

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Shepparton Art Museum (SAM) operates on the traditional lands of the Yorta Yorta people. The SAM building, and art museum located within it, is located on river country close to the Goulburn River, known as Kaiela to the Yorta Yorta. SAM recognises the Yorta Yorta as the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of the lands and water of the Country upon which SAM is built, and that sovereignty of this land has never been ceded.





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Cover: *Lin Onus: The Land Within,* installation view, Shepparton Art Museum 2021. Photo: Cam Matheson

Left: Shepparton Art Museum, 2021 ©. John Gollings



SAM Ltd Board Chairperson's Report

With high expectations, the SAM Ltd Board was extremely proud of the organisation's ability to deliver both an extremely moving and a symbolically powerful opening ceremony and exhibition program.

With the backdrop of the building's stunning architecture, the outdoor opening ceremony setting provided the perfect opportunity for the standing room-only crowd to witness a truly unique historic occasion.

The exhibition showpiece *Lin Onus: The Land Within* was the first significant showing of works by Lin Onus, the acclaimed Yorta Yorta artist, on Country. It provided an unparalleled opportunity to root his achievements and legacy in his home Country with his People - the Yorta Yorta - and the broader community. This was such a powerful moment to witness, and its ongoing legacy has given us a powerful perspective to our sense of place.

The uniqueness of the new building has given SAM the capacity to house several simultaneous exhibitions, which will no doubt be seen as a major ongoing strength. A perfect example of this new exhibiting capacity was seen in collection exhibition *Flow: Stories of River, Earth and Sky* and its stunning display of the Hermannsburg school and extended Namatjira family's paintings, principally derived from the significant collection of Australian Indigenous artworks gifted to SAM from the Carrillo and Ziyin Gantner Collection.

The incredible journey to transition the business of SAM to a not-for-profit company and preparations for the opening during repeated COVID lockdowns was an all-consuming exercise that took its toll on staff,

including our talented Dr Rebecca Coates, who sadly tendered her resignation soon after the opening. The Board thanks Rebecca for her tenacity and drive, which played an important role in breathing life into the aweinspiring cultural institution that is now SAM.

A big thank you also goes to both Andrew Gooley and Dr Shelley McSpedden, who took on the respective acting roles of CEO and Artistic Director for the remainder of this reporting period after Rebecca's departure. The commitment shown by Andrew and Shelley to the SAM dream was second to none and provided them with the perfect opportunity to grow their management abilities.

The Board welcomed Professor Brian Martin during the year and is grateful for Brian's wisdom, insight and vast artistic experience which he brings to the governance of SAM.

I never cease to be amazed by the tireless energy and commitment shown by SAM's talented staff and my fellow voluntary Board members – a very big thank you to all on a job well done!

STEPHEN MERRYLEES

Chairperson, SAM Ltd Board

Shepparton Art Museum 2021. Photo: Cam Matheson



OUR PURPOSE

SAM's overarching goal or purpose is to create a community space that enriches people's lives through creative arts and cultural experiences.

OUR VISION

SAM will be a meeting place for the Greater Shepparton Community, providing captivating creative arts and cultural experiences that showcase and celebrate Aboriginal art and culture and engage and connect the diverse communities of Greater Shepparton with one another and the world. It will bring people to Shepparton and contribute creatively, culturally and economically.

2021/22 in a snapshot*



52,331

Overall visitation



51

Public programs & special events delivered



5.663

Public programs attendees



445

Education programs delivered



1,024

Education programs attendees



18

New exhibition openings curated & presented



4

Community Gallery Exhibitions

*5 exhibition, 46 public programs, 8 education



59

Artists worked with*

Works for exhibitions:

Inward loans of works from external sources: 1,064 Outward loans of SAM collection works: 5 Total number of SAM collection works exhibited in 2021/2022: 355

*Note: SAM was closed to the public from 1 July 2021 – 19 November 2021





SAM CEO's Report

After much anticipation and the dedication of many, the new Shepparton Art Museum officially opened to the public on 20 November 2021.

The team of architects at Denton Corker Marshall, led by John Denton, crafted a remarkable new facility that realises SAM's potential as a world class museum. Our jewel of a building responds to place, with its rusted galvanised steel mimicking the timber tones of the surrounding eucalypts. Through collaborative commissions with Kaiela Arts, local First Nations artists have embedded their stories and symbols within our museum, and we thank them for the contribution they have made to building our connection to Country.

Our new facility has allowed SAM to present key items from our collection all year round, with opportunities for our ceramic artworks, paintings and sculptures to be showcased. We have been delighted to offer a dedicated space for kids, with our Children's Gallery hosting exhibitions and activities designed with our young audiences in mind, and for artists within the local community to present work in our Hugh D.T. Williamson Community Gallery, creating platforms for the region's creatives to build their audiences and their national profile.

