliation** in everything we do.

In line with the principles of **Bundjil**, we are changing our ways of 'knowing, working and being' to support sustainable reconciliation and activate a relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff, students and community.



In 2018, the Wurrunggi Biik – Law of the Land public artwork was installed in the New Academic Street to signify a long-lasting spiritual connection to Country.

Artist: Vicki Couzens



# On Country



## Womin Djeka Indigenous Orientation

Begin your connection to Country by learning about Australia's First Nations peoples, culture, and traditions and learn how to recognise and respect their living history.



## Truth Telling: Racism and Reconciliation

Deepen your understanding of indigeneity in Australia and the importance of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as the traditional owners of this country.



## Indigenous RMIT courses

There are a range of ways you can incorporate Indigenous knowledge into your studies. Explore courses that include an On Country experience as part of your studies.



## RMIT On Country City Walking Tours

Join Wurundjeri Elders as they share their stories of local Aboriginal history and culture in a guided walk of the many significant Birrarung and Kulin Nation meeting places within the City of Melbourne and Yarra River.



## Indigenous Solidarity Art Project

This participatory project is about the value of respect and solidarity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.





[Student life](#) / [Student events and activities](#) / [2024](#) / [feb](#) / [RMIT Indigenous Culture Tours](#)

**Join proud Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students as they share stories of culturally significant places at the RMIT City campus.**

Share



**Our guides will share their cultural knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and places at RMIT and immerse you in the stories of our Indigenous public artworks.**

#### Tour dates and times:

- Tuesday 27 February, 11am - 12pm
- Tuesday 27 February, 12:30pm - 1:30pm
- Wednesday 28 February, 11am - 12:00pm
- Wednesday 28 February, 12:30pm - 1:00pm

*Tours are open to RMIT students only.*

#### Accessibility:

The tour is wheelchair accessible. There will not be Auslan interpretation, however the tour guide will be amplified.

[Register now](#)

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/students/student-life/events/2024/feb/indigenous-culture-tour>



# RMIT - Belonging

Five areas of focus for student belonging are at RMIT University:

- Learning Experiences
- Social Networks
- Physical and Digital Spaces
- Extra-curricular Activities
- Student Services

RMIT UNIVERSITY RMIT Australia Students Alumni Staff Library RMIT Online

New students My course Support & services Student life Careers & opportunities

## Student life

Student life

University is about more than just the classroom. Connect with other students and make the most of RMIT with clubs, events and opportunities for every interest.

**Clubs and societies**  
From cheerleading to chess, fashion to futsal – whatever you're into, RMIT has a club or society for you.

**Student events and activities**  
From career fairs to creative classes, find out what's on around campus and online.

**Sport and fitness**  
Get active with gyms and fitness facilities on campus, make friends through social sport or represent RMIT at a national level.

**Creative communities**  
Get creative with artsy activities, groups and on-campus spaces. Open to all, no matter what you study.

**Make friends at RMIT**  
Join a friendly community that helps you connect with other students, explore Melbourne and more.

**Multi-faith chaplaincy**  
RMIT Chaplaincy provides help and spiritual support for students and staff of all faiths, and also assists those with secular views.

**Accommodation**  
We can help you find accommodation that suits your needs.

**Student rights and responsibilities**  
Find out about what is expected of you as an RMIT student and what you can expect of the University.

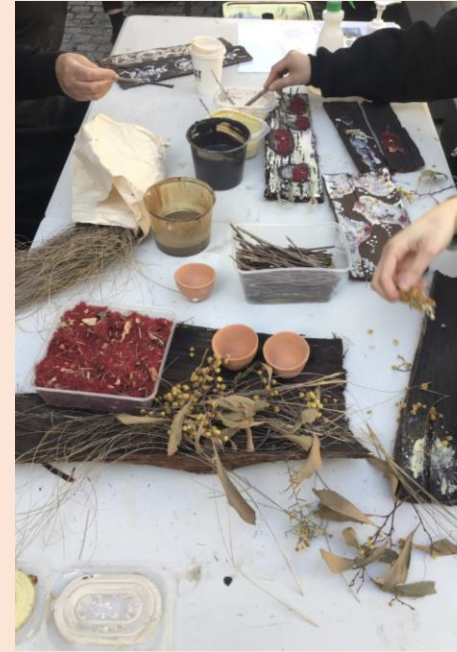
# School of Art - Belonging

## In the classroom

- Tours with classes
- Hands on project work
- Group work
- Opportunities to make connections
- Pop up exhibitions and critiques
- Reference to the specialised resources in the library including the the 700 series of Art and Design books

