



WHAT'S ON

FEB - APR 2025



NOW SHOWING



BARELY WEARABLE | RUTH DOWNES

6 DECEMBER – 16 MARCH

Barely Wearable continues **Ruth Downes'** passion for reappropriating everyday materials and objects to celebrate their intrinsic beauty. Materials for these 'wearable' artworks have been gleaned from a diverse range of sources – from aircraft headsets to coffee capsules. Detritus from nature has also been salvaged to be re-born as a fashion statement.

By reimagining these materials, **Downes'** has created works that transcend their utilitarian function, casting them in a fresh light. The works question our accepted values and how we award status by projecting these everyday materials into the realm of art.

ARTIST TALK

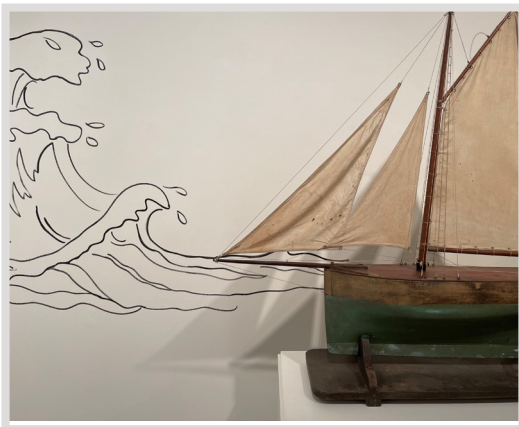
SUNDAY 16 MARCH, 1-3 PM

Ruth Downes' practice spans small mixed-media gallery exhibitions through to large scale, site-specific public artworks. Her work evolves materials into a new life with underlying humour and word play.

Join artist **Ruth Downes** for insights into her practice as she discusses her method behind creating the body of work featured in **Barely Wearable**.

Light refreshments provided.
FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Image Credit: Ruth Downes, *Banding Together*, 2019-22, rubber bands, elastic chord. Image courtesy the artist



RE|PURPOSE

6 DECEMBER – 16 MARCH

Some of the most fascinating objects in our Museum have stories that are a little unexpected. These objects don't tell us stories about important historical events, they tell us about the everyday lives of people and the clever and sometimes humorous way they 'made do' – recycling, upcycling and repurposing old materials and objects into something new and useful once more.

RE|PURPOSE is an exhibition of objects sourced from the collection of **Hawkesbury Regional Museum** installed alongside wall drawings by **Dan Kyle**.

Image Credit: **RE|PURPOSE**, Gaff rigged cutter, model, 1883, collection **Hawkesbury Historical Society** and wall drawing by **Dan Kyle** (detail), Installation view.

Front cover image:

A life on the ocean wave, S.S. Macedon (1879) by G.G. McCrae. Courtesy the National Library of Australia

BOOK TICKETS



UNLESS STATED, ACTIVITIES ARE FREE.

MAKER SPACE



Immerse yourself in the world of creative making at our drop-in Maker Space.

Our Maker Space is a small room attached to the gallery space that offers simple FREE self-directed craft activities for all ages and abilities. The room and activities change with each exhibition.

Please note the Maker Space is a designated *QUIET SPACE* from 12 – 2PM during the week.

COMING SOON



A RIVER, A MOUNTAIN, A FIELD, A ROAD...

11 APRIL – 25 MAY

The **Hawkesbury Regional Gallery** is home to an extensive array of art collections, developed over many years, starting long before the gallery itself was established. While these collections have come together through various means, a unifying theme emerges: the landscape.

A River, a Mountain, a Field, a Road... offers a rich exploration of the varied portrayals of landscape in the gallery's collections. The featured works capture the breathtaking beauty of the Hawkesbury region, in addition to diverse interpretations of natural and built environments beyond the area.

This exhibition will showcase works from the **Hawkesbury Regional Art Gallery**, the **Hawkesbury City Council Collections**, and contributions from the **Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Community and Regional Gallery Inc.**

Image details: William Edwin Pidgeon, *Kurrajong*, 1937, oil on board, 34 x 39cm, collection Hawkesbury Regional Gallery. Photo by silversalt photography

GALLERY LIGHTING UPGRADE 2025

In the first half of 2025 the gallery will be upgrading the lighting system in the exhibition space.