In November 2021, we celebrated the opening with the significant survey exhibition Lin Onus: The Land Within. The exhibition marked the first major retrospective exhibition of the remarkable and critically acclaimed Yorta Yorta artist to be hosted on his ancestral Country. We thank the Onus family, the private collectors and institutions who worked with the SAM team to present this exhibition; without their generosity and commitment, our presentation of The Land Within would not have been possible.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the team was relentless in their efforts to transform the building into a place where the stories behind the artworks could be shared with audiences. We were proud to finally present many labours of love in the form of collection shows, including Flow: Stories of River, Earth and Sky in the SAM Collection, which showcased recent acquisitions (as well as some of our earliest) that interacted and responded to the elements of water, earth and sky, and Brown Pots, our ceramics display that explored the objects in the collection that represent the evolving story of Australian studio pottery from the 1950s to today.

Other highlights include Everyday Australian Design from curator lan Wong's extensive personal collection; Maree Clarke's Connection to Country – I Remember When; Amrita Hepi's A Call to Echo, and so many more incredible exhibitions that were true feats of curation and creativity. These opening exhibitions established the tone and standard of excellence that has continued in our galleries. Art in Conflict, a touring exhibition from the Australian War Memorial, followed on from The Land Within; through its rich representation of diverse artists, the exhibition helped deepen our understanding of Australia's experience of conflict, both past and present.

To expand the art beyond the walls of the gallery, our Engagement team worked tirelessly to present many educational and public programs that allowed visitors to create connections to the artworks and to the museum in new and exciting ways for audiences both young and old. SAM Camp, our school holiday programs, have helped keep young minds making and creating while school's out; SAM Talks have been able to shed light on the stories behind the works and artistic processes; and SAM Makes has given people the skills and materials to foray into artmaking themselves.

The team at SAM have been supported by the Board of SAM Ltd and SAM Ltd Foundation. We thank them for their unceasing work in support of organisation. Our sincere thanks also go to the local, state and federal governments for all their support to SAM over this year, and to all of our corporate sponsors and supporters.

ANDREW GOOLEY SAM Acting CEO

Shepparton Art Museum, 2021.

Photo: Tim Griffith

SAM Foundation Ltd Chairperson's Report

The new SAM has proven a fantastic success as a cultural centre since its November opening, having been warmly embraced by local residents and as an attraction for thousands of visitors to our region.

There is much activity on both the SAM Foundation and SAM operations front, particularly following the departure of Dr Rebecca Coates from her massive role as CEO and Artistic Director of SAM. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for leading the difficult task of driving the project for the past seven years, and I wish her all the very best for her future endeavours.

On the fundraising front, we have sadly lost part of our team with Anna Turnbull stepping down from her role in January this year to concentrate on the challenges of home life in the COVID world. We thank her for her for her fantastic work with both Rebecca and Carmel Johnson in assisting in philanthropic and grant-funding opportunities for SAM. We have also bid farewell to two of our founding board members, Carrillo Gantner AC and Andrew Fairley AM. Carrillo has been the driving force behind the establishment of the new SAM in 2013 and his ideas, art collection and financial donations have been the seminal concept in establishing the new SAM. He has stepped down, secure in the knowledge that the project is now up and running and has put Shepparton on the map as a cultural destination. We thank Andrew Fairley AM for his hard work in approaching philanthropic donors for the SAM Foundation, and the generous support he has provided the campaign through the Sir Andrew & Lady Fairley Foundation.

Carmel has been working hard with the Foundation's administration assistant Kylie McCarrey in sourcing new major donors and managing current donors. I am pleased to report we are incredibly close to reaching our \$7M Capital Campaign goal.

I'd like to thank our Foundation Board members for helping us achieve our overall goals in 2021/22. It has been a very fruitful year for the SAM Foundation, and we look forward to continuing our coordinated efforts with SAM and the SAM Ltd Board to secure the ongoing success of this important cultural icon.

JOHN HEAD

Chairperson, SAM Foundation

Lin Onus: The Land Within, installation view, Shepparton Art Museum 2021. Photo: Christian Capurro





Friends of SAM Report

The dream has come to fruition. With the culmination of many years working towards a new SAM, Friends of SAM can be justifiably proud of their contribution to this achievement; not only for their fundraising but participation in lobbying, focus groups, consultations, planning in the very early days through to maintaining membership, volunteering at SAM and participating in the range of events prior to and since the opening in November.

Membership of Friends of SAM – both renewals and newcomers – grew substantially in late 2021, reflecting the enthusiastic interest in the opening, associated events and opportunities for members, including the invitation to participate in the SAM Open exhibition. Currently, there are 540 members.

A long-held purpose of Friends is to raise funds for the acquisition of new artworks. In May this year an exhibition of works by the late Janet Beckhouse provided the unique opportunity to purchase a major work by Janet, an important contemporary Australian ceramic artist. The committee was delighted, on behalf of all members, to enable the purchase of *The Four Elements* (Janet Beckhouse 2005), with payment of \$10,000 in June and a commitment to pay the balance of \$4,000 by end of October 2022. This purchase joins another significant Beckhouse work already in the collection. Commitments to fund such exciting and important acquisitions can only be made with the knowledge that members generously support fundraising activities and the committee.

