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October at the Vancouver Arts Centre, Albany



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An October to knock your socks off!

October is an action-packed month. We have the **Southern Art & Craft Trail** happening around the building (and around the region), the **City of Albany Art Prize** exhibition, a school holiday art space, a range of events for **Mental Health Week**, an enormous program for the **Big Draw Festival** and new exhibitions each week. There is absolutely something for everyone this month! Keep the kids entertained in our **Spring Still Life Studio** and the **Big Draw Art Experience**. Try your hand at **line drawing or painting** with our workshop program and kickback with your popcorn and enjoy our special **Film Harvest** selection for the **Big Draw**. We have **live art, live music and some live storytelling** all happening this month. So shake off those lingering winter blues and get amongst it!





From top to bottom:
2016 Albany Art Prize winner Jurek Wybraniec with his work *Yellow 3 (Act1, Panels 1-4)*
Finalist and Albany resident, Samantha Dennison with her work, *Artichokes*
(Art Prize Images: Marwick Brothers Media)
Curator Annette Davis and Collyn Gawned in Narrogin to open the Bella Kelly Retrospective

From top to bottom:
Art Prize Coordinator, Indra Geidans and Judge, Mark Stewart at the Art Prize opening
Albany Art Group President, Zoe Butler and Patron, Mr Matt Benson-Lidholm open *A Brush with Life* exhibition
Bella Kelly Retrospective is on display until 16 October at Nexus Gallery, Narrogin



Big Draw Festival

We have a massive program of events this year, culminating in our huge celebration at **THE BIG DRAW PARTY** in the Albany Town Hall!

All the details are listed below.

Pickup your program at the VAC, all over town or download one from our website [Here](#).



Sea Follies

Tammy Andrews

Opening: 2 October 4-6pm

Exhibition: 3 to 9 October

Inspired by the history of the coast between Albany and Esperance, Tammy Andrews has created this body of 33 works in her sixth solo exhibition.

More info below.



Soulin Wild

Album Launch

Local band Soulin Wild are launching their album, *Balance*, with an exhibition and live performance. Includes performances from special guests Molly Schmidt and Isla Imogen.

When: 6.30pm, 22 October

Cost: \$10 at the door

Info: facebook.com/soulinwild/

Exhibitions

Albany Art Prize 2016

Albany Town Hall

Until 16 October

Western Australian artist Jurek Wybraniec was selected as the winner of the \$25,000 Acquisitive prize for his artwork *Yellow 3 (Act 1, panels 1-4)*. Jurek is a well-established and highly regarded abstractionist acknowledged for his distinctive and immediately recognizable style.

Petra Reece from Victoria was presented with the \$2500 Commendation Award for her artwork *The House II*.

Get down to the Town Hall to see these and 28 other incredible artworks on display until 16 October.

Public Program

Artist talk with two local finalists Paul Moncrieff and Samantha Dennison discussing their art practice and selection experience.

Date: 1 October

Time: 11am

Where: Albany Town Hall

Cost: Free

Contact: Vancouver Arts Centre, 9841 9260

Bella Kelly Retrospective

Curated by Annette Davis

NOW ON TOUR Nexis Gallery Narrogin

Exhibition: Until 16 October

The Bella Kelly Retrospective is an exhibition of paintings by the renowned Noongar artist Bella Kelly (1915-1994) including three from the City of Albany Collection as well as approximately 40 others borrowed from private and public collections.

For more information take a look at the [Bella Kelly Website](#)

A Brush With Life

Albany Art Group

Main, Verandah and Small Galleries

Exhibition: Until 1 October

The Albany Art Group presents their 2016 Bendigo Bank Art and Craft Trail exhibition. Twenty or so artists will be showing their latest creations.

Each artist can enter up to 16 works so there will be plenty to choose from. This includes many very accomplished works across all mediums and in various sizes. Each artist is encouraged to paint some miniatures, great gifts or art on a budget.

Part of the 2016 Bendigo Bank Southern Art and Craft Trail



Image Credit: *Gulls*, Ruth Wolfe

Sea Follies

Tammy Andrews Main Gallery

Opening: 2 October 4pm
Exhibition: 3 to 8 October

Sea Follies is a body of 33 new works linking the coastal history between Albany and Esperance during the period of 1820 – 1840. The exhibition touches on the early interactions between settlers and Indigenous peoples, acknowledging a time of heroic exploration, kindness and love, but also tragedy and brutal murder. It examines the dichotomous role that the natural environment played in the development of these relations. Offering on the one hand, a rich landscape of botanical discovery and on the other, a treacherous coastline of islands and hidden bays providing anonymity and concealment for criminal activity.