## In the school

- In Dialogue Lecture The School of Art Community Lecture Series
- Whats on this fortnight for students in your email
- Studio based clubs and societies
- Exhibition openings on campus
- International student meet ups
- Studios and communal space to meet
- Social media pages for specialised areas and studios
- Specialised Art clubs you can join and lead
- Student electives and study tours



## In dialogue -The School of Art Community Lecture Series

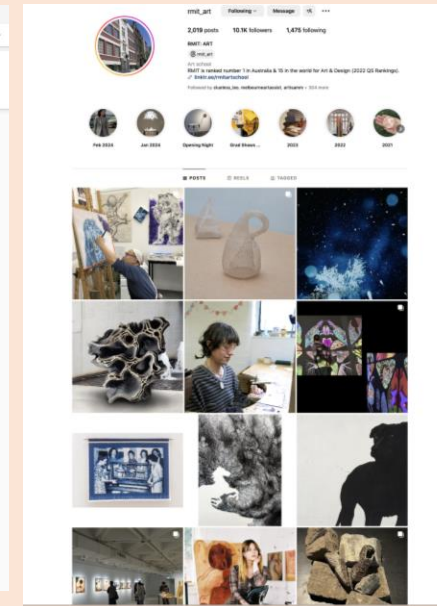
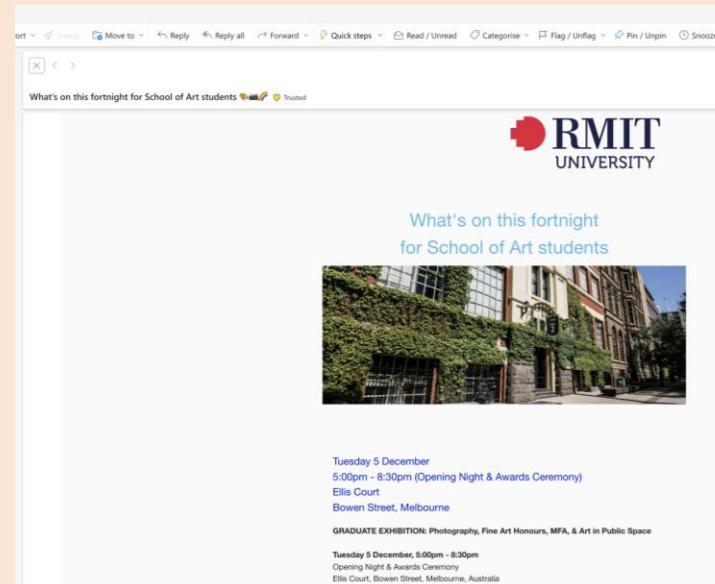
The School of Art: Belonging / Ngulu (Reconciliation/Ngulu to Responsible Practice) / IDEA Collective (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access)

The series commences during semester two 2023 and is open to all students. This lecture series encourages dialogue and sharing outside of the classrooms and the first session is with visiting artist Janet Fieldhouse. Janet is undertaking an Artist Residency in the Ceramics studios at RMIT University and mentoring in the Koorie Heritage Trust's [Blak Design](#) initiative to support our First Nations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, craftspeople and designers in Victoria.

Date: 4 August 2023  
Start Time: 12.35PM – 1.25PM  
Location: Building 80 Level 3 Room 22



Portrait: Janet Fieldhouse image from Vivien Anderson Gallery <https://vivienandersongallery.com/artists/janet>



Images: dockwise  
Varuni Sucheta Kanagasundaram,  
Ritual Drawing\_ Messages that Link;  
Janet Fieldhouse lecture;  
Whats on, the fortnight newsletter;  
rmit\_art instagram pages



# Health, safety and wellbeing

Current students / Support & services / Health, safety and wellbeing

Health and wellbeing services and resources, including on-campus doctors and counsellors.



## Medical Hub @ RMIT (City campus)

High-quality medical care and mixed/bulk-billing at RMIT City campus.



## RMIT Counselling and Psychological Services

Free, confidential and professional short-term counselling for students experiencing mental health issues.