Friends of SAM's commemorative wine perfectly demonstrates that support, with the entertaining launch in August attended by over 60 people at very short notice, thanks to the see-saw of COVID restrictions. This project, made possible by the generous advice and work of members Paul Phillips and Valentina Fantone, has proved to be a popular

and successful fundraiser. Attendance at other events such as the Christmas party were encouraging and contributed to the social and financial growth.

Participation in our long-standing coffee morning program continues to grow, with members especially enjoying the return to SAM. Staff have been generous, sharing their knowledge and insights into several exhibitions, including *Lin Onus: The Land Within, Brown Pots, SAM Open: New Horizons*, and *Social Ceramics*. We visited exhibitions at other venues including The Foundry in Echuca where Friends members Judith Roberts and Kerry Handwerk showed their work, and we maintained our community partnerships with Friends of the Botanic Gardens and Kaiela Arts.

The current and immediate past committees are acknowledged for their passion, commitment, and work to ensure Friends is a supportive, viable organisation supporting SAM and our creative community into the future. Recognition and thanks go to Lyn Bailey, Jill Clark, Michelle Collins, Ann Fagan, Valentina Fantone, Joan Greenwood, Stuart Gouty, Dawn Hill, Meryl Hill, Helen Hinks, Helen Jeffs, Cath Marriott, Kylie McCarrey, John McMaster, Kerry Miller, Jill Riordan, Judy Simm and Megan Walker.

ANN FAGAN

President, Friends of SAM

Shepparton Art Museum, 2021. Photo: Cam Matheson





Exhibitions & Publications

In 2021/22, SAM presented a total of 18 exhibitions in our new museum.

Opening to the public on Saturday 20 November 2021, SAM's inaugural exhibition suite included:

9 exhibitions

4 new commissions

Over 200 artists represented

160 Indigenous and First Nations artworks on display

Everyday Australian Design: Functional design from the Ian Wong Collection installation view, Shepparton Art Museum 2021. Photo Christian Capurro

Exhibitions



Lin Onus: The Land Within

20 November 2021 – 13 March 2022

The first significant showing of works by acclaimed Yorta Yorta artist Lin Onus on Country, *Lin Onus: The Land Within* provided an unparalleled opportunity to root his achievements and legacy in his home Country with his People, the Yorta Yorta, and the broader regional community surrounding Shepparton.

Bringing together key artworks from across Australia, it celebrated his bold and often irreverent exploration of the reverberating impact of colonisation, the struggle for Indigenous rights, and the strength of Aboriginal people.

Lin Onus: The Land Within was part of SAM's inaugural exhibitions suite in the new SAM.

Maree Clarke: Connection to Country - I Remember when ...

20 November 2021 – 13 March 2022

Connection to Country – I Remember When... Stories From Elders About Their Connection to Country, Culture, and Place, a new body of work featuring three large-scale lenticular lightboxes, celebrates Aboriginal culture and ongoing connection to Country.

Maree Clarke: Connection to Country – I Remember when ... was part of SAM's inaugural exhibitions suite in the new SAM.

Everyday Australian Design: Functional design from the lan Wong Collection

20 November 2021 – 20 May 2022

Everyday Australian Design is an exhibition of objects from the Ian Wong Collection that celebrate Australian daily life and our culture.

Everyday Australian Design: Functional design from the Ian Wong Collection was part of SAM's inaugural exhibitions suite in the new SAM.

Lin Onus: The Land Within, installation view, Shepparton Art Museum 2021. Photo: Christian Capurro



Art Wall: Louisa Bufardeci – Looking out and across, up and down, the river sometimes becomes a cloud

20 November 2021 – 22 May 2022

Looking out and across, up and down, the river sometimes becomes a cloud is a propositional map for a future Shepparton. In it, plans of arterial roads and local river ways are overlaid with equally abstract visuals, including the shape of a set of clouds the artist observed on a visit to the city one afternoon in November 2020, and the outline of the view that can be seen opposite the Art Wall.

Louisa Bufardeci: Looking our and across, up and down, the river sometimes becomes a cloud was part of SAM's inaugural exhibitions suite in the new SAM.

Fresh: GV Top Art & Design 2021

20 November 2021 – 20 January 2022

Fresh: GV Top Art & Design 2021 featured artworks and design presentations from talented year 11 and 12 VCE Art, Studio Arts and Visual Communication Design students studying across 14 schools in North Central and Hume regions of Victoria in 2020.

Fresh: GV Top Art & Design 2021 was part of SAM's inaugural exhibitions suite in the new SAM Building.

COVID Collaborations: A Shared Step on a Long Journey

22 January 2022 – 13 March 2022

During the international lockdowns of the COVID-19 pandemic, artist William Kelly initiated this collaborative project in association with 28 artists and poets from around the world. Kelly created and shared an initial 'template' image that could be altered, changed and animated by other creative voices.

The artworks in this exhibition share these thoughtful responses, which include: the home as a place of isolation, sanctuary and anxiety; dire circumstances faced by many First Nations people and People of Colour; and evocative images of hope, respect and aspirations for the future.