This will be the sixth solo exhibition for Tammy Andrews.

RSVP for opening to arts@albany.wa.gov.au by 30 September

Image Credit: *Rossiter- Romance of the Old Sea*, Tammy Andrews, Oil on canvas

Amity Health - Mental Health Week Art and Multimedia Exhibition Main, Verandah and Small Galleries

Exhibition: 10 to 22 October

Opening: World Mental Health Day, 10th October 5.30-7.30pm
with musical performance by Safety in Numbers Choir led by Teresa Hughes.

Sculpture – created through Palmerston Community Alcohol and Drug Service.

Multimedia contributions from Albany Senior High School (HS), Denmark Senior HS, Kojonup District HS, Katanning Senior HS and Wagin District HS

Space Travel Mat Vaughan & Nicki Letts (Artists in Residence) Verandah Gallery

Exhibition: 24 to 27 October

Artist talk: 26 October 5pm

Imagine you live in a 2 x 3 metre space. Every place you go is different. Does the space stay the same?

For the past six months artist Mat Vaughan and writer Nicki Letts have been travelling in a 1973 Kombi across Australia. They are currently the artists in residence at the Vancouver Arts Centre in Albany.

Come and explore the arts centre both inside and out in search of drawings, prints, paintings and text inspired by the pair's travels and the 2 x 3 metre space they made home.

Image: *Tappets* Mat Vaughan



Workshops

After Hours Art

Leanne White

What: Watercolour Painting
Dates: Term 4 - 10 October to 12 December
Time: Monday evenings 6.30 - 9pm
Where: Vancouver Arts Centre
Cost: \$15 per session
Bookings: Contact Leanne White for more information on cost and enrolments
0427 890 788, leannewhite.art@bigpond.com



Image: Leanne White

VAC Painting Classes

Helen Leeder Carlson

Dates: Term 4 - 19 October to 7 December
Time: Wednesday morning 9.30am to 12.30pm and
Wednesday afternoon 1 to 3.30pm
Cost: \$160 Members \$190 non members
Bookings: Phone 9841 9260 to enrol

Spring Still Life Studio

Interactive Art Space

Kick back in the courtyard studio at the Vancouver Arts Centre for some relaxing drawing using a variety of different drawing materials taking inspiration from a Spring themed still life display. Have a go at designing and building your own still life display, then draw or photograph your creation!

See some of the still life artworks from the City of Albany Art Collection which will be exhibited in the studio during this time. Suitable for big kids, little kids and their grown-ups.

Date: 23 September to 10 October
Time: 9am - 4pm Weekdays and 10am - 3pm Weekends
Where: Vancouver Arts Centre
Cost: Gold Coin Donation
Contact: Vancouver Arts Centre, 9841 9260



Image: *Still Life with Fruit*, Valerie Parker

News

Artist in Residence

Matthew Vaughan (mixed media) and Nicki Letts (writer)

Matthew and Nicki are currently travelling around Australia collecting stories and creating art works which are exhibited in their combi van. Whilst in Albany, they will be involved in the Big Draw Festival School



Holiday activities at the Town Hall: 4-7 October and offering school and community workshops focussed on using objects, places and stories as starting points for making art.

Check out their blog to get a sense of their work www.runoldgirlrun.com

Image: Mat Vaughan

Snake Run Project Merchandise

The Snake Run Project combined skateboarding, dance, music and art together to celebrate Albany's world-famous skate park. We have an amazing multi-camera film created by Green Man Media available for purchase on DVD for \$15.

Phone orders welcome on 9841 9260.

Opportunities

Christmas Festival Artist in Residence Program

Expressions of Interest

The City of Albany invites artists to submit an Expression of Interest for the 2016 Christmas Festival Artist in Residence Program.

Successful artists will receive a commission to assist City of Albany schools in creating a parade entry, performance or visual installation.

All artists and community arts workers, with experience in performing and/or visual arts are welcome to apply.

The 2016 Christmas Pageant will take place at 6pm on Saturday 3 December 2016. Projects will be designed in consultation with a school and Vancouver Arts Centre and will run for 3 to 6 weeks.