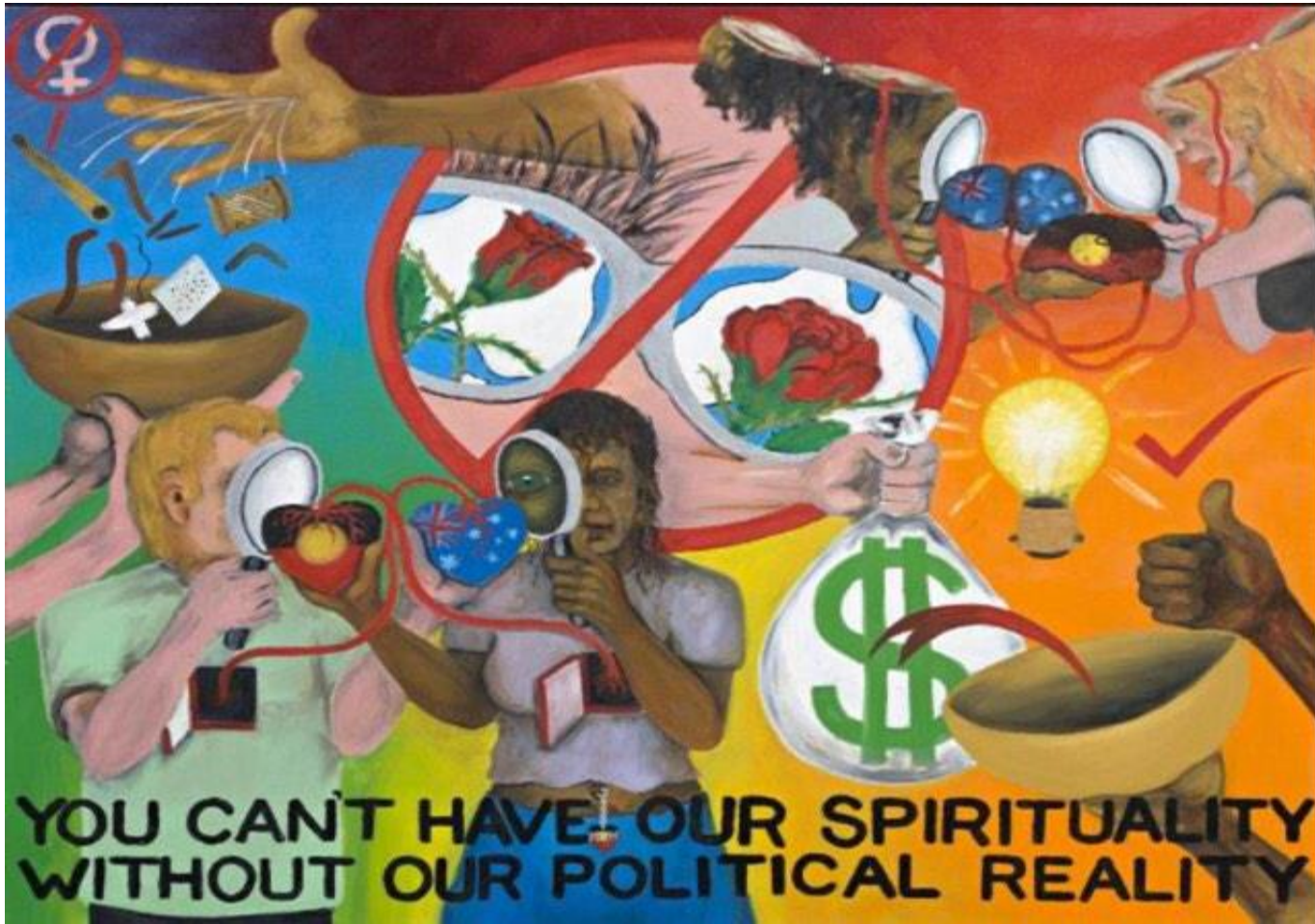
## Safer Community

Help for anyone who has experienced unwanted or threatening behaviour, including sexual harm and family violence.



## Equitable learning and disability

Support for students with a disability, long-term illness or mental health condition, and primary carers.



Gordon Hookey  
*You can't have our spirituality without our political reality, 2003*

INCLUSION



DIVERSITY



EQUITY



ACCESS



COLLECTIVE



RMIT Creative x Slow Art  
Collective 2020, Photo:  
Tope Adesina



**RMIT**  
**Creative**  
Student Life



**EXPLORE YOUR PRIDE**

**RMIT Public Art Trail**  
**Creative workshops**  
**Join the RMIT Creatives**

*Hello  
Campus!*

**The  
Long  
Table  
Sessions**



Jess Dybing 'Clay Play,  
Diorama Workshop' 2022,  
Photo: Ashish Narwade

**Stay curious!**

**Connect through  
creativity!**

**Inspire your mind!**



**@armitcreative**



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**Student Life**



**THANKS  
SSAF**

# culture



**RMIT Culture** unites the university's public cultural spaces, creative programs and art, film and design collections, providing opportunities to engage creatively, as well as supporting RMIT's learning and teaching activities, and disseminating its research.