Lin Onus: The Land Within, installation view, Shepparton Art Museum 2021. Photo: Christian Capurro

Exhibitions



Amrita Hepi: A Call to Echo

20 November 2021 – 1 May 2022

Artist Amrita Hepi crafted a dynamic installation within the Children's Gallery with her video work A Call to Echo (2021). Hepi is captured in varied acrobatic poses flying across a bright blue wall, above a sea of vibrant blue and orange curtains. In the video, Hepi has edited together short cuts of videos featuring people and animals dancing sampled from social media, dance history and her own previous artworks. The artist's voiceover tells us, 'Dancing is like an echo, everything has a dance or a choreography.'

Amrita Hepi: A Call to Echo was part of SAM's inaugural exhibitions suite in the new SAM Building.

Flow: Stories of River, Earth and Sky in the SAM Collection

20 November 2021 – 27 November 2022

Flow: Stories of River, Earth and Sky in the SAM Collection explores the narratives we weave through the places we inhabit, and the myriad ways in which nature shapes our lives and culture. Drawn from the Shepparton Art Museum Collection, the exhibition features the artwork of over 60 artists from the 1800s to now, and presents a number of recent acquisitions for the first time, including works from the Carrillo and Ziyin Gantner Collection of Australian Indigenous Art.

Flow: Stories of River, Earth and Sky in the SAM Collection was part of SAM's inaugural exhibitions suite in the new SAM Building.

SAM Open 2022: New Horizons

19 March 2022 - 12 June 2022

SAM Open 2022 presents the work of local artists and creatives responding to the optimistic theme of New Horizons.

In 2022, SAM Open: New Horizons featured the work of 39 artists, all responding to the unifying theme in creative and varied ways. Some experimented with new techniques and mediums, taking risks to expand their arts practices; others drew inspiration from unexpected places or reshaped the familiar to discover fresh perspectives due to being confined closer to home over COVID lockdowns.

Art in Conflict, installation view, Shepparton Art Museum 2022. Photo: Christian Capurro



Brown Pots

20 November 2021 – 17 July 2022

Brown Pots explored the evolving story of Australian studio pottery from the 1950s to today. Through the work of over 60 artists from the SAM ceramics collection, Brown Pots reveals the influences, experimentation and the community mindset shared by Australian studio potters.

Brown Pots was part of SAM's inaugural exhibitions suite in the new SAM Building.

Art in Conflict

26 March 2022 – 31 July 2022

Art in Conflict is a new touring exhibition of contemporary art from the collection of the Australian War Memorial.

A showcase of diverse responses to war, the exhibition included more than 70 paintings, drawings, films, prints, photography and sculptures.

Nusra Latif Qureshi: The Land I See is Not Elsewhere

26 March 2022 - 7 August 2022

The Land I See Is Not Elsewhere by artist Nusra Latif Qureshi was a multifaceted installation that questioned the histories and legacies of representation of the land in Australia, as much as it paid tribute to the local environment. The work reflected on our relationship to the natural world and referenced the history of Australian landscape painting, with a specific nod to SAM's large holdings of watercolour landscapes by Albert Namatjira and the extended Hermannsburg School.

Art in Conflict, installation view, Shepparton Art Museum 2022. Photo: Christian Capurro

Exhibitions



Vera Moller: Liquidarium

14 May 2022 – 30 October 2022

Liquidarium brought together a new sequence of large-scale collages with an installation of hundreds of plant-like small sculptures in our Children's Gallery, accompanied by a new series of small collages. The individual large collages, together with kinetic collage elements and sculptural forms, merged to create a diorama of a discrete section of an imaginary freshwater wetland as viewed from an intimate, close-up perspective of a frog.

Social Ceramics

28 May 2022 – 19 February 2023

Drawn from the SAM Collection, Social Ceramics celebrates objects as conduits for communal experiences, and features more than 100 works by over 60 ceramicists.

Social Ceramics offers a playful exploration of functional ceramics. The exhibition brings together a lavish array of vessels including Japanese style teapots by Australian Studio Potters Gwyn Hanssen Pigott and Col Levy; cups and coffee pots from Arthur Merric Boyd Pottery; and characteristic Toby Jugs from Bendigo Pottery. Social Ceramics pays tribute to the ways these objects bring us together to create emotional connections over shared conversations around a table.

Art Wall: Trent Walter & Lizzie Boon - LOVE YOUR MOTHER

4 June 2022 – 13 November 2022

LOVE YOUR MOTHER is a collaborative wall work by Trent Walter and Lizzie Boon. The text is a three-word poem, and its multiple meanings invite a reflection on respect for people, place, and knowledge.

With a view overlooking the rugged tree line surrounding Lake Victoria to the great Kaiela (Goulburn River), the work prompts us to reflect on our relationship to the natural world and all that it entails.

Liquidarium, installation view, Shepparton Art Museum 2022. Photo: Cam Matheson



Hans Wolter von Gruenewaldt: Artworks from Prisoner of War Camp 13 Murchison

18 June 2022 – 11 September 2022

The visual legacy of over 200 artworks produced by German prisoner of war Hans Wolter von Gruenewaldt at Murchison's POW Camp 13 have been safeguarded in the township of Murchison by the Murchison & District Historical Society (M&DHS) and the Murchison Returned Services League (RSL). This exhibition captures von Gruenewaldt's story and brings together a selection of his murals, portraits and sketches that have not previously left Murchison township.

