

Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Lagoons Gallery & Café **Exhibition Proposal**



The Lagoons Gallery

Located at the main entrance of the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens at 9 Lagoon Street, features art exhibitions and displays with environmental and cultural themes.

Exhibitions and displays change monthly, so you can visit regularly and find new and interesting things to see and do.

Opening Times

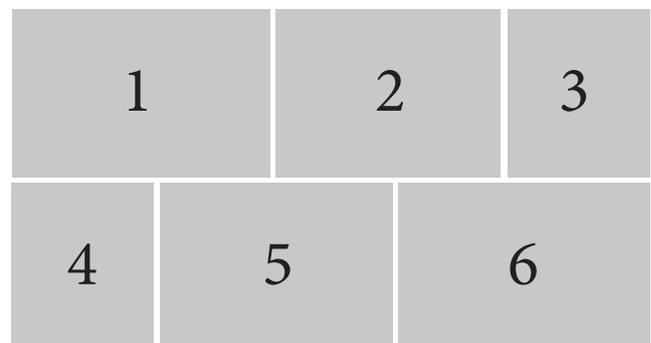
The Lagoons Gallery is typically open Wednesday to Friday from 10am to 3pm, weekends from 9am until 4pm (closed Monday & Tuesday).

Entry is free of charge.

The facilities

The Lagoons Gallery is part of the Lagoons Café operations. Café furniture, Café functions, including wedding receptions and formal private dinners and their associated equipment are part of the Lagoons Gallery space.

Please read on to see how you or your group can become involved and showcase your artwork or display to a growing number of Mackay residents and visitors to the area in a unique garden/gallery/cafe setting.



Cover Artist Acknowledgments:

1. Glen Skien
2. Kate Brunner
3. Seeds Scatter Exhibition
4. Detail of *Red Nest* by Wanda Bennett
5. Informations Overload Exhibition - Jodie Connolly
6. *Sands of Gold* by David Phillips

EXHIBITIONS IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS



“Tres La Di Dah” by Karen Hurford

The Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens is committed to providing opportunities to local artists through the Lagoons Gallery and also where possible, utilizing outdoor spaces of the Botanic Gardens site. Based on availability most exhibitions, installations and displays will feature for a minimum of 4 weeks.

To take part in the selection, please submit your completed proposal, with an attached CV/outline and photo documentation of your work to the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens - Attention to: Visitor Services Officer.

Exhibitions, installations and displays that will be considered:

Exhibition proposals which are relevant and complementary to the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens ongoing program of botanic, environmental and nature based arts and relevant social, cultural and historic exhibitions and associated public programs.

Preference will be given to proposals which demonstrate a clear theme with links with nature, the environment, Mackay's culture and history and the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens

Exhibitions, installations and displays that will NOT be considered

Artworks, installations or displays that are unsafe, dangerous or may physically threaten Council staff and the general public's health and safety will not be exhibited.

Artworks, installations or displays that are considered to be obscene, unsuitable for children, defamatory, culturally unacceptable or may lead to legal action against the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens and Mackay Regional Council may not be exhibited at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.

Artworks, installations or displays that may potentially damage the Lagoons Gallery fittings or building and surrounds, the Living Collection and garden beds will not be exhibited. Poured concrete and surface treatments in gardens beds and on lawns are expressly not permitted

Artworks, installations or displays not in keeping with the passive and general recreation of the site, or mindful of the Botanic Gardens native wildlife and the botanic living collections ie: loud noise, fireworks, fire etc.

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Please note:

Exhibitions and displays appearing in the Lagoons Gallery and any gardens or lawn areas will not have sole use of that area, unless permission is granted by the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Curator. The Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens reserves the right to display and distribute complimentary information about the Botanic Gardens and Mackay's natural attractions during exhibitions and displays.

The Lagoons Cafe shares the Lagoons Gallery space, requiring floor space and may host special functions that require change around of the set-up of the Gallery, to minimise potential damage to artworks.