The scheduling of this upgrade is currently being finalised, and until confirmed ALL EXHIBITION and PROGRAM dates will be subject to change.

Ongoing updates will be available via our social media, website and e-news. If you have any questions, please contact the gallery team on 02 4560 4441.

**FOR BOOKINGS, SCAN THE QR CODE OR BOOK ONLINE AT
HAWKESBURYGALLERY.EVENTBRITE.COM**

BOOK TICKETS



NEW EXHIBITIONS



Image details: Sarah Jones and Eliza Shepherd, c.1900, Windsor, photographer unknown



Image Details: Bridge across the Hawkesbury River, Windsor, NSW, c.1945, E.W. Searle, courtesy NLA.

IMPRINT: STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVE

OPENING SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY

Imprint: Stories From the Archives is a new exhibition, highlighting stories of lesser-known and underrepresented locals that have left an imprint on our historical records. This changing display draws from the **Hawkesbury Regional Museum's** archival collection, and features historic photographs, documents, and more. Be sure not to miss the first set of stories, on display for a limited time only.

BRIDGING THE HAWKESBURY RIVER/ DYARUBBIN: THE HISTORY OF WINDSOR BRIDGE

OPENING SATURDAY 8 MARCH

Windsor Bridge was the oldest, existing bridge crossing the Dyarubbin (Hawkesbury River). Sensationally opened in 1874, it was cited as an engineering marvel. This new exhibition explores the history and significance of this bridge, the engineering feat and expertise utilised during its construction and the communities fight to save it.

Bridging the Hawkesbury River/Dyarubbin: The History of Windsor Bridge features never before seen images and original objects from the bridge shown for the first time.

OPENING EVENT

SATURDAY 29 MARCH, 2PM

Join us for the launch of our new exhibition **Bridging the Hawkesbury River/Dyarubbin: The History of Windsor Bridge**

Light refreshments provided.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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NOW SHOWING



BANGADYI NAWI – BUILDING A CANOE

ON DISPLAY NOW

The Nawi is a traditional canoe and a living artifact made by local Aboriginal high school students during an inter-generational camp facilitated by and held at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre.

Bangadyi Nawi engaged respectfully with the community and will continue to shape learning opportunities for the whole community.

The **Bangadyi Nawi** project won the 2024 Leo Kelly OAM Arts and Culture Award from Local Government NSW and the 2023 IMAGinE Award for Engagement Programs.

Image details: *Bangadyi Nawi – Building a Canoe*, 2023, installation view.



11 STORIES FROM THE RIVER DYARUBBIN

ON DISPLAY NOW

Hear stories about the river's formation, Aboriginal culture, colonial settlers, historic floods, farming, boats, recreation, and ecology, from deep time to the very present; with over 80 contributors from the wider Hawkesbury area.

Accompanying the exhibition are 11 audio walks located along the banks of the Hawkesbury River between Yarramundi and Sackville, developed by composer and sound designer **Oonagh Sherrard** in partnership with the **Hawkesbury Regional Museum**.

The **11 Stories From the River Dyarubbin** project won the 2024 IMAGinE Award for Engagement Programs in NSW Museums.

Image details: *11 Stories from the River Dyarubbin*, 2023, Installation view.

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BOOK TICKETS





DR Rex Stubbs



COMMEMORATIVE
HISTORY
SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2025

Listen to a series of talks with informative speakers to commemorate Dr Rex Stubbs' commitment to the Hawkesbury community.

When: 9:15am – 2:30pm, Saturday 22 February 2025

Where: Tebbutt Room, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street Windsor

FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Register via Eventbrite by scanning QR code or visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/5d8waxyb>

HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL



ARTS AND CULTURE



MOVIES AT YOUR LIBRARY

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY, 10.30AM – 12.30PM

Join us for a movie at the library! The title can be found on Eventbrite or by contacting the library. If you want a surprise, here's a hint:

A young artist becomes stranded in an extensive, immaculate forest in western Ireland. After finding shelter, she becomes trapped alongside three strangers, stalked by mysterious creatures each night.

FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



TECH SAVVY SENIORS

TUESDAY 4, 11, 18, 25 MARCH, 10.30AM – 12.30PM

THURSDAY 3, 10, 17, 24 APRIL, 10:30AM – 12:30PM

Learn how to make the most of smartphones, computers, and a variety of applications while staying cyber-safe. Each workshop focuses on a different skill, with the same series offered again in April. You can attend one session or all four!

FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Tech Savvy Seniors is funded by the NSW Government, in partnership with Telstra.



LIVING WELL WITH DEMENTIA

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH, 10 – 11.30AM

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL, 10 – 11.30AM

Presented by Wentworth Healthcare, this is an opportunity for people with dementia, their family and carers to learn how those with dementia can live well in the community. Morning tea provided.

FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



 **NSW SENIORS
FESTIVAL**

SENIORS EXPO

THURSDAY 6 MARCH, 10AM – 12PM

Celebrate NSW Seniors Festival at the Library with morning tea and entertainment. Engage with a variety of exhibitors who can provide access to information and services to promote healthy aging. Giveaways and workshops will be available throughout the morning.

FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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WRITING EVENTS



2025 LIVING STORIES WESTERN SYDNEY WRITING PRIZE

ENTRIES OPEN FRIDAY 21 MARCH

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 5 MAY

The **Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize** returns in 2025. Living Stories is a creative writing competition for residents of Western Sydney and Wingecarribee Shire, offering an opportunity at physical publication and cash prizes. This year's theme is *Only I can say*.

FREE TO ENTER

WORKSHOP: WESTWORDS WRITING WORKSHOP

ADULTS - WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL | 6PM-7.30PM

CHILDREN (10-12 years) - TUESDAY 15 APRIL | 10.30AM-12PM

HIGH SCHOOL AGES - TUESDAY 15 APRIL | 2PM-3.30PM

These workshops, hosted by local professional writers, aim to improve your craft in short story and poetry. This short session will also help you generate ideas to create an entry piece of writing for the Living Stories Writing Prize.

FREE - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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HISTORY EVENTS & TALKS



CONFIRMING YOUR ANCESTRAL RESEARCH WITH DNA

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 10-11.15AM

Kerry Farmer will share ideas on how to confirm your ancestral research including the use of DNA. Presented by Hawkesbury Family History Group (HFHG).

**FREE – IN PERSON – NO NEED TO BOOK
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ONLY IF ATTENDING VIA ZOOM**



WHO AM I? INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY, 10AM-11.15PM

Want to know where your family came from, who your ancestors were and where they lived? Discover the basics of researching your family history.

**FREE – IN PERSON – NO NEED TO BOOK
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ONLY IF ATTENDING VIA ZOOM**



DISCOVER FAMILYSEARCH

TUESDAY 11 MARCH, 6-7PM

Join us for a seminar on how to use the FamilySearch website. You will learn how to search through billions of available records online and uncover your family's history.

\$5 – ONLINE EVENT – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



STEPPING ASHORE

WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH, 10-11.15AM

Christine Yeats presents an informative talk titled *Stepping Ashore: Researching Passenger Arrivals in the Australian Colonies*, exploring where you can look for information on arrivals from Europe and China.

Presented by Hawkesbury Family History Group (HFHG).
**FREE – IN PERSON NO NEED TO BOOK
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VINTAGE, RARE & COLLECTABLE SALE

STARTS SATURDAY 26 APRIL

ENDS SUNDAY 4 MAY

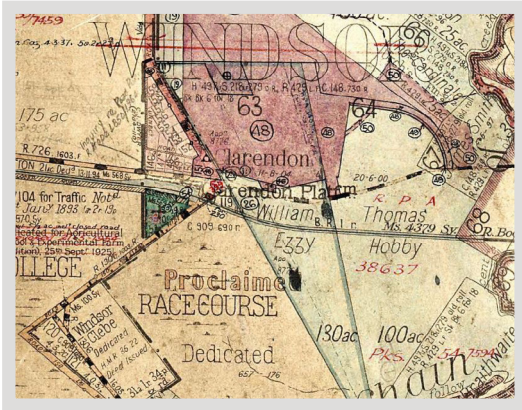
This unique sale will offer a variety of material that contains ex-library stock and pre-loved items including rare books, old newspapers and curios. A catalogue of items, with descriptions and prices, will available on-line or in person on request.