Anne-Marie May: Everything Joyful is Mobile

20 November 2021 – 13 November 2022

Anne-Marie May's Everything Joyful is Mobile is a new site-responsive installation that transforms and enlivens SAM's expansive interiors, and continues her ongoing exploration of the potential of differing materials and forms to transfigure our experience of the spaces we inhabit.

Everything Joyful is Mobile was part of SAM's inaugural exhibitions suite in the new SAM Building.

James Geurts' Trajectories: Orbiting Bodies Meet

20 November 2021 – ongoing

Trajectories: Orbiting Bodies Meet traverses the primordial to the technological, reflecting Geurts' ongoing interest of the ways natural and man-made forces intersect to shape not only the landscape but perception itself. Identified as one of the most primitive and profound astronomical bodies, the Murchison meteorite has been the subject of intense study as the complex organic compounds found within it are thought to contain the building blocks of life.

Publications

Lin Onus: The Land Within exhibition catalogue Flow: Stories of River, Earth and Sky in the SAM Collection exhibition activity book





Engagement

Education

After opening our doors in November 2021, SAM has welcomed students from the Greater Shepparton area and beyond. We have been delighted to host students from Shepparton, Indigo, Moira, Strathbogie, Benalla, Campaspe and Greater Bendigo Shires.

Total Artists Engaged:	11
Total Workshops:	118
Total Tours:	327
Total Students Served:	992
Total Teachers Served:	32
Total Teacher Pds:	2

Program Overview

In addition to providing tours and workshops focusing on exhibitions and the SAM collection, SAM has hosted SAM Scholars and SAM Studios – two programs designed to engage students in curriculumbased learning and hands-on workshops.

SAM Scholars (2021)

Senior students from the wider Goulburn Valley area participated in after-school programs led by a variety of artists to explore new media and methods of artand design.

2021 programs were presented presented both online and, when possible, in person.

Term Three, 2021 Artist: Kaye Poulton Term Focus: Ceramics

Term Four, 2021 Artist: Troy Firebrace Term Focus: Painting

SAM Presents: Bukjeh, Shepparton Art Museum, 2022

SAM Studios

SAM Studios, a new program created in 2022 and supported by Victorian Government Education and Training, that engages senior high school students from year 9 to 12 in an after-school program held onsite.

The curriculum extension workshop series is led by local artists, and focuses on a new set of art skills and art theory each term. Local artists are able to share their skills and tips with budding young artists for growing their practice and engaging with the wider world in both art, design and communications.

Term Two, 2022 Artist: Aaron Billings Term focus: Embroidery and textile arts

Teacher Professional Development

- Gertrude Contemporary Art on the Road with Sam George and Lisa Radford
- Art Thinking and Art Making workshops with Troy Firebrace, Professor Adam Staples and Anni Jane Linklater.





Public Programs

Hosting a series of sell-out programs both online and in our new space, Public Programs at SAM have highlighted our exhibitions and the collection with unique, hands-on workshops, talks and special events.

In 2022, we presented SAM at Sunset, SAM After Sunset and SAM Sounds – our limited series of afterhours programming. By inviting local musicians to perform in our space to create a multi-sensory experience, we were able to activate the museum, and particularly our Level 4 terrace, in engaging and innovative ways. These initiatives proved highly popular and encouraged many to make their first foray into SAM, demonstrating its potential as a meeting place and cultural hub.

Public Program 2021 / 2022 Yearly

Total Artists Engagements: ____88

Total Programs Delivered:____150

Total People Served:_____5,663

SAM presented a range of programs for *Adults* in 2021/22. Key programs included:

SAM Makes: Throwing Ceramics

SAM Moves: Yoga Flow with Jen Scandolera

SAM Presents: Possum Skin

Burning with Tiriki Onus

SAM Presents: Bukjeh

SAM Presents: Iftar Dinner

SAM at Sunset

SAM After Sunset

SAM Sounds





SAM Talks

SAM kids and toddlers

The SAM Talks series throughout the year included:

House of Discards with *Tony* Albert

Under the Dump a Garden with Matthew Evans

Everyday Design with Ian Wong

When Art and Astronomy Converge

Connection to Country with Maree Clarke

This Is Our Story with Belinda Briggs and Moorina Bonini

Beyond Curating with Belinda Briggs, Kimberley Moulton, Paola Balla, Moorina Bonini and Kate ten Buuren (This Mob)

Women in Design with Visnja Badar, Georgia Chapman and Jessica O'Farrell

A Hundred Years with *Angelica Mesiti*

Recent War Art Commissions with Megan Cope and Susan Norrie

SAM kids and toddlers focused programs included:

SAM Sketch - Series of online drawing programs throughout the year featuring artists from across Australia

SAM School Holiday Art Packs (distributed across Shepparton)

SAM Camp – Summer, Autumn and Winter (school holiday program)

SAM Little Hands

SAM Moves: Outdoor Dance Party SAM Moves: Deep Soulful Sweats

SAM Kids SAM Toddlers

Shepparton Art Museum Children's programs, 2021. Photo: Cam Matheson





SAM Ambassadors, Indigenous Creative Residents and Volunteers

Over the past year, SAM has launched three new initiatives to connect and engage with emerging arts workers and to expand our volunteer cohort.