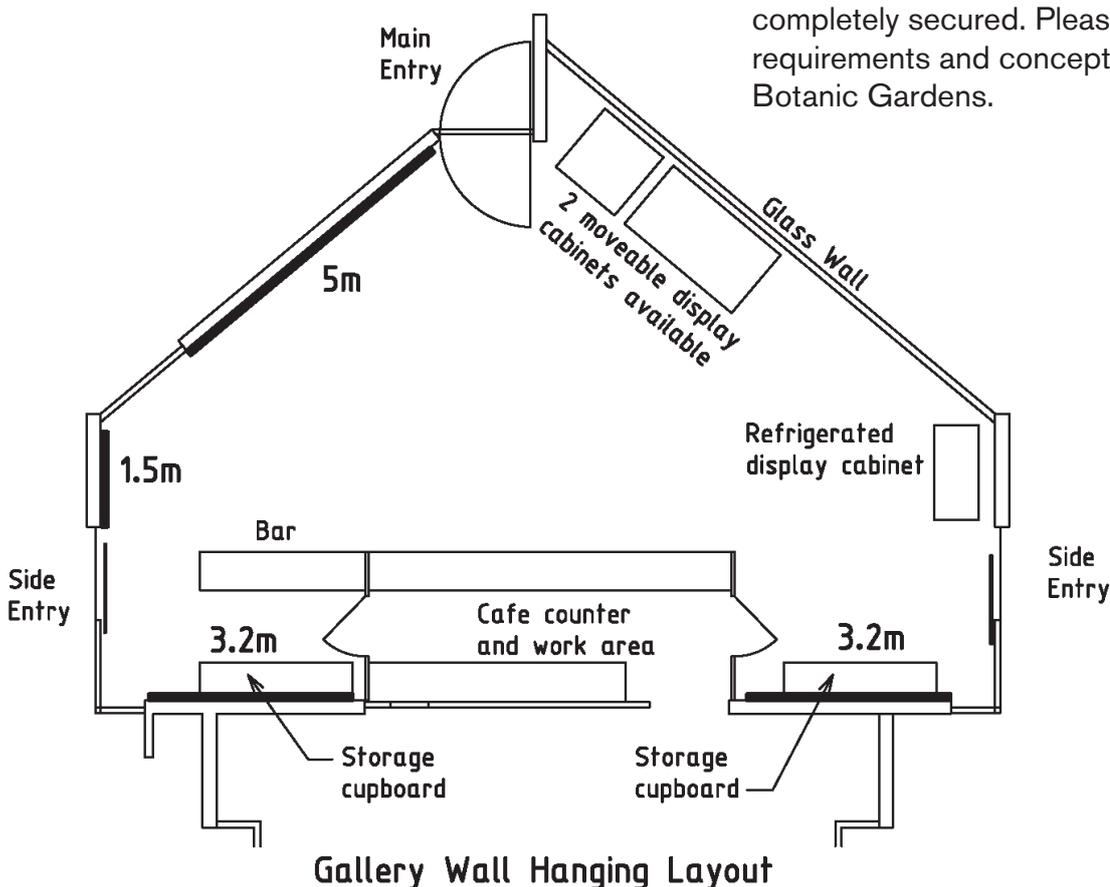
Please discuss this possibility with Botanic Gardens administration staff if you have any concerns.

The space

The Lagoons Gallery at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens has 13.5 metres of linear wall space to a height of approximately 3 metres over 4 concrete walls, charcoal grey in colour and separated by glass windows and doors. The room receives a high amount of ambient light during the day via opaque glass mounted above the display walls and is air-conditioned.

Lagoons Gallery has hanging cables and hooks for hanging artworks on the Gallery System and we ask that exhibitors use either two D shaped or large Triangular shaped hangers on the back of their works. No more than 30 works are to be exhibited at any one time on the walls.

Free standing artworks, sculptures and displays may be displayed on the floor of the gallery upon discussion with the Visitor Services Officer. External exhibitions and displays are permitted, but are unable to be completely secured. Please discuss your requirements and concepts with staff at the Botanic Gardens.



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Showcase Exhibits from 'Natural Selections' by Lyndy Hill

Security

The Lagoons Gallery is open from Wednesday to Friday 10am to 3pm, Weekends 9am to 4pm. Café staff are not responsible for supervising the Gallery. It is the responsibility of the artist or exhibitor to organise themselves or someone to oversee the exhibition space (if so desired).

The Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens has after-hours security for the Lagoons Gallery facility. Neither the Council nor its servants shall be liable for any loss or damage sustained by the hirer or any person, firm or corporation entrusting to or supplying any article or thing to the hirer by reason of any such article or thing being lost, damaged or stolen. The hirer hereby indemnifies the Council against any claim by any such person, firm or corporation in respect of such article or thing.

Currently, one garden area is fenced - the Tropical Shade Garden including The Fernery. This fence does not guarantee unauthorised access by the public and is not monitored by electronic alarms.

Promotion

The Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens will provide each artist who exhibits at the Lagoons Gallery with the following:

- Marketing of the exhibition is as per the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens marketing strategy - This includes listing on the Botanic Gardens website: www.mackayregionalbotanicgardens.com.au listing in the Creative eBulletin, distribution of flyers/brochures produced by the exhibitor to Council libraries etc., and a press release to all Mackay and regional media via Mackay Regional Council's Corporates Communications program.
- Text (acknowledgment) and Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens logo for promotional material
- An email invitation to the exhibition launch and ongoing display (if so desired)

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'*Cordyline manners-suttoniae*' by Maya Harrison

Fees

Two Display showcases and a limited numbers of Gallery Frames are also available. Please discuss your requirements with Botanic Gardens staff. Frame measurements are 36cms x 52cms.

Lagoons Gallery exhibitions incur a 'hanging fee'. Please contact Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Administration for current pricing (price changes occur on July 1 every year). This fee covers use of the facility – lighting, air-conditioning, cleaning and promotion. The fee also covers the Visitors Services Officer making the labels for each artwork of your exhibition.

Exhibitor's responsibilities:

All exhibitors are responsible for the following:

- Any promotional material for the exhibition, including printed invitations, catalogues, room brochures etc. The exhibitor will be responsible for the printing and design costs as well as postage.
- Providing a final draft of any promotional materials (which must include provided text and the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens logo) to the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens for approval before going to print.
- Text (and any artwork images) for artwork labels, didactic panels or Artist's statements must be provided to the Gardens at least one week prior to the exhibition hanging to provide time for their creation. Artists are responsible for catalogues and price lists (if applicable).
- Any extra equipment that may be required for the display of the artworks ie; extra hooks and hangers, easels, barricades are to be provided by the artist and approved by the Visitor Services Officer.
- Catering and alcohol for an opening event (if applicable) must be provided by the Lagoons Café, under lessee agreement for the venue. An exhibition does not need to have a launch or opening, you may prefer to have a 'Meet the Artist' session during Lagoons Café hours.
- Works may be made available for sale (no commission will be charged by the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens) but management of all cash sales, receipting and any GST is the responsibility of the artist/s, exhibitor. Works sold must not be collected until after the closing date of the exhibition.
- Appropriate Public Liability Insurance for your work.
- Delivery and collection of the artworks to the Lagoons Gallery or Gardens Administration Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.

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Public Liability

As an exhibitor within the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens you are advised of the requirement to have appropriate public liability cover for the duration of the use of the site.

Council will not accept liability for any damages that might result from the exhibitor's negligence or failure to take appropriate duty of care in their use of the site.



'Red Nest' by Wanda Bennett



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Preferred dates for exhibition

Please nominate 2 preferences for dates (ie: number in order of preference).

Note: Dates are not inclusive of installation and demount of exhibition/display (exhibition is installed on the Tuesday prior to the first day of the viewing of the exhibition on Wednesday. Exhibition is dismantled on the Tuesday morning after the exhibition closure on the Sunday).

- January 2019
- February 2019
- March 2019
- April 2019
- May 2019
- June 2019
- July 2019
- August 2019
- September 2019
- October 2019
- November 2019
- December 2019
- Garden exhibitions/installations
- Another date? Details: _____

Please include photo documentation of work - a minimum of three (3) digital photographs or printed images of your current work/display or works planned for exhibition in progress or completed should accompany this application.

I/WE HAVE READ THE CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO EXHIBITING AS PART OF THE LAGOONS GALLERY AND RECOGNISE MY/OUR OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH THESE CONDITIONS.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name (printed) _____

Club/organisation _____

Position _____