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BOOK TICKETS



HISTORY EVENTS & TALKS



Portion of Clarendon on the Parish Map.

PROVING PATERNITY: THE CASE OF SARAH MILLER & JAMES COX

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL, 10-11.15AM

Carolyn Williams and Coral Cleary discuss their research into if James Cox of 'Clarendon' was the father of their ancestor, James Miller. This talk will cover what Clarendon was like in the 1800s and how the two used DNA tests to aid their research.

Presented by Hawkesbury Family History Group (HFHG).
FREE – IN PERSON NO NEED TO BOOK
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Gaol Photo Description Books.
Courtesy State Archives

SCANDALS, CRIME & CORRUPTION IN THE HAWKESBURY

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL, 6-7PM

Discover some of the "dark shadows of our past" with examples of various scandals, crime and corruption that have shocked and outraged the Hawkesbury community over the years.

\$5 – ONLINE EVENT – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



View of Hawkesbury River courtesy Hawkesbury Library.

SURVEYING THE WILD ABYSS

SATURDAY 3 MAY, 10.30AM-12.30PM

Join Barry Corr for a discussion about the patterns of conflict on the Hawkesbury, The talk will focus on 1795, 1805 and 1816, exploring what we do or don't know, and what happened.

FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

BOOK TICKETS



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TERM EVENTS FOR CHILDREN



RHYMETIME

MONDAYS, 10-10.45AM

Introduce your child to the joys of literacy with simple songs, and nursery rhymes.

DROP-IN EVENT

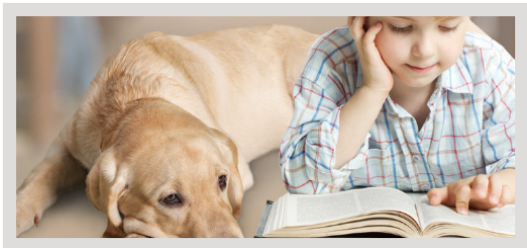
STORYTIME

TUESDAYS (WINDSOR), 11-12PM

THURSDAYS (RICHMOND), 11-12PM

Join us for some entertaining stories, songs, craft, and lots of fun at Preschool STORYTIME. Younger siblings are welcome.

DROP-IN EVENT



PUPPY-DOG TALES

THURSDAYS, 3.30-4.30PM

This fun reading program aims to improve early literacy skills by encouraging children to read to a specialised reading dog.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

REGULAR PROGRAMS & SERVICES



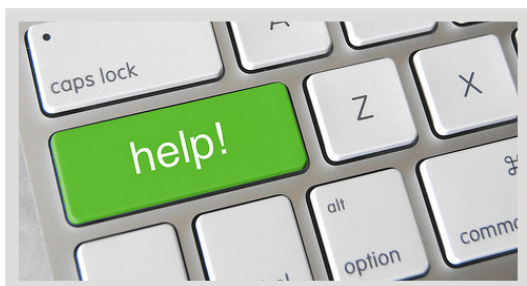
JUSTICE OF PEACE

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, 10AM-12PM

Our volunteer JP can witness, notarise, and certify your documents. Now available three days a week!

Located at Hawkesbury Central Library, Windsor.

FREE DROP-IN SERVICE



TECH HELP

MONDAYS (WINDSOR), 11AM-12PM

THURSDAYS (RICHMOND), 2-3PM

Get assistance with general tech issues, including settings, app installations, and more.

To book contact 02 4560 4460

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BOOK TICKETS



REGULAR PROGRAMS & SERVICES



DIGITAL MENTORING

SECOND WEDNESDAY (WINDSOR), 10AM-12PM

THIRD WEDNESDAY (RICHMOND), 10AM-12PM

The Digital Literacy Foundation is offering digital mentoring sessions to seniors in the Hawkesbury community at Central Library, Windsor, and Richmond Branch. To book a free session contact the Digital Literacy Foundation on (02) 9090 4141 or email hello@dlf.org.au



FREE LEGAL CLINIC

FIRST WEDNESDAY, 10AM - 1PM

Western Sydney Community Legal Centre offers a free Legal Clinic at Hawkesbury Central Library. Get expert advice on Civil, Criminal, Family, and Traffic Law.