SAM Ambassadors

The SAM Ambassador program is a 3-month paid internship for emerging arts workers looking to gain practical, hands-on skills in developing and delivering programs in a cultural institution. With support from the William Buckland Foundation, SAM welcomed our first cohort in February 2022 Over their 3-month placement, the six ambassadors helped deliver 35 public programs, providing assistance during the programs as well as supporting the logistics of set-up and planning. The program concluded with the cohort designing and delivering their own programs to the public.

Indigenous Creative Residency

Designed to support young Indigenous workers, SAM's Creative Residency program introduces new workers to the different areas of a cultural institution, providing training and skill development. In addition to expanding their practical work and administration skills, participants also receive hands-on experience working across Public Programs, Front of House, Business Services, Collections and Exhibitions.

Hosted over a 10-week intensive, this paid placement is supported by the Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand Federal Government initiative. In early 2022, SAM recruited a Coordinator to design and lead the program, and in late June 2022 started the recruitment process. Our first two Indigenous Creative Residents will commence their placement at SAM in September 2022.

SAM Volunteers

In the lead-up to the November opening, SAM worked to recruit new volunteers to assist across the museum. The callout was a success, strengthened by the focus on recruiting multicultural community members. The campaign was communicated to the public in five languages: English, Arabic, Hazaragi, Dinka and Swahili. This initiative was supported by Culture and Co.

With training in late September 2021, the new cohort of volunteers were able to join SAM for the opening in November and continue to be an ongoing support.

SAM's volunteers enjoy many opportunities to be involved at SAM, including Visitor Services, Public Programs, the SAM Library and SAM Guides.

SAM Presents: Bukjeh, Shepparton Art Museum, 2022

Media & Coverage

Media Outlets

The Age
Sydney Morning Herald
The Sunday Paper

Vault

Art Almanac

ArtsHub

Shepparton News

Shepparton Adviser

The Art Newspaper

The Telegraph

ABC News

Australian Traveller

What's Up Down Under

Dezeen

Condé Nast Traveller

Architecture & Design

Belle Magazine

Journal of Australian Ceramics

Indesign

Architecture Australia

Riverine Herald

Art Monthly Australasia

Art Guide

Time Out Melbourne

One Hour Out

ABC Radio

Triple R

Triple M

One FM

Joy FM

Hit Radio 96.9

WIN Network



9

TV Coverage (Stories)





55

Stories Print





170,523

Website Page Views



72,128

Website Sessions



8,384

Instagram Followers



5,475

Facebook followers 5190 facebook likes



Collection Acquisitions

4,100

Number of artworks in SAM Collection as of 30 June 2022

238

Shepparton Art Museum Ltd Collection 3,862

Greater Shepparton
City Council Collection

1,047

3,053

923

Artworks by artists who identify as women (collaboratively or singularly)

378

Artworks by artists who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

New artworks acquired in 2021/2022 Financial Year

Donations	5
Cultural Gifts	37
Purchases	5
Acquisitive Award	0
Total	47
Total value	\$ 565,220.00

47
Shepparton Art
Museum Ltd Collection

O Greater Shepparton City Council Collection

31

16 3D

18
Artworks by artists who identify as women (collaboratively or singularly)

35
Artworks by artists who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

Collection Acquisitions

List of artworks acquired in 2020/21 **Financial Year**

Brook Andrew

Wiradjuri / Ngunnawal The Cell, 2010 PVC-coated polyester inflatable material, blowers 2022.0007 Commissioned by Sherman Contemporary Art Foundation and donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program in memory of Samantha Pizzi, 2022.

Brook Andrew

Wiradjuri / Ngunnawal Against All Odds, 2005 Hope & Peace series screenprint 2022.0008 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program in memory of Samantha Pizzi, 2022.

Brook Andrew

Wiradjuri / Ngunnawal Chandelier - Friendly Fire, 2005 Hope & Peace series screenprint 2022.0009 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program in memory of Samantha Pizzi, 2022.

Brook Andrew

Wiradjuri / Ngunnawal I See You - Silver, 2005 Hope & Peace series screenprint 2022.0010 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program in memory of Samantha Pizzi, 2022.

Maringka Baker

Pitjantjatjara Kuru Ala, 2008 synthetic polymer paint on linen 2022.0034 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Janet Beckhouse

The Four Elements, 2005 glazed stoneware 2022 0017 Purchased with funds donated by the Friends of Shepparton Art Museum, 2022.

Janet Beckhouse

She Who Cheats the Hand of Death, 2005 glazed stoneware 2022.0018 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Clayton Beckhouse in memory of Janet Beckhouse, 2022.