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# RMIT GALLERY



**RMIT Building 16**  
**Swanston Street**



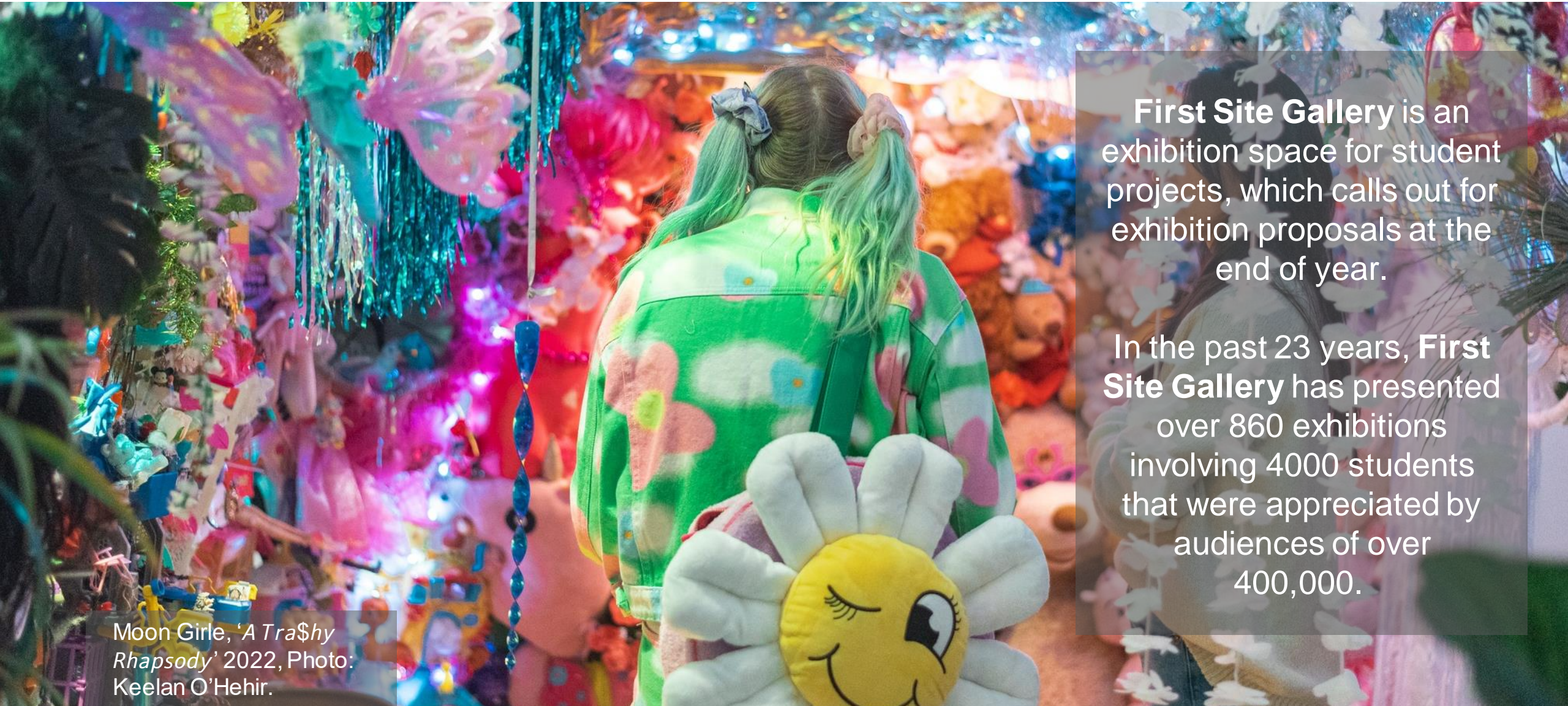
**RMIT Gallery** is a public art gallery presenting an engaging and thought-provoking program of contemporary exhibitions. It is committed to showcasing RMIT research outcomes and cultural stories, exhibitions and events that are relevant to the student population and experience.