DROP-IN SERVICE



KNIT WITH FRIENDS

LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, 10AM-12PM

Enjoy a cuppa and a yarn with friends both old and new to knit blankets for those in need.

DROP-IN EVENT

BOOK TICKETS



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REGULAR PROGRAMS & SERVICES



THIRD TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 6.30-8.30PM

Come along, meet new people, find out about what others are reading, and discuss things you love about books.

DROP-IN EVENT

BOOK CHAT

LAST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH, 10.30AM-12PM

Book Chat is a relaxed book club with no set book to read. Simply bring along a book that you would like to share with the group.

DROP-IN EVENT

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10AM-12PM

Looking to meet a group of like-minded book lovers? Come along to the Third Thursday Book Club to share in the joy of reading.

DROP-IN EVENT

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BOOK TICKETS



EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS



Photographer Benjamin Aldrige, Winner Smartphone Astrophotography. Image provided by Powerhouse

SOUTHERN SKY ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY: 2023 DAVID MALIN AWARDS

ENDS 28 FEBRUARY

This exhibition displays the top entries from the 2023 David Malin Awards astrophotography competition. Held annually by the Central West Astronomical Society, the competition is open to Australian astronomers and photographers.

DROP IN EVENT



EVERY WOMAN'S DUTY

ENDS 28 FEBRUARY

This display from the Embroidery Guild NSW Inc. Hawkesbury Group, includes examples of modern and antique embroidery work from guild members and includes vintage needlework tools, antique sewing machines, thimbles, pincushions, needles and vintage books and pamphlets.

DROP IN EVENT

BOOK TICKETS



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EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS



LIVING WITH THE RIVER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

15 APRIL – 30 SEPTEMBER

NSW Reconstruction Authority's inaugural *Living with the River* photo competition. The competition celebrates all aspects of the Hawkesbury-Nepean River – as a place for recreation, a source of livelihood, a place of beauty, a force of nature and a place of cultural significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

DROP IN EVENT



VINTAGE, RARE, AND COLLECTIBLE BOOK DISPLAY

10 MARCH – 30 APRIL

Discover a remarkable display of vintage, rare, and collectible books and curios at Hawkesbury Central Library from Monday, 10 March. Explore first editions, literary treasures, and timeless classics in this exhibition celebrating the beauty and history of printed works.

FOR BOOKINGS, SCAN THE QR CODE OR BOOK ONLINE AT HAWKESBURYLIBRARY.EVENTBRITE.COM

BOOK TICKETS



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND OPENING HOURS

Easter Long Weekend

Friday 18 - Monday 21 April

Library

Closed Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday

Closed Anzac Day

ANZAC Day

Friday 25 April

Museum

Closed Good Friday ONLY

Gallery

Closed Easter Long Weekend

Closed ANAC Day

Autumn School Holidays

Monday 15 April - Friday 26 April

MUSEUM

Hawkesbury Regional Museum

8 Baker Street
Windsor NSW 2756

Monday - Friday: 10am - 4pm

CLOSED TUESDAY

Weekends: 10am - 4pm

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museum@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

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instagram.com/hawkesburyregionalmuseum



GALLERY

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

300 George Street
Windsor NSW 2756

Monday - Friday: 10am - 4pm

CLOSED TUESDAY

Weekends: 10am - 3pm

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery
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LIBRARY

Hawkesbury Central Library

300 George Street
Windsor NSW 2756

Monday - Friday: 9am - 7pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Sunday: 2pm - 5pm

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

(02) 4560 4460
library@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

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instagram.com/hawkesburylibrary



Richmond Branch Library

29 West Market Street
Richmond NSW 2753

Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 6pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

CLOSED SUNDAY

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

(02) 4560 4270
library@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library

hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com



WINDSOR



RICHMOND