Penny Byrne

Operation Falconer (Iraq Campaign), 2015 Returned series vintage earthenware figurine, Afghanistan Campaign replica service medal, aluminium pipe, copper pipe, vintage Bakelite light switch, vintage plastic light fitting, metal bolt and washer, army uniform button, plastic pipe, metal hook, copper staples, lead solder, Polyfilla, epoxy resin, epoxy putty and enamel paint 2022.0019 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gift's Program by Penny Byrne, 2022.

Penny Byrne

Operation Slipper (Afghanistan Campaign), 2015 Returned series vintage earthenware figurine, Afghanistan Campaign replica service medal, army uniform button, metal door stopper, vintage aluminium light fitting, vintage plastic and metal light plug, plastic pipe, brass and steel screw, nut and bolt, random bits of hardware, epoxy putty, epoxy resin and enamel paint 2022.0020 Donated through the Australian

Government's Cultural Gift's Program by Penny Byrne, 2022.

Penny Byrne

Sands of Gallipoli (Gallipoli Porn?), Returned series

vintage earthenware lidded vase on stand, vintage porcelain soldier lamp base, emu feathers, miniature replica Gallipoli Service Medal, replica Rising Sun badge, ANZAC Centenary Souvenir, donated ANZAC day badge and poppy, colour photocopied Herald Sun ANZAC souvenir on archival paper, PVA, epoxy resin and epoxy putty 2022.0021

Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gift's Program by Penny Byrne, 2022.

Michael Cook

Bidiara Sold, 2020 Livin' the Dream series inkjet print 2022.0011 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Michael Cook, 2022.

Michael Cook

Bidjara
Welcome Home, 2020
Livin' the Dream series
inkjet print
2022.0012
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Government's Cultural Gifts
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Bidjara
Birthday, 2020
Livin' the Dream series
inkjet print
2022.0013
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Michael Cook

Bidjara BBQ, 2020 Livin' the Dream series inkjet print 2022.0014 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Michael Cook, 2022.

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Bidjara
For Sale, 2020
Livin' the Dream series
inkjet print
2022.0015
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Government's Cultural Gifts
Program by Michael Cook, 2022.

Angkaliya Curtis

Pitjantjatjara
Seven Sisters, 2013
acrylic on linen
2022.0035
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Government's Cultural Gifts Program
by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Irene Mbitjana Entata

Western Arrernte / Luritja Albert Namatjira in Jail, 2006 synthetic polymer paint on linen 2022.0036

Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Cathy Franzi

Honeysuckle, 2021 glazed porcelain 2021.0090

Purchased with the assistance of Michael Combs and Adam Haddow, 2021

Naomi Hobson

Kaantju / Umpila Iwayi, 2019

terracotta with white slip underglaze 2022.0001

Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Naomi Hobson in recognition of the outstanding contribution of Director Dr Rebecca Coates to the creation and opening of the new Shepparton Art Museum, 2022.

Naomi Hobson

Kaantju / Umpila Iwayi, 2019 terracotta with white slip underglaze 2022.0002

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Kaantju / Umpila Iwayi, 2019 terracotta with white slip underglaze 2022.0003

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Kaantju / Umpila *Tapil*, 2019

terracotta with white slip underglaze 2022.0004

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William Kelly OAM

Portrait and Still Life, 1983 synthetic polymer paint on cotton 2022.0005

Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC in recognition of his friends Bill and Veronica Kelly, both great contributors to the arts across the Goulburn Valley, 2022.

Scott Marsh

Salute of Gentle Frustration, 2020 spray paint, acrylic, enamel & oil pastel on canvas 2022.0016 Donated by Scott Marsh, 2022.

Mathulu Munyarryun

Wangurri / Yirritja Wangurri at Dhalinbuy, 2001 natural earth pigments on eucalyptus bark 2022.0037

Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Fiona Murphy

Vase, 1989 glazed earthenware 2021.0094 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Anthony Kennedy OAM, 2021.

Collection Acquisitions

Albert Namatjira

Western Arrernte Mount Sonder, n.d. watercolour on paper 2022.0022 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Albert Namatjira

Western Arrernte Quaraitnma, Finke River, 1938 watercolour on paper 2022.0023 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Enos Namatjira Western Arrernte

MacDonnell Ranges, n.d. watercolour on paper 2022.0024 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Ewald Namatjira

Western Arrernte Central Australian Landscape, n.d. watercolour on paper 2022.0025 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Gabriel Namatjira

Western Arrernte Central Desert Landscape, n.d. watercolour on paper 2022.0026 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Keith Namatjira

Western Arrernte White Gums and Gorge, c. 1975 watercolour on paper 2022 0027 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Maurice Namatjira

Western Arrernte James Range, c. 1960 watercolour on paper 2022.0028 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Oscar Namatjira

Western Arrernte Central Australia, c. 1960 watercolour on paper 2022.0029 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Reggie Namatjira Western Arrernte

Aranda Landscape, c. 1970 watercolour on paper 2022.0030 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Jenny Orchard

Mugs, c. 1987 glazed earthenware 2021.0088 Donated by David Sequeira, 2022.

Jenny Orchard

Beakers, c. 1987 glazed earthenware 2021.0089 Donated by David Sequeira, 2022.

Edwin Pareroultja

Western Arrernte View of Mount Sonder, n.d. watercolour on paper 2022.0031 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Otto Pareroultja Western Arrernte

Split Gum Tree, n.d. watercolour on paper 2022.0032 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Kathleen Petyarre

Anmatyerre Mountain Devil Lizard Dreaming, n.d. acrylic on linen 2022.0038 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Eddie Puruntatameri

Casserole dish, 1979 glazed stoneware 2021.0093 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gift's Program by Glenn Barkley & Lisa Havilah, 2022.

Minnie Pwerle

Alyawarre / Anmatyerre Awelye Womens Ceremony, 2004 acrylic on canvas 2022.0039 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Henoch Raberaba

Western Arrernte Central Australian Landscape, n.d. watercolour on paper 2022.0033 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Freddie Timms

Ned Kelly, 2002 natural earth pigment with synthetic binder on linen 2021.0091 Purchased with the assistance of Carrillo and Ziyin Gantner, 2021.

Frank Tjupurrula Ward

Ngaatjatjarra Untitled, 2003 acrylic on linen 2022.0040 Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Carrillo Gantner AC, 2022.

Tony Woods

Artist at Work, 1972 oil on canvas 2021.0092 Donated by the Tony Woods Estate, 2022.

Wanapati Yunupiŋu

Yolnu / Gumatj Gurtha, 2021 aluminium 2022.0006 Melbourne Art Fair Indigenous Art Centre Program Commission - donated by Bennelong Funds Management, 2022.

Collection Digitisation

SAM is currently digitising its collection with the aim to eventually make the entire collection available on the SAM Collection website.

Number of Artworks Photographed in 2021/2022 Financial Year

Total 121

Collection Artworks Exhibited

SAM Collection Artworks displayed in 2021/2022 Financial Year

 Total
 355

 Displayed at SAM

 Flow: Stories of River, Earth and Sky 124

 Brown Pots 58

 Social Ceramics 93

 General building displays 56

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Outward Loans

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Gippsland Art Gallery

Jock Clutterbuck Wisdom Journey: Prints and Sculpture 1967-1972 22 May 2021 – 1 August 2021 Curated by Simon Gregg

Jock Clutterbuck

Cold Front
aluminium
Shepparton Art Museum Collection,
donated by the Shepparton Art
Group, 1971.

Bayside Gallery

Bayside: Portrait of place 10 July 2021 – 17 October 2021 Curated by Andrew Gaynor

Clarice Beckett

Road at Black Rock, c. 1925 oil on canvas mounted on board 1973.0001 Donated by Ms J.D. Coates and Ms R. O'Brien, 1973.

Geelong Gallery

Frederick McCubbin: Whisperings in Wattle Boughs 2 October 2021 – 13 February 2022

Frederick McCubbin

The Wood Sawyer, c. 1905 oil on canvas 1949.0003 Purchased, 1949.

Heide Museum of Modern Art

House of Ideas: Cynthia Reed's Studio 6 November 2021 – 29 May 2022 Curated by Lili Belle Birchall

Margaret Preston

Magnolias, c. 1932 woodblock print 1975.0005 Sir Andrew and Lady Fairley Bequest, 1975.

Murray Art Museum Albury

Zombie Eaters 17 June 2022 – 16 October 2022 Curated by Michael Moran

Marlene Gilson

Cook's Landing, 2018 acrylic on linen 2018.0021 Purchased, 2018.

Development Report

The much-anticipated opening of the Shepparton Art Museum in our award-winning building in November 2021 has clearly been the highlight and greatest achievement of both the Boards of SAM Ltd and the SAM Foundation this year.

Despite the challenges of the recent years and their ongoing effects, the community has welcomed and embraced Shepparton's newest iconic cultural hub. Since November, SAM has delivered a broad and exciting exhibition program and conducted many workshops, inspirational lectures, and community events in both the café and Level 4 event space. To date, there have been over 52,000 visitors to the museum, made up of locals and many who have travelled to Shepparton from across Victoria and interstate. We thank everyone for their support and participation.

The task for the Development team of achieving the \$7.4M required for the community's contribution to the overall building costs has continued to be the focus of our priorities. Together with the generosity of our donors, we have been able to see that the target is now within our reach.

During the last nine months, the Foundation has engaged with our current donors, conducted building tours for our existing and prospective donors, hosted functions, launched the SAM Collective 120 (a women's museum membership group), submitted applications for grants and sponsorships, and completed acquittals for new and emerging exhibitions and programmes.

We have developed a strategy to engage and excite prospective donors and sponsors. To date, the generous community and corporate and philanthropic sector responses has reinforced our belief that this new building is a beacon of inspiration, and will continue to engage, inform, and inspire our community as it has done since the doors opened late last year.

The future for SAM and the SAM team is an exciting one, and the Development team will continue to engage and create opportunities through events and visitation for our communities to ensure that SAM can radically activate arts and culture in Greater Shepparton.

Finance Report

SAM's full finance report can be downloaded from our website.

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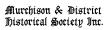


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