Please contact Marianthe Loucataris at the Vancouver Arts Centre, marianthe.loucataris@albany.wa.gov.au for information and an application form.

Art on the Move

2016 Touring Exhibition Round Calling for Applications

Applications for the ART ON THE MOVE Touring Exhibition Round are closing at 3pm on Monday October 24, 2016 and we are inviting applicants to submit a proposal for the Touring Exhibition Program.

Proposals are encouraged from organisations, education institutions with collections, galleries, independent curators, and artists for exhibitions which are ready and suitable for touring within the ART ON THE MOVE Touring Exhibition Program.

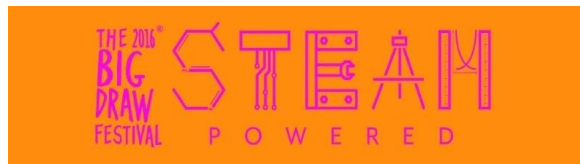
For further information, click on [Information for Applicants 2016](#).

Contact Art on the Move: M: 0419 193 605 artmoves@artonthemove.com.au

Applications close 3pm October 24, 2016.

Events

Big Draw Festival School Holiday Arts Experience



Join us in an unexpected adventure through the backstage spaces of the Albany Town Hall. Create your own art or watch others at work using charcoal, light and the insides of a 1973 VW van!

Date: Tues 4 – Fri 7 Oct
Time: Anytime between 10am – 3pm
Where: Albany Town Hall (rear entry from Town Square)
Cost: \$5 per child (adults free)
Contact: 9841 9260, arts@albany.wa.gov.au

Zone 1

Imagine Innovation

From messy chalk and charcoal to vibrant felt pens, artist Leanne White will help you create tiny drawings that merge into a giant artwork that maps Albany's natural past, urban present and wildly imagined future.

Zone 2

Inking Kombi

Mat Vaughan (an artist), Nicki Letts (a writer) and the Old Girl (a temperamental 43-year-old orange VW Kombi) have been travelling around Australia. They cruise into Albany to create a surprising artwork using parts from their beloved Old Girl. Join them in discovering the unexpected art created when ink and Kombi combine.

Zone 3

Light Painting

Take to the darkened stage of the Albany Town Hall to create your own light painting using coloured lights and long exposure photographs. Bring a friend and an adventurous spirit!

Mental Health Week

Amity Health

Family Fables Story Telling: Led by Jon Doust and Suzannah Lyons of ABC Open and music by the Southern Lights All Star Ukulele band.

Date: Saturday 15 October
Time: 2-4 pm
Where: Vancouver Art Centre
Cost: Free
Contact: 9842 2797 or query@amityhealth.com.au for more info.

Performance Art: Southern Edge Arts and Act-Belong-Commit present: A cutting edge contemporary performance about being mindful 'Mind over Matter'.

Date: 11, 12, 13, 15 October
Time: Tues, Wed, Thurs @ 6pm, Sat @ 3pm
Where: Southern Edge Arts Theatre at 77 Sanford Road Albany
Cost: Adult \$20 Conc/Child \$15
Contact & Bookings: 9841 6002 or www.southernedge.org.au

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Tuesday Talk

Illustrative power of maps

How we map the world, changes the world. Map maker, Andi Adams joins Malcolm Traill in conversation on the impact of cartography as an illustrative tool for expanding knowledge and defining the world around us.

Date: Tues 18 Oct
Time: 10.30am – 11.30am
Where: Old Co-op Building, Western Australian Museum - Albany
Cost: Gold coin donation
Contact: 9841 9260, arts@albany.wa.gov.au

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Film Harvest

Girl Asleep

Winner of the Adelaide Film Festival Audience Award for Most Popular Feature, and the Seattle Film Festival's Grand Prix.

The world is closing in on Greta Driscoll. On the cusp of turning fifteen she can't bear to leave her childhood, it contains all the things that give her comfort in this incomprehensible new world. She floats in a bubble of loserdom with her only friend Elliott, until her parents throw her a surprise 15th birthday party and she's flung into a parallel place; a world of ludicrous imagination – only there can she find herself. Rated M.