**RMIT Gallery** is located in Storey Hall, one of the University's most iconic buildings, with a reputation as a major architectural site of the city.

# FIRST SITE GALLERY



RMIT Building 16  
Swanston Street



**First Site Gallery** is an exhibition space for student projects, which calls out for exhibition proposals at the end of year.

In the past 23 years, **First Site Gallery** has presented over 860 exhibitions involving 4000 students that were appreciated by audiences of over 400,000.

Moon Girl, 'A Tra\$hy Rhapsody' 2022, Photo: Keelan O'Hehir.

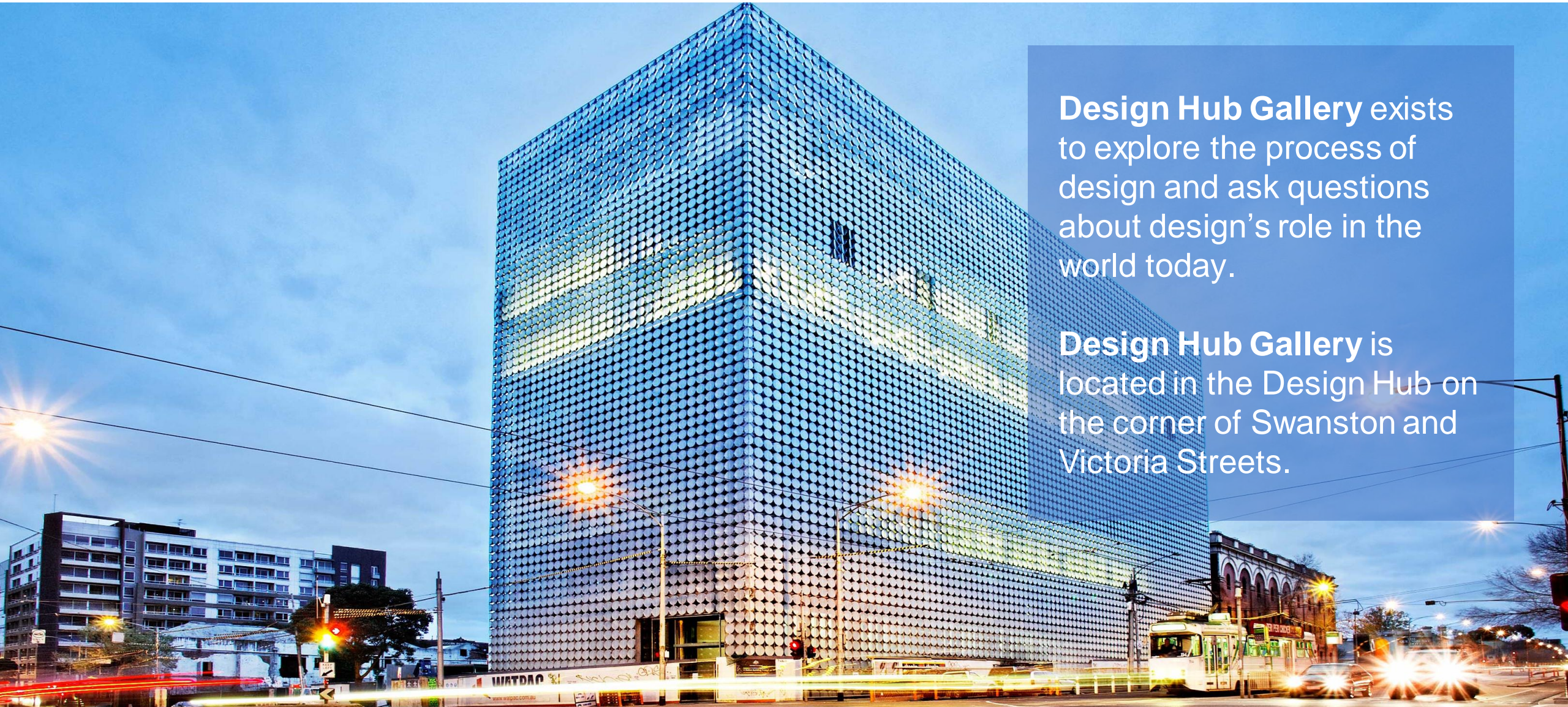
# DESIGN HUB GALLERY



**RMIT Building 100  
Victoria Street**

**Design Hub Gallery** exists to explore the process of design and ask questions about design's role in the world today.

**Design Hub Gallery** is located in the Design Hub on the corner of Swanston and Victoria Streets.



# cultura galleries

## RMIT GALLERY



### execute\_photography

01 Mar 2024 - 04 May 2024

Photography is constantly dying and being reborn. AI represents the latest stage of photography's transformation into a software output, cannibalising the camera and even transforming it into a set of executable text prompts.

## RMIT GALLERY



### Wanderings About History

01 Mar 2024 - 20 Apr 2024

Ulrich Wüst's photographic work captures his wanderings through German history, portraying the social and urban transformations of postwar East Germany.

## DESIGN HUB GALLERY

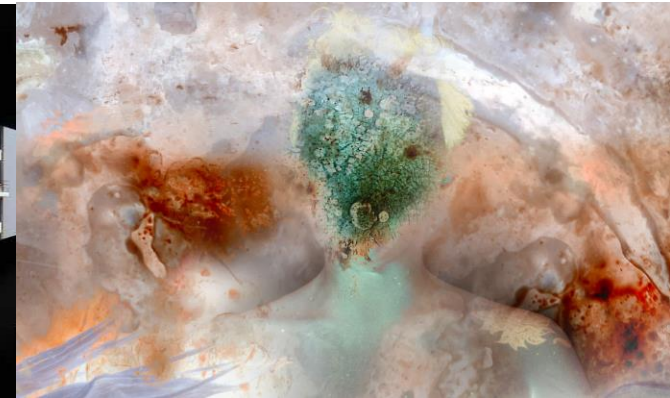


### To See is to Change

01 Mar 2024 - 27 Apr 2024

RMIT Culture's Design Hub Gallery presents works by renowned Mumbai-based artist group CAMP.

## FIRST SITE GALLERY



### Macumba

27 Feb 2024 - 22 Mar 2024

On-Site returns for 2024, sharing the work of Brazilian-born RMIT PhD candidate Cecilia Sordi Campos.

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## SUBSCRIBE



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## VISIT

RMIT Gallery & First Site Gallery (B16)

RMIT Design Hub Gallery (B100)

[rmit.edu.au/about/culture](http://rmit.edu.au/about/culture)

[rmitgallery.com](http://rmitgallery.com)

[rmit.edu.au/about/culture/first-site-gallery](http://rmit.edu.au/about/culture/first-site-gallery)

[designhub.rmit.edu.au](http://designhub.rmit.edu.au)

## APPLY

First Site Gallery Call for Applications (Sep/Oct)

# Program Manager & Studio Leads

**Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) BP201** – Dr Martine Corompt [martine.corompt@rmit.edu.au](mailto:martine.corompt@rmit.edu.au)

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- **Drawing & Video** – Dr Greg Creek [greg.creek@rmit.edu.au](mailto:greg.creek@rmit.edu.au)
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Dr Steven Rendall [steve.rendall@rmit.edu.au](mailto:steve.rendall@rmit.edu.au)
- **Gold & Silversmithing** – Dr Mark Edgoose [mark.edgoose@rmit.edu.au](mailto:mark.edgoose@rmit.edu.au)
- **Sculpture** – Dr Fleur Summers [fleur.summers@rmit.edu.au](mailto:fleur.summers@rmit.edu.au)
- **Print** – Dr Andrew Gunnell [andrew.gunnell@rmit.edu.au](mailto:andrew.gunnell@rmit.edu.au)

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**Master of Photography** Dr Pia Johnson [pia.johnson@rmit.edu.au](mailto:pia.johnson@rmit.edu.au)

**Master of Arts (Arts Management)** Prof. David Forrest [david.forrest@rmit.edu.au](mailto:david.forrest@rmit.edu.au)

**Master of Arts (Art in Public Space)** Dr Fiona Hillary [fiona.hillary@rmit.edu.au](mailto:fiona.hillary@rmit.edu.au)



# What's on today....



## Bowen Street Party

**Thursday 29 February, 3-6pm, Bowen Street**

Get your festival on with biodegradable face glitter or hair and metallic fake tattoos, learn to roller-skate with our trained professional staff or kick back and watch the live performances.

The street will be a hive of activity with live music and DJ's, silent disco, roller skating rink, lawn games, sport activities, sponsor give aways, chill out area, cheap food deals and festival vibes! A perfect chance to make friends and soak up the campus atmosphere.

**Program Induction: MC280 Master of Arts (Arts Management)**

**Time:** 5pm-7pm **Location:** Building 80, Level 5, Room12

# Tonight: 6pm RMIT Gallery opening





# Thank you

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