Date: Wed 19 Oct
Time: 6.15pm
Where: Orana Cinemas
Cost: \$16 Adult, \$13 Seniors & Children
Contact: 9841 9260, arts@albany.wa.gov.au
Tickets online at www.oranacinemas.com.au or at cinema box office



Big Draw Festival

Line and Sketch Workshop

Indra Geidans

Join artist Indra Geidans in a unique drawing workshop that explores the power of installation and line to inspire abstract drawings. No prior drawing experience required. Suitable for adults and teenagers.

Date: Fri 21 Oct
Time: 1pm – 3pm
Where: Albany Town Hall
Cost: \$20, materials provided
Contact: 9841 9260, arts@albany.wa.gov.au

Soulin Wild

Album Launch & Exhibition

With Special Guests

An evening of live music and live art. Step inside Soulin Wild's unique art gallery while you experience the sounds from their self-produced album *Balance*. They have also produced 12 individual art pieces that connect directly to the 12 tracks on the album. The band are also going to produce a live artwork which will be auctioned off at the

end of the night with proceeds going to charity.

With special guests Molly Schmidt and Isla Imogen.

Date: Saturday 22 October
Time: 6.30pm
Where: Vancouver Arts Centre
Cost: \$10 at the door
Contact: [facebook.com/soulinwild/](https://www.facebook.com/soulinwild/)

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The Big Draw Symposium

Turning STEM to STEAM

Ground breaking artist and scientist Gary Cass presents the Key Note Address of the festival. Gary is creator of *Fermented Fashion* – the first dresses in the world designed from the bacterial fermentation of wine and beer and iDNAity – a music making app powered by DNA. He proposes that creativity is as important as numeracy and literacy

A panel of Great Southern educators and scientists will respond to Gary's address tackling the question 'What's Art got to do with it?' As school curriculums drive a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths what role does Art play?

Date: Sat 29 Oct
Time: 2pm – 5pm
Where: Albany Town Hall
Cost: \$10 from trybooking.com or at the door
Contact: 9841 9260, arts@albany.wa.gov.au

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The Big Draw Party

The Festival closes with an experience for the whole family.

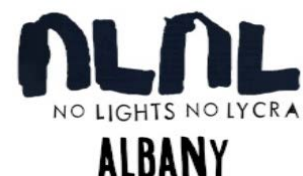
DJs, projections and wild arts experiences celebrate innovation and creativity. See the large art installations created with young people by Leanne White, Mat Vaughan and Nicki Letts. Enjoy an exhibition of Steam Punk Drawing Machines from Great Southern Grammar led by artist Serena McLauchlan. Gary Cass's *Fermented Fashion* will be on display and you can join him in some unusual science/art experiments.

Date: Sat 29 Oct
Time: 5pm – 8pm
Where: Albany Town Hall
Cost: Entry by donation
Contact: 9841 9260, arts@albany.wa.gov.au

No Lights No Lycra

No Lights No Lycra is an inclusive and safe place for dancing in a low light setting. Let go and shake out the stresses of the week in a friendly non-threatening, drug and alcohol free atmosphere.

Dates: Every Friday evening
Time: 6 to 7.15pm
Cost: \$5



Where: Concert Room, Vancouver Arts Centre
Contact: [NLNL Facebook](#)

Events Calendar

September 2016

30: No Lights No Lycra 6pm

October 2016

2: *Sea Follies* exhibition opening at 4pm
4: Big Draw Festival Kicks off!
4: Big Draw School Holiday Arts Experience starts at 10am
11, 12, 13: Amity Health *Mind Over Matter* Performances 6pm
12: Amity Health exhibition opening at 5.30pm
15: Amity Health Family Fables Story Telling 2pm
15: Amity Health *Mind Over Matter* Performance 3pm
18: Big Draw Tuesday Talk 10.30am
19: Big Draw Film Harvest *Girl Asleep* 6.15pm
21: Big Draw Line & Sketch workshop 1pm
22: Soulin Wild Album Launch 6.30pm
29: Big Draw Symposium 2pm
29: Big Draw Party - Albany Town Hall 5 - 8pm

Become a member!

Join us and enjoy supporting the arts and being part of the Great Southern cultural scene, invitations to special events and exhibitions, discounts on tickets, workshops, venue & gallery hire and accommodation.

Family (2 Adult 3 Kids) - \$50
Adult - \$35
Concession - \$25 (Pension or Seniors Card)
Kids (under 16) - \